

Welcome to Bethany's time of  
**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ❖ May 21, 2023

**“Gospel Music Sunday”**

Today's Guests: **Bill and Sandie Smallwood**

**“Do Lord, Oh Do Lord”**

*Verse 1*

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun  
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun  
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun  
Way beyond the blue

*Chorus*

Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me  
Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me  
Do Lord, O, do Lord, O do remember me  
Way beyond the blue

*Verse 2*

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too  
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too  
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too  
Way beyond the blue *Repeat Chorus*

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**REMEMBERING BETHANY'S MISSION**

P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,  
we seek to live our mission of:

**C: being, living as,  
and making disciples  
of Jesus Christ.**

**WELCOME**

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS  
& ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION**

**RECOGNITION OF BETHANY  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

**“He's Got the Whole World in His Hand”**

He's got the Whole World in His Hands  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the wind and the rain, in his hands  
He's got the wind and the rain, in his hands  
He's got the wind and the rain, in his hands  
He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands  
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands  
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands  
He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

He's got the little bitty baby, in His hands  
He's got the little bitty baby, in His hands  
He's got the little bitty baby, in His hands  
He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

He's got everybody here, in His hands  
He's got everybody here, in His hands  
He's got everybody here, in His hands  
He's Got the Whole World in His hands.

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**“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”**

Jesus, Savior, pilot me,  
Over life's tempestuous sea:  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal;  
Chart and compass come from Thee—  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

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**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for  
us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with  
Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all  
the world may be drawn into your bountiful  
presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**BIBLE READINGS**

*Acts 1: 6-14  
1 Peter 5: 6-11*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC by The Smallwoods**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**  
*on screen*

## **Prayer Song: "Down in the River to Pray"**

*[sing verse 1&2 before prayers]*

### **Verse 1**

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way!  
O sisters let's go down, Let's go down, come on down  
O sisters let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

### **Verse 2**

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe & crown?  
Good Lord show me the way  
O brothers let's go down, Let's go down, come on down,  
Come on brothers, let's go down,  
Down in the river to pray

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Response after each petition:*

**L:** Lord in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **"Old Time Religion"**

**Chorus:**

Gimme that old time religion  
Gimme that old time religion  
Gimme that old time religion  
It's good enough for me.

It was good for the Hebrew children  
It was good for the Hebrew children  
It was good for the Hebrew children  
It's good enough for me. **(Repeat Chorus)**

It was good for dad and mother  
It was good for dad and mother  
It was good for dad and mother  
And it's good enough for me. **(Repeat Chorus)**

It will do when I am dyin', It will do when I am dyin'  
It will do when I am dyin'  
It's good enough for me. **(Repeat Chorus)**

Makes me love everybody, Makes me love everybody  
Makes me love everybody  
It's good enough for me **(Repeat Chorus)**

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## **GOSPEL READING**

*John 17: 1-11*

## **MESSAGE**

### **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear.  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer.  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there.

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## **BLESSING**

### **"I Saw the Light"**

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

**Refrain**

I saw the light, I saw the light,  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light. **REPEAT REFRAIN**

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with enthusiasm.  
**C:** **Thanks be to God! And we will!**