



**Stand if you are able.*



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Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

Second Saturday of Lent

Saturday, March 4th, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Isaiah 43: 2

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;** and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.”

Philippians 4:4-8

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ **Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.** ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, sisters and brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Welcome! We are glad that you joined us as we remember Christ's journey to the cross. We pray that this time of worship will uplift your spirit and confirm God's presence in your life.

Procession Accompanist

***Greeting, Announcements & Prayer for the People of God**
Lay Reader

Prelude Accompanist

***Call to Worship** Lay Reader

L: Lord, You have blessed us. You have promised Your presence with us. We know that we do not walk alone in this world.

C: Yet so often, we are fearful about the future and the uncertainties of life. Strengthen us in this hour.

L: Financial struggles, health fears, strained relationships, and grief – these wear down on our souls. The chilliness of troubles cools the warmth of Your presence.

C: As we worship you, O Lord, help us to connect again with the Presence and Power of Your love. Melt our fears. Strengthen our resolve to remain in communion with You.

L: Give us the assurance we need to face the challenges of work, school and life.

All: In Christ's mighty name we pray. Amen

L: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray...

C: 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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Opening Praises** "Way Maker" &
"Take Time to Be Holy" UMH #395

Scripture Isaiah 43:2 & Philippians 4:4-8 Lay Reader
L: The word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Anxious for Nothing 2: Let Your Gentleness Be Evident"
Rev. Sarah Hong

Holy Communion (UMH pages 13-15) Rev. Eunbae Doh

Offering Invitation, *Gloria Patri (#70), Dedication Prayer
Lay Reader

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world
without end. Amen. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn** "Grace Alone" TFWS #2162

***Benediction (Unison Prayer)**
**As witnesses of God's wonderful love on the cross, let us serve
God with humility, passion and perseverance. Be deliberate in
sharing Christ's love. Be steadfast in living each day without
fear. May Christ's way of love be our example every day. Amen.**

***Postlude** Accompanist

Grace Alone

Verse 1

Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Refrain

Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.

Verse 2

Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

HYMNS

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Way Maker

Verse 1

You are here, moving in our midst;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place;
I worship You, I worship You.(Repeat)

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. (Repeat)

Verse 2

You are here, touching ev'ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev'ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You.

Verse 3

You are here, turning lives around;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart;
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord. (Chorus 2 X's)

Tag

That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are. (Repeat) (Chorus 2 X's)

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working.
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working.
You never stop, You never stop working. (Repeat)

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Take Time to Be Holy

Verse 1

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Verse 2

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Verse 3

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide,
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Verse 4

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

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