



**BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST & SOUTHWOOD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AUGUST 30, 2020
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUDIO SERVICE ON CAR RADIO – 92.1 FM**

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."
Romans 12:12*

GATHERING *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*
Jeremy, Chad, Kathy, Preston, Betty, Randa, Stan & Lauri

GREETING AND BETHEL ANNOUNCEMENTS
Pastor Karen

GREETING AND SOUTHWOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS
Pastor Michael

SONG *"Morning Has Broken"* arr. Cat Stevens
Jeremy, Chad, Mac, Betty, Randa & Stan

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

This morning we prepare for the peace of God to give our busy lives rest and quiet us into prayer.

Come and let the love of God flow through us in this time of worship.

Let the grace of God be poured out as we lift our voices on this holy ground.

May God bless us, so that during this time together we will feel the sacred and be filled with hope. Amen.

HYMN#543 *"Blessed Assurance"*
Jeremy, Wen, Kathy, Preston, Betty, Randa, Stan & Sean

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and

vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his
 sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of
 blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his

Refrain

Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my
 good - ness, lost in his love.

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Pastor Karen

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be. You have come to us in Jesus Christ to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with you Spirit, change us by you love, that we may sing with joy before you and live to your glory in the world. Amen. (from *Touch Holiness*, Duck & Tirabassi)

HYMN#623

"Woke Up This Morning"

Jeremy, Wen, Kathy, Preston, Betty, Randa, Stan & Sean

Woke Up This Morning

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1. Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, (and it was)
 2. Can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, (if you keep it)
 3. Makes you love ev - 'ry bod - y with your mind, (when you keep it)

F7 Bb

stayed on Je - sus. Woke up this morn - ing with my
 stayed on Je - sus. Can't hate your neigh - bor in your
 stayed on Je - sus. Love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your

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mind, (and it was) stayed on Je - sus,
 mind, (if you keep it) stayed on Je - sus,
 mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Je - sus,

woke up this morn - ing with my mind, (and it was)
 can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, (if you keep it)
 love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your mind, (when you keep it)

WORDS and MUSIC: African American Spiritual

A7 Dm F

stayed on Je - sus, Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu,
 Hal - le - lu,
 lu, Hal - le - lu Hal - le - lu jah.

C Bb F

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GUITAR SOLO

Mac Childs

A STORY OF LOVE & HOPE

"The Porcupine Whose Name Didn't Matter"
edited from Martin Bell's The Way of the Wolf
Narrated by Michael Stephens
Character voices by Karen Aitkens

SONG

"When the Saints/Swing Low Sweet Chariot Medley"
Clarinet Duet: Lauri Buck & Kim Heft

REFLECTIONS ON ROMANS

Pastors Karen & Michael

PIANO SOLO

"Piano Tune"

Wen Zhang

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER *(forgive us our sins...)*

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation

Offertory

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Jeremy, Chad, Kathy, Mac, Betty, Randa, Stan, Lauri & Sean on Cajon

Prayer of Dedication

SONG

"I Can See Clearly Now"

arr. Jimmy Cliff

Jeremy, Wen, Kathy, Preston, Betty, Randa, Stan, Sean

BENEDICTION

We have worshipped with

the word, prayer and song and felt God's presence.

We have come together as people of faith and rejoiced in this time of sharing.

Go from this place and take the love of God out into our hurting world.

We leave knowing that God walks with us.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." And may all the blessings of the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be with you now and all your days. And let the people proclaim:
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Great is the Lord"

arr. By Jack Schrader

Chad Willis, piano

Bethel Musicians

Jeremy Faust – Director & Bass Guitar

Vocalists:

Lauri Buck

Randa Niederhauser

Stan Niederhauser & Saxophone

Instruments:

Lauri Buck & Kim Heft - Clarinet

Preston Corn – Guitar

Kathy Harms – Guitar

Betty Weger – Drums

Chad Willis – Piano

Southwood Musicians

Sean DeMaree – Director, Vocalist & Cajon

Instruments:

Mac Childs – Guitar

Wen Zhang - Piano

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2020

Romans 12:9-21

Spirit-Led Living

Imagine a day living as commanded by Paul in today's passage from Roman's 12. What would it be like if his bold and brave commands were as much a part of daily living as your other chores and duties? What would your daily to-do list look like? Maybe something like this:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wake up and brush teeth. | <input type="checkbox"/> Extend hospitality to strangers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise. | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon desk work. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hate what is evil. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bless those who persecute you. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shower. | <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery store. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hold fast to what is good. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up kids. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast. | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not claim to be wiser than you are. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Love one another with mutual affection. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not lag in zeal. | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catch the train for work. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pay bills. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rejoice in hope. | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch news. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morning meeting. | <input type="checkbox"/> Live peaceably with all. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch. | |

It can seem absurd or ridiculous to mix up Paul's big commands with our every-day life. But maybe it makes you wonder how would it change your day if you took Paul's list of to-dos from Romans as seriously as you take the rest of your list? How will you know unless you try it?