

Worship with us from HOME

Join First United Methodist Church of Kaufman Sunday morning at 10:00am for online worship.

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This week, August 2, 2020 is 9th Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Jerry will be sharing his message, "From Wilderness to Promise" from Joshua 1:1-11.

Praise Songs for Sunday, August 2

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Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

Verse 2

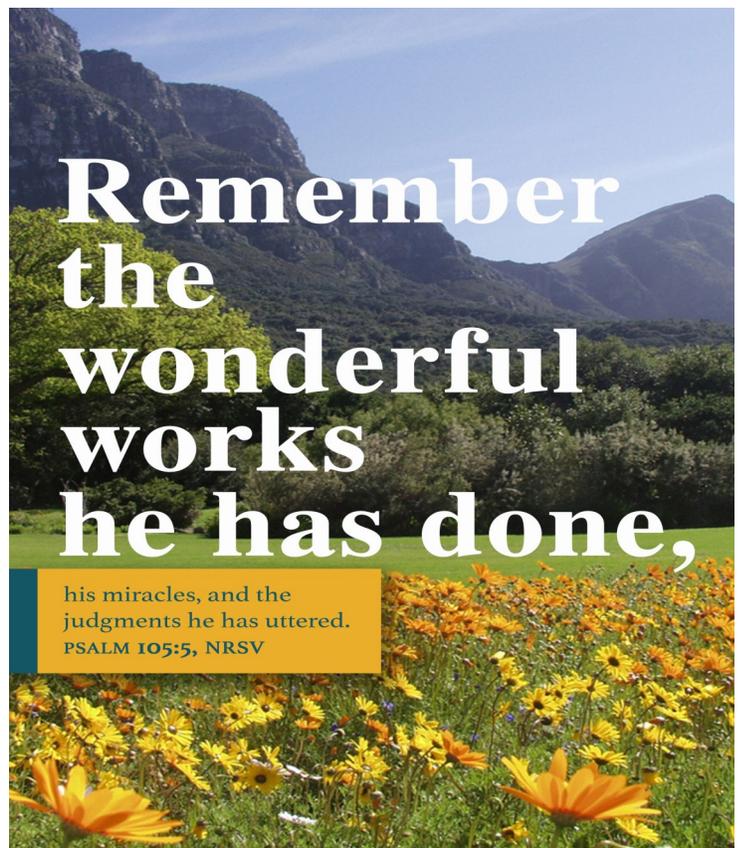
When I was Your foe
still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

There's Something About That Name

Jesus Jesus Jesus
There's just something about that name
Master Savior Jesus
Like a fragrance after the rain
Jesus Jesus Jesus
Let all heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms may all pass away
But there's something about that name



Hymns for Sunday, August 2

There's Within My Heart a Melody

Verse 1

'There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low;
Fear not, I am with thee,
Peace, be still,
in all life's ebb and flow

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing,
keeps me singing as I go.

Verse 2

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the
broken strings,
Stirred the slumbering chords again.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing,
keeps me singing as I go.

Pass It On

Verse 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around
Can warm up to it's glowing.
That's how it is with God's love
Once you experience it;
You spread his love to everyone;
You want to pass it on

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing,
The flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you experience it;
You want to sing,
It's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

Verse 3

I wish for you, my friend,
This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on him,
It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from then he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory forever. Amen**

A Prayer for us from Dave Spaulding:

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for all of the blessings You have given to us. Thank You for being there when we need You. Thank You for hearing our prayers. You are the one true God - Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

We magnify Your name and we put our trust in You.

We have sinned against You. We have not kept our promises to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have not heard the cry of the needy. We have not loved as You have taught us to love. Lord, we have turned our eyes away from the injustices that are occurring in our World.

We have let fear come in and push us to the brink of our Christianity. We are heartily sorry for our sins and repent them to You today. We ask that by the blood of Your son, Jesus Christ, You will forgive us.

We ask that You keep us in Your care, keep us in Your thoughts and keep us in Your heart. Smash this epidemic and remove this virus from the face of the earth. Keep watch over all of those who are fighting this battle in the field Keep watch over all of the Doctors, Nurses, First Responders, Police and Fire personnel, give them strength to continue their relentless fight. Please Lord, watch over our church family and keep us all safe.

Keep our hearts and minds focused on You.

All this we ask of You and we give our lives to You, Lord. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.



From The Upper Room

“Seeing Past the Obstacles”

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

2 Corinthians 5:7 *We live by faith, not by sight.*

“Early one evening my friend, Sherry, phoned, telling me to go outside and look at the sunset. She described how beautiful the colors were and how the sky was a brilliant pink surrounding the setting sun. I eagerly went outside to look, but to my disappointment, my view was totally blocked by the trees. However, even though I couldn't see it, from my friend's vivid description and my past experiences of enjoying beautiful sunsets, I could imagine how brilliant the sky looked.

