

Welcome to Skykomish Community Church

a Word
preaching,
people loving
community



I am Resolved
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Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer
And friend;
Who would have thought
That a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the
Souls of men.

You are the One
That we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing
And grace our
Hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always
Hunger for.

Counselor,
Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when
Our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly
Lost the way.

You are the One
That we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing
And grace our
Hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always
Hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness
You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling
Before Your throne.

You are the One
That we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing
And grace our
Hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always
Hunger for.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Communion Today: January 4th
- Potluck Next Week: January 11th
- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 10AM @ Parsonage (108 Reginald Street) Jan. 7th
- Offering: place in box on the north wall in the rear of the sanctuary, use PayPal donate button on website, Venmo QR-Code where available, or mail to:

Skykomish Community Church

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Prayer Spotlight

Jason & Jackie Hansen; San de Fuca, WA
San de Fuca Community Chapel

San de Fuca is a beautiful, unincorporated community between the towns of Coupeville and Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island. Our community has some small specialty shops and farm stands; residents buy groceries and other essentials in one of the nearby towns.



Prayer Spotlight

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Farming is integral to the economy, and mussels from nearby Penn Cove are shipped all over the world. The island attracts many tourists and retirees.



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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Several members of the church family are dealing with various health issues. Pray for strength, comfort, peace, and if it is God's will, healing. Pray for God's direction and discipleship for future elders.



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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Praise God that several members have started serving the chapel family and the community in new ways. Pray that God moves in more hearts to serve. Pray for opportunities to share the hope of Christ with the unsaved in the community.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
After Thy will,
While I am waiting,
Yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord,
Wash me just now,
As in Thy presence
Humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
Help me, I pray!
Power- all power—
Surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
Absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit
Till all shall see
Christ only, always,
Living in me!

When upon life's billows
You are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged,
Thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord has done.

Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your blessings,
See what God hath done;
Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened
With a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy
You are called to bear?
Count your many blessings,
Ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing
As the days go by.

Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your blessings,
See what God hath done;
Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God hath done.

When you look at others
With their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you
His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings,
Money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven,
Nor your home on high.

Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your blessings,
See what God hath done;
Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God hath done.

So, amid the conflict,
Whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged,
God is overall;
Count your many blessings,
Angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you
To your journey's end.

Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your blessings,
See what God hath done;
Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings,
See what God hath done.

O worship the King,
All glorious above,
And gratefully sing
His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor,
And girded with praise.

O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
On the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
Nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

Herod, Magi, Baby Messiah,
Angel Messages, Escape, and
Death

Matthew 2:1-23

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: “A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more.”

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee.

Matthew 2:1-23 (NASB)

And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Invitation to the Table

"Friends, we come together to share in the Lord's Supper, a time to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and to celebrate his presence among us. As Paul wrote, 'For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread...'. This table is open to all who trust in Him."

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Backward at Your Savior

The Apostle Paul taught us, in accord with the teaching of Jesus, that the point of the Lord's Supper is remember Christ. We "do this in remembrance of [him]" (1 Cor. 11:24-25). The Lord's Supper in part is a proclamation of the death of Jesus for us (1 Cor. 11:26). We approach him as one who has gladly died for us: "This is my body, which is FOR YOU!"

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Backward at Your Savior

We approach as one who has paid for all our sins: “This is in the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:28). So, when we take the Lord's Supper, we look to Jesus, the one who died for us to forgive our sins.

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Forward to Your (Final) Salvation

The Bible makes clear that we are not only to look back at what Christ has done, but also forward at what he will do. The Lord's Supper is a foretaste of a greater feast. In the Lord's Supper, we proclaim the Lord's death, but with a future anticipation—"until he comes" (1 Cor. 11:26).

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Inward at Your Sin

The Lord's Supper is not just for a backward and forward look, but an inward one as well. We are called to "examine ourselves" (1 Cor. 11:28). And this order is so important. We look at ourselves, but only after we have looked at Jesus. We must look at ourselves as those who are precious to Jesus and loved by Him, whose sins have been forgiven by him.

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Inward at Your Sin

So often, we assess our value and worth by how little we have sinned and how well we have performed. But the examination that Jesus calls us to do is rooted in what he has done for us.

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Inward at Your Sin

This gospel-centered take is not in any way to minimize our sin or the need for repentance. We are still called to examine ourselves—to think about our daily practices and life patterns and examine where they are in-step or out-of-step with the gospel.

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Around to the Saints

Paul insists that during the Lord's Supper we are not only to think about our relationship with God and ourselves, but with others (especially the church): "I hear that when you come together as a church there are divisions among you ... (11:18). He is very concerned that we are taking the Lord's Supper in a "church-conscious" way.

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Around to the Saints

“When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else ... (11:20-21).”

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Around to the Saints

There seems to be a break in the assembly at Corinth along socioeconomic lines (11:21-22). These actions amount to a despising of God's church (11:22). The gospel creates unity and reconciliation within Christ's Church (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Unreconciled divisions in the church fly in the face of the gospel, and so they shouldn't be present at the gospel feast.

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Around to the Saints

In fact, the regular taking of the Lord's Supper is intended to serve the unity of the church by creating a regular mechanism for believers to reconcile with each other before they partake. "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go.

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Look Around to the Saints

First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift” (Matthew 5:23-24).

The Lord's Supper is an immensely helpful tool in preserving church unity. It is intended to not only remind us of our reconciliation with God, but also to require (in as much as it depends on us) reconciled relationships with fellow believers in the local church.

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Consecration

"Heavenly Father, we come before You with humble hearts, grateful for Your love that spared nothing to save us from our sins. We ask You to bless this bread and this cup. May they be, for us, sacred symbols of the body and blood of Christ, broken and poured out for our forgiveness and healing."

Communion (The Lord's Table)

The Bread (Breaking/Distribution)

"Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it, saying, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24).

(Distribute bread)

Communion (The Lord's Table)

The Bread (Breaking/Distribution)

Let us eat together, remembering that through his brokenness, we are made whole."

Communion (The Lord's Table)

The Cup (Distribution)

"In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25).

(Distribute cup)

Communion (The Lord's Table)

The Cup

“Let us drink together, remembering his blood shed for the forgiveness of sins and the new life we have in him.”

Communion (The Lord's Table)

Closing Prayer & Benediction

"Lord, we thank you for this meal and for the grace it represents. As we leave this place, strengthen us to live as the body of Christ in the world, sharing His love and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Numbers 6:24-26 (NASB)

The LORD bless you, and keep you;
The LORD cause His face to shine
on you, and be gracious to you; The
LORD lift up His face to you, and
give you peace.