

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation" Stone/Wesley Thelma Downey

WELCOME Betty Neese

CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Neese

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst!

People: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One Who is our wisdom and our strength.

People: We place ourselves before this God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's Spirit. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" vs. 1 & 2 Hymnal Page #127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

OPENING PRAYER Betty Neese

Gracious God, when the world's political noise is turned up high, we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom, and to focus on things that are worthy. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to Your word and our hearts to Your praise. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

READINGS Betty Neese

Philippians 4:3-13 NRSV

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "WHAT ARE YOUR RESOLUTIONS?"

Pastor Tom

1. REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS.
2. THINK ABOUT GOOD THINGS.
3. BE CONTENT IN ALL SITUATIONS.
4. TRUST IN CHRIST'S STRENGTH IN WHAT I DO.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Betty Neese

For the wonders of life together, and the challenge to make the world better, we thank You. Use these gifts, and us, to further Your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Standing on the Promises" vs. 1 & 2

Hymnal Page #374

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation"

Thelma Downey