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**“Come, let us sing unto the Lord
new songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by Him are done,
His hand and arm have vict’ry won!”**

Psalm 98 – Associate Presbyterian Psalter

Please pray that God would graciously meet us as we seek His face in worship tomorrow.
Pray especially that He would attend the preaching of the Word with power.

In our **Morning Worship**, Pastor Hollister will bring a sermon from John 13:18-30, entitled, **“I Know Whom I Have Chosen.”**

**[Sermon notes attached in pdf]

We will enjoy a **Fellowship Dinner together after our morning worship.
After our dinner we will be treated to musical selections performed by the
Chamber Choir of Unity Christian High School, directed by Susan

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In our **Evening Worship**, Pastor Hollister will bring a sermon from Matthew 26:20-25 entitled:
“True Faith, False Faith, and Betrayal.”

Please pray also for Pastor Strange as he continues to conduct a Marriage and Family conference today at Hope Presbyterian Church in Grayslake

| “I Know Whom I Have Chosen” John 13:18-30 | | 2. Jesus Deals with the Betrayer: “The dice is cast!” vv. 26b-30 |
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| Jem. | | (1) Kindness! Pleading! <i>“And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.”</i> |
| 1. Jesus Foretells His Betrayal vv. 18-26a | | - Judas seated in the chief seat? Seat of honor? - The offering of the bread – a gesture of kindness! |
| (1) Betrayal Indicated! (18-20) | <i>“I do not speak concerning all of you, I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He who eats bread with Me has filled up his heel against Me.”</i> | (2) Judas hardens himself! |
| -1- Jesus’ words of comfort could not be received by all | | - He knew all along that Jesus was speaking of him! - Jesus does not expose him openly, does not ‘call him out’ - Still opportunity to repent! Appeal to the last second! A mystery! |
| -2- Jesus knew whom He had chosen (cf. John 6:70-71) | | (3) The final immersion into darkness! <i>“Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.”</i> |
| -3- But the Scripture must be fulfilled! Psalm 41:9 | | -1- Judas hypocritically receives the morsel from the Savior! |
| -4- Jesus’ purpose in foretelling this dark event | <i>“Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.”</i> | -2- “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit,” the “willful sin” - not a sudden “misstep,” but the culmination of a long-established pattern of resistance. |
| - For comfort and assurance | | -3- Satan enters Judas! He is beyond Hope! |
| - To establish faith in Himself | | |

(2) **Betrayal Declared Plainly!** (21:8) *"When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."*

-1- **A matter of deep grief to our Lord! Agony of soul!**

- He groined at death and its effects! (At Lazarus' tomb: Jn. 11)
- He groined at unbelief and its darkness!

-2- **A matter of great perplexity to His believing disciples! (22)**

- They do not know whom He could mean!
- They do not expect Judas!
- They assume that Jesus means one of them might unwittingly betray Him.

-4- **Jesus gives command** *"What you do, do quickly."*

He commands this one who is now fully confirmed as an enemy,
this one who is fully aligned with Satan.

-5- **"And it was night."** **The separation between light and darkness is final!**

- the "night of betrayal"
- the "night" of "the power of darkness"
- the "night" concerning which Jesus had warned His listeners (9:4; 11:10; 12:35)
- the night of the darkness of Judas' soul