So often it is the same for me as I try to live faithfully each day. When I am going through trials, it can be hard to see God at work in the situation. My eyes can be so focused on my need that I do not see an answer or the way through my struggles. But reading God's promises in scripture and my past experiences of seeing God's work in my life reassure me that God is present, even though I cannot see past the obstructions that are blocking my view. As we recall God's blessings and answers to our prayers in the past, we can trust and envision that God is at work in our lives right now.

Thought for the Day: *Even when I cannot see God's presence, God is working in my life.* Prayer Focus: *Best friends.* Prayer: *Creator God, help us to remember your answers to prayers and trust that you are at work in our lives. Amen*

THE UPPER ROOM

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From Marty Spaulding, Communications Chair

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

Grace, God's gift to each and everyone of us. Have you ever heard the song by Mercy Me "Grace Got You"? It starts out:

Have you ever met those who keep humming when the song's through?
It's like they're living life to a whole different tune.
And have you ever met those that keep hoping when it's hopeless,
it's like they figured out what the rest haven't yet.
The second when you realize what you have inside
It's only just a matter of time 'til you.....

Sing, so the back row hears you
Glide, 'cause walking just won't do
Dance, you don't have to know how to
Ever since, ever since grace got you
Laugh, 'til your whole side's hurting
Smile like you just got away with something
Why? 'Cause you just got away with something
Ever since, ever since grace got you.

I encourage everyone to look it up and take a listen to this lively little tune. It will put a smile on your face.

Hello First Kaufman family and friends, I pray all is well with each of you today and every day. I pray you are watching our weekly video, Sunday Morning Worship and my prayer is that you receive the message that God is sending to you and you feel His presence.

I ask and pray that you will share this message with your family and friends so that they too will hopefully receive a message that is meant only for them. The more we share, the more we are spreading the Good News that God loves us and He is present at First United Methodist Kaufman.



What are your joys, cares and concerns today? We want to help and lift prayers. Whatever you are needing, send a message to the church email: office@fumc-kaufman.org we are stronger together.

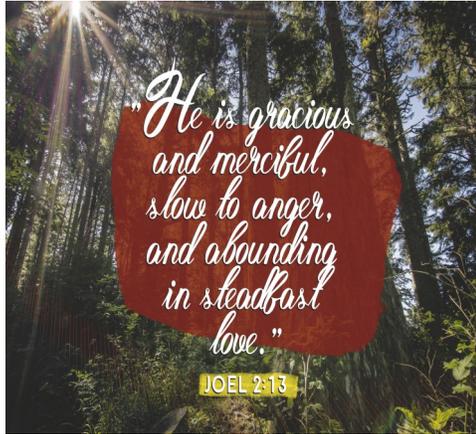
As always, I'm sending you your virtual hug!! Have a blessed day!!

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Word of Encouragement From Karen Park:

Taken from: They Don't Know What They're Doing by Max Lucado

Anger. It's a peculiar yet predictable emotion. It begins as a drop of water. An irritant. A frustration. Nothing big, just an aggravation. Someone gets your parking place. Someone pulls in front of you on the freeway. A waitress is slow and you are in a hurry. The toast burns. Drops of water. Drip. Drip. Drip. Drip.



Yet, get enough of these seemingly innocent drops of anger and before long you've got a bucket full of rage. Walking revenge. Blind bitterness. Unharnessed hatred. We trust no one and bare our teeth at anyone who gets near. We become walking time bombs that, given just the right tension and fear, could explode.

Yet, what do we do? We can't deny that our anger exists. How do we harness it? A good option is found in Luke 23:34. Here, Jesus speaks about the mob that killed him. "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Look carefully. It's as if Jesus considered this bloodthirsty, death-hungry crowd not as murderers, but as victims. It's as if he saw in their faces not hatred but confusion. It's as if he regarded them not as a militant mob but, as he put it, as "sheep without a shepherd."

And when you think about it, they didn't. They hadn't the faintest idea what they were doing. They were a stir-crazy mob, mad at something they couldn't see so they took it out on, of all people, God. But they didn't know what they were doing.

And for the most part, neither do we. We are still, as much as we hate to admit it, shepherdless sheep. All we know is that we were born out of one eternity and are frighteningly close to another. We play tag with the fuzzy realities of death and pain. We can't answer our own questions about love and hurt. We can't solve the riddle of aging. We don't know how to heal our own bodies or get along with our own mates. We can't keep ourselves out of war.

My point is this: Uncontrolled anger won't better our world, but sympathetic understanding will. Once we see the world and ourselves for what we are, we can help. Once we understand ourselves we begin to operate not from a posture of anger but of compassion and concern. We look at the world not with bitter frowns but with extended hands. We realize that the lights are out and a lot of people are stumbling in the darkness. So we light candles. Candles of Faith, Love and Hope.

And just maybe, if we the people of First United Methodist Church of Kaufman, Texas, try and apply living with sympathetic understanding, and to face others with compassion and concern, to look at the world with extended hands and hearts and not with bitter frowns...we can help the world to start turning to God...one family, one city, one county, one nation at a time.

May the love of Christ and His peace be with each of you, Karen



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