

Worship Service September 4, 2022

Welcome and Announcements ~ Paul Bauers

This afternoon ~ You are invited to a Christian concert featuring Tim Timmons at 4 pm at Horseshoe Acres Campground. The concert is free, but you would have an opportunity to give a donation if you would like. You are also invited to enjoy the campground amenities before the concert and stay for the picnic following the concert. The address is ~ 1978 Weston-Andover Road, Andover, VT 05143.

Tuesday ~ There will be a Mission Meeting in the vestry at 10:30 am.

Thursday ~ We will have choir practice at 7 pm at church.

Next Sunday, September 11th will be a full morning. The Mary and Martha women's group will gather for breakfast and a meeting in the vestry at 8:30 am. The teen and adult Sunday school class will meet at 9:30 am in the upstairs office, and the children's class will be in the children's room upstairs. The worship service will be at 10:30 am for the fall, winter, and spring.

The flowers this morning are given by Jim West
in loving memory of his mother, Cora West.

Word of Preparation ~ Paul Bauers



Prelude ~ The worship team will lead us in singing “*Jesus Messiah*” as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing*

Chorus

***Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all***

*His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing*

Chorus

*All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world*

Chorus

*Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all*

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Call to Worship ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Please join in reading the bold lines.

³ Grace and peace to you
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

**⁴ I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God
that was given to you in Christ Jesus.**

⁵ For you were made rich in every way in him,
in all your speech and in every kind of knowledge—

**⁶ just as the testimony about Christ has been confirmed among you—
⁷ so that you do not lack any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**⁹ God is faithful,
by whom you were called into fellowship with his son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Song ~ The Worship Band will lead us in singing

“Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone”

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*

Chorus

***My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace***

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

Chorus

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine*

Praying Together ~

Our Father, Who Art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Song ~ **“The Old Rugged Cross” (#548 in the blue hymnal)**

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain*

Refrain

***So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown***

*O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary (Refrain)*

*In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me (Refrain)*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me someday to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share (Refrain)*

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Sermon Introduction ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture ~ **1 Corinthians 1:10-31 (NET)** read by Paul Bauers

- ¹⁰ I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree together, to end your divisions, and to be united by the same mind and purpose.
- ¹¹ For members of Chloe's household have made it clear to me, my brothers and sisters, that there are quarrels among you.
- ¹² Now I mean this, that each of you is saying, "I am with Paul," or "I am with Apollos," or "I am with Cephas," or "I am with Christ."
- ¹³ Is Christ divided? Paul wasn't crucified for you, was he? Or were you in fact baptized in the name of Paul?
- ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name!
- ¹⁶ (I also baptized the household of Stephanus. Otherwise, I do not remember whether I baptized anyone else.)
- ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—and not with clever speech, so that the cross of Christ would not become useless.
- ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- ¹⁹ For it is written, ***“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will thwart the cleverness of the intelligent.”***
- ²⁰ Where is the wise man? Where is the expert in the Mosaic law? Where is the debater of this age? Has God not made the wisdom of the world foolish?
- ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world by its wisdom did not know God, God was pleased to save those who believe by the foolishness of preaching.

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²² For Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks ask for wisdom,

²³ but we preach about a crucified Christ,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.

²⁴ But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Think about the circumstances of your call, brothers and sisters.
Not many were wise by human standards, not many were powerful,
not many were born to a privileged position.

²⁷ But God chose what the world thinks foolish to shame the wise,
and God chose what the world thinks weak to shame the strong.

²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world,
what is regarded as nothing, to set aside what is regarded as something,
²⁹ so that no one can boast in his presence.

³⁰ He is the reason you have a relationship with Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God,
and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

³¹ so that, as it is written,
“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Sermon ~ “Joined to Jesus at the Cross” ~ Pastor Rebecca

Journaling questions for this week ~

***What was happening in your life
when you felt the call to follow Jesus?***

How have you been joined to Jesus at the cross?

Choir Song ~ “For the Bread Which You have Broken”

Communion ~ Everyone is welcome to the Lord’s Table as we partake
of the gluten-free bread and grape juice remembering
Jesus’ sacrifice for our salvation.



Closing Song ~ “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (# 344, blue)

*I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back
Though none go with me, I still will follow
Though none go with me, I still will follow
Though none go with me, I still will follow
No turning back, no turning back
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back*

Words and Music ~ Anonymous

Benediction ~ inspired by 1 Corinthians 1:8-9 (TPT)