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# ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

**Today** -- "Dare to Care" -- join Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall for a new Adult Ed class today as we develop another Kingdom Assignment to reach out to others. Pick up your packets today.

**Volunteers are needed** -- The Eby Center will again be open this week as a "warming center" and needs people to stay overnight and to come in to fix food. If you can help, please call 517.278.5031.

**Council meeting** -- Next Sunday, February 21, following Sunday School classes.

**Marriage and Parenting small group** will begin next Sunday, February 21. See Pastor Jim for details.

**Winter Retreat** -- *Half Day Breakaway* packets for a personal spiritual retreat are available in the lobby or on the church website.

**Updated Contact Information** -- Please make sure we know how to connect with you! Pick up a *Connect!* card in the lobby and give to a pastor or put in the offering plate.

In case of bad weather -- A decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings if it is necessary to cancel services. Pastor Dave will send out group texts announcing the cancellation. Text him at 517.756.8000 if you wish to be added to the group text list.



**Offering** —Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to <u>bethelgilead.org</u> (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office) and turning it in with a voided check.

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# Order of Worship

# **Opening Worship:**

Call to Worship -- Peace Like a River

God of Wonders Way Maker No Matter What Reckless Love

#### 21 Great Saints

....Imitate their faith (Hebrews 13:7)

# Joseph -- Agent of Change

- Gifted leadership
  - \*A spiritual gift of interpreting dreams
  - \*A capable leader and administrator
  - \*Tough skinned and perseverant!

The Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did. (Genesis 39:23)

- II. Joseph -- a "victim" of abuse and adversity (Genesis 39 40)
  - \*At home -- jealousy and hatred (Genesis 37:11)
  - \*A slave -- racial discrimination "Hebrew" (Genesis 37:36)
  - \*Sexual harassment + false accusations (Genesis 39:1-20)
  - \*Abandonment (<u>Genesis 40:23</u>)

So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful creator and continue to do good.(1 Peter 4:19)

- III. Joseph -- An agent of grace, goodwill and reconciliation
  - \*Trust, test, and verify (Genesis 42-45)
  - \*Forgiveness -- a gate to freedom (James 2:12-13)

Forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32)

\*An "A" for Attitude (*Genesis 50:19-21*)

"You meant it for evil, but God used it for good" (verse 20) God works together for good in all things (Romans 8:28)

\*Louis Zamparinni

#### <u>Application</u>

- 1. Are you a victim of your past, or a victor over it?
- 2. How has God's mercy and forgiveness affected you?
- 3. Are you an agent of grace, goodwill and reconciliation?

Mercy triumphs over judgment (James 2:13)

# Closing song: See a Victory

# Live the Life with Prayer



#### Recent additions

Emily Britton -- knee surgery complications

Jonas Rigg -- sciatic nerve issues

Jan Carpenter -- recovering from cataract surgery

Dick Wright -- recuperating from knee replacement surgery

Rick Butters - complications after cataract surgery.

lack Florent -- recovering from ankle surgery

Lisa Franks -- pain management during recovery from surgery

Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

Keith McGuire -- recovering from eye surgery

#### <u>Praises</u>

Jim and Kim Erwin's new granddaughter, Jemimah Geraldine, born Feb. 5

Sherry McNees -- recovered from Coronavirus

Greg and Nikki Maertin -- recovered from Coronavirus

Dee Eley -- recovered from Coronavirus

Kerry and Elise Skinner - recovered from Coronavirus

Greg and Nikki Maertin's new twin grandchildren, Canon and Constance

Steve and Jen Byler's new granddaughter, Nora Jo

Byler family - recovered from Coronavirus

#### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant

Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer

Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues

Bart Burnside -- health issues

Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

## Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

# Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord, study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people. When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives to a needy world."

#### Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river in my soul I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain l've got joy like a fountain in my soul l've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean I've got joy like a fountain in my soul I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

#### **God of Wonders**

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky The heavens are Your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high

> God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy

> > Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light

And I stumble through the darkness I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me
Father, holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Holy, holy

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

## **Way Maker**

You are here, moving in our midst I worship You I worship You You are here, working in this place I worship You I worship You

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker Promise Keeper Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are (2X)

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You I worship You

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker Promise Keeper Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are (2X)

> That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker Promise Keeper Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are (2X)

> Even when I don't see it You're working Even when I don't feel it You're working You never stop You never stop working You never stop You never stop working (2X)

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker Promise Keeper Light in the darkness My God, that is who You are (2X)

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#### No Matter What

A lot of us grew up believing at any moment we could lose it all And at the drop of a hat God might turn his back and move on A lot of us feel like we blew it, thinking that we're just too far gone But I want you to know there's still a hope for you now

No matter what you've done you can't erase His love Nothing can change it. You're not separated No matter what.

There's never been a better time to get honest There's never been a better time to get clean So come as you are, run to the cross and be free Oh, be free.

No matter what you've done you can't erase His love Nothing can change it. You're not separated No matter where you run He's always holding on You're still a daughter, you're still a son No matter what. Don't know what you've been taught
Don't know what you've been told
All I know is my God will never let go of you
And I don't know what you've seen
Don't know what you've been through
All I know is my God will never let go of you
He'll never, never, never let it go

No matter what you've done you can't erase His love
Nothing can change it. You're not separated
No matter where you run He's always holding on
You're still a daughter, you're still a son
No matter what.
You're still a daughter, you're still a son
No matter what.

#### **Reckless Love**

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.

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.

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. 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.

# See a Victory

The weapon may be formed, but it won't prosper When the darkness fails, it won't prevail. 'cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph My God will never fail Oh, my God will never fail.

I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gpnna see a victory For the battle belongs to You, Lord I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gpnna see a victory For the battle belongs to You, Lord

There's power in the mighty name of Jesus
Every war He wages He will win
I'm not backing down from any giant
'cause I know this story ends
Yes, I know how this story ends.

I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You, Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You, Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You, Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You, Lord

Gonna worship my way through this battle Gonna worship my way through, hey

You take what the enemy meant for evil And You turn it for good You turn it for good You take what the enemy meant for evil And You turn it for good You turn it for good You take what the enemy meant for evil And You turn it for good You turn it for good You take what the enemy meant for evil And You turn it for good You turn it for good You take what the enemy meant for evil And You turn it for good You turn it for good You take what the enemy meant for evil And You turn it for good You turn it for good

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For the battle belongs to You, Lord
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I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You, Lord

You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good
You turn it for good
You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good
You turn it for good

The wicked are out
The wicked have fallen, Lord
Come on and give a shout out of the truth
Lift your voice
Lift your voice