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August 5, 2015

Living What We Sing

You are holy enthroned upon the praises of Israel
Psalm 22:3

What We Sing

This past Sunday we introduced a song for worship that is new to our congregation at St. Francis but has been around for thirty five years. That was the wonderful worship song written by Keith Green, "O Lord, You're Beautiful." A few of us know the song from singing it at our Tuesday evening healing service. Others knew it from other places. The band, of course, had also learned the song. For the most part it was a new song to us. It was well received and quickly learned by those who were there this past Sunday. We used it for the offertory. It was a powerful offering.

How We Live

Keith Green has shared how he came to write this song:

On Monday night of this week, at about midnight, I wrote a letter to the Lord. I didn't know where to mail it, so I put it in my Bible. And I asked him, "Lord, you've gotta do something about my heart. You know, a lot of time's gone by since I met you. And it's startin' to harden up, you know. It's kind of natural. I want to have baby skin Lord. I want to have skin like a baby on my heart. It's starting to get old and wrinkled and callous.' It's not 'cause of anything I'm doing. It's 'cause of a lot of things I'm not doing. And I stayed up till about 2 in the morning writing this song . . .

This is very challenging. When you think about what you want to bring to God in prayer what comes to your mind? Do you go beyond your own personal requests? Do you find yourself wanting what God wants in your life? Do you find that there is a desire to just spend time with God? Nothing else, just spending time with God just to be with God. It will shape your life. Try using the lyrics to "O Lord, You're Beautiful" as a prayer and see how God answers:

O Lord you're beautiful.
Your face is all I seek.
And when your eyes are on this child,
your grace abounds to me.

I want to take your Word and shine it all around.
But first, help me just to live it Lord.
And when I'm doing well help me to never seek a crown
for my reward is giving glory to you.

O Lord, please light the fire
that once burned bright and clear.

Replace the lamp of my first love,
that burns with holy fear.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, August 9, 2015 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck.

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 6:15pm healing service

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 vestry meeting

Sunday, August 16, 2015 10:00am worship

Please bring non perishable food items to worship for donation to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet for pot luck and fellowship on August 16th at 5:00pm at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Symphony will meet on August 23, 2015 at 9:00am at the Symphony Assisted Living. Contact Bobbie Leviness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Wally's, Walter Ford, owner, that the business would grow, the employees would remain healthy, and many in the area would have safe vehicles.

Diocese of Virginia

For Church of the Spirit, Kingstowne, that the clergy and people would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the Goochland Chamber of Commerce, Bonnie Creasey, Executive Director, that the economic environment would support business growth in our county and region.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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