



MEDITATION

*The cost of discipleship is to live the life God has given us,  
serving in mundane ways the people he's put in our path.  
– Mark Galli*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CALL TO WORSHIP

CINDI MYERS

Leader: Friends, let us worship and give thanks to God today, for God is great –

**People: In Jesus Christ, God has called us into discipleship and equipped us with gifts of talent, ability, and skill.**

Leader: Let us worship and give thanks to God today, for God is good –

**People: In Jesus Christ, God gives us the gift of discipleship, blessing us with love, forgiveness and encouragement, and equipping us with gifts that enable us to love one another and to grow in that love.**

Leader: Let us worship and give thanks to God today –

**People: because as we live together disciples of Jesus Christ, we have opportunities to use our God-given gifts to participate in God's work of love wherever we are.**

Leader: Let us worship and give thanks to God today --

**People: because we are God has claimed our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, gifted with love, empowered to live from love, and shaped to share that love with a hurting world.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us worship and give God our thanks and praise!

WELCOMING SONG\* *Just As I Am* (Charlotte Elliott, words; William B. Bradbury, music)

HYMN NO. 354

Verses 1, 3 and 4

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CINDI MYERS

Holy God, today we greet you, grateful for your love and grace in our lives. We praise you for the grace-filled community that you have created among us. We thank you that you have called us into discipleship with one another. You have given each of us unique experiences, unique talents, and unique opportunities to grow in and share your love. In this time of worship, open our hearts to your Spirit. Grow our commitment to discipleship, and grow our ability to be your servants in the world. Take all that you have given us and shape it in your servants. May we may be part of all the ways you are at work in this hurting world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

<sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM *When the Poor Ones* (David M. Cherwein)

UCSJ CHOIR

When the poor ones, who have nothing, till are giving;  
 When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
 When the wounded offer others strength and healing:  
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation;  
 When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 When we choose love, not the hatred all around us;  
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;  
 When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:  
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;  
 When the nations work to change war into peace;  
 When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:  
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
 We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup>“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup>“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

<sup>44</sup>“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

<sup>45</sup>“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

<sup>46</sup>“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON

*Sight to Serve*

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY\*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

CINDI MYERS AND REV. MELINDA VEATCH

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG\* *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* (Cesareo Gabarain)

CONGREGATION

HYMN NO. 347

Verses 1, 3 and 4

\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

CLOSING PRAYER

CINDI MYERS

Gracious and Loving God, we thank you that you have called us into discipleship. We thank you for the opportunity to bless the lives of others as we share all you have given us. Keep us mindful that you have put us where we are for a reason. Open our eyes, our ears, and our minds to those in the world around us. Give us hearts to share with those around us out of gratitude for your generosity and not fear of what we might lose. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

SENDING SONG\* *From "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – verse 3*

CONGREGATION

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother — all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

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OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH

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