

June 14th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Love the Lord, all you his saints.

People: *The Lord preserves the faithful,*

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

People: All you who wait for the Lord.

Opening Hymn – #622 (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

Sermon Notes

- We are on week two of our sermon series *Fruit of the Spirit...*
 - Last week we talked about love – God’s unconditional love for us and our conditional love for each other
 - Bible study...we are called to bear one another’s burdens...that means we let others bear our burdens sometimes
- Not a lot of joy right now in our world and nation. Not too many are happy or joyful right now. Most are stressed and weary.
- So how can we “rejoice always” even now?
- We need to differentiate between happiness and joy. Happiness is based on circumstances. But joy is a fruit of having the Holy Spirit living and active in our lives. We don’t create the fruit—but to an extent, we can decide how abundant and sweet it is by how much we submit to God and let Him remove the things that hinder our joy.
- What might be blocking joy?
 - Maybe it’s spiritual
 - Maybe it’s unconfessed sin
 - Maybe it’s sins committed against us
 - Maybe we’re not looking up enough
- So can do we do?
 - We can listen
 - We can pray
 - We can read scripture: Ruth and Paul chose joy

Time of Prayer

(Note: For now, we will NOT be asking for spoken joys and concerns during the service. If you have prayer requests, please send them via Facebook Messenger or text. Also, only first names will be mentioned and medical conditions will be kept vague to protect privacy.)

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 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.

Closing Hymn – #98 (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

Benediction

Postlude