

Sunday April 14, 2024

Prayer Time 9:15 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Fellowship Time 10:15 am
Worship Service 10:45 am

Prelude	Karol Hofer
*Worship In Song	<i>Redeemed</i> (WH 307)
Welcome & Morning Prayer	Pastor Stuart Curry
Giving Of Our Gifts	Karol Hofer
*Spotlight Hymn	<i>To God Be The Glory</i> (WH7)
Children's Moment	Pastor Stuart Curry
*Worship In Song	<i>Near The Cross</i> (WH 448)
*Scripture Reading	<i>Romans 12:9-16</i> <i>Caroline Curry</i>
<i>Special Music</i>	<i>Korey Hofer</i>
Message	Pastor Stuart Curry <i>Faith in Focus: So You Know</i>
*Worship In Song	<i>I Am Thine O Lord</i> (WH 358)
Benediction	Pastor Stuart Curry

*stand if comfortable

SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeter: Doug Gilbert
Music Leader: Rick Walter
Piano: Mary Ann Gross
Organist: Karol Hofer
Scripture Reading: Caroline Curry
Ushers: Cameron, JoJae, Korey
Fellowship Time: Dwight & June
Flowers: Dwight & June
Special Music: Korey Hofer

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Greeter: Tyler & Tabitha Schoenwald
Music Leader: Stuart W. Curry
Piano: Marla Gilbert
Organist: Mary Ann Gross
Scripture Reading: Shane Rollag
Ushers: Doug, Stuart W, Todd
Fellowship Time: Marla & Doug Gilbert
Flowers: Dwight & June



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Our Mission:

*To worship and proclaim Christ.
To edify, encourage, and minister to all people*

Stewardship Information - April 7

Sunday School 15, Worship Service 43, Givings - \$2,114

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for: the Family of Robert Hoekstra

School Of The Week: Bridgewater

Church Leadership Of The Week: Ushers

Sunday School Class Of The Week: High School

Pray For: those who are unable to worship with us:
Dona Wall, Karen Wollman, Marilyn Duerksen, Derek
Letcher, Georgia Gross, Alma Wollman, and Carol Minor

Pray for: the Bridgewater Food Pantry as they carry out
their Mission.

Pray for: Dean Sikes, of YouMatter Ministries, uses his
outreach to minister to the teens, offering them a
message of hope.-Will be here Wednesday.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Prayer Meeting 7:30 _{PM}

Tuesday: Bridgewater Food Pantry

Wednesday: MBY 7:00_{PM}

Thursday: Ladies Ministries Meeting 130PM

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - APRIL 18, 2024

Our current financial giving project is: Safe Place Of
Eastern South Dakota. Contributions from anyone are
welcome. You can give your donation to Judy directly or
place it in the container on the back table. Thank you for
your generosity!

Devotions & Prayer - Anne Curry
Bible Study (Chapter 3) - Mary Ann Gross
Hostess - Karol Hofer

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper
time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as
we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially
to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:9-10

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's Ministry is gathering at Zion Bible Church
of Bridgewater to observe the National Day of Prayer on
May 2nd at 9:30am.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

The Salem MB Church Council met on Monday, April 8
2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Treasurer report: Checking: \$36,727.74 Savings: \$7,962.34.

Deacon report: Good

Christian Education report: Spring Fest on March 24
and the Easter breakfast were great. Good News Club
ended on April 9th. Dean Sikes will be giving a suicide
prevention presentation at Emery School, Freeman
Academy and Youth at Harvest Church on April 17, 2024.

Trustee report: Gravel for the church parking lot. Tyler
Schoenwald will take care of the church lawn and
cemetery. They will look into sowing grass seed where
there was raccoon damage a couple of years ago. A
Perpetual Cemetery Fund was discussed.

Pastor report: USMB Conference in Omaha NE, July
23-27 2024. Tres Dias is August 15-18 2024.

The auditing committee will be Rick Walter and Rhonda
Glanzer.

Salem Mennonite Brethren Church will be the collecting
and distribution entity for Megan's Impact Scholarship
Fund. This scholarship will be available to students at
Freeman Public School.

This hymn is such a strong standard for many of us, it's hard to imagine that it almost passed into obscurity before it was ever made popular. In fact, it would have done exactly that, if not for the influence of two evangelists separated by 75 years.

The great hymn writer Fanny Crosby wrote this tune sometime in the early 1870s. While many hymns can boast moving testimonies that led to their writing, or a specific moment that inspired the words, this hymn's story grows more interesting in the years and decades after it was first published.

A few years later, the great gospel singer and composer Ira Sankey included it in his own collection, *Sacred Songs and Solos*. Ira Sankey was a longtime friend of none other than Dwight L. Moody, and accompanied him for many of his revival campaigns throughout America and Britain. During one such campaign to London, Sankey introduced this hymn, and the crowds fell in love. The song would go on to be a staple throughout Britain for a great many years, though it would take 75 years for the song to take root in America.

In 1952, Billy Graham and Cliff Burrows were planning revivals throughout Great Britain. At some point, Burrows was handed a copy of this hymn, with the recommendation to use it in the revivals, as it was a staple for many. Burrows included it in a set, and upon hearing the people passionately sing the joyous refrain, Billy Graham requested that they keep using it, and they ended up using the song at almost every event.

A few years later at Graham's next revival in America, Burrows used the song once more, where American audiences adopted it with excitement. From that moment on, To God Be the Glory would become one of the staple hymns for the Billy Graham crusades.