



**Minooka
United Methodist
Church**

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Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 14th, 2024

11:30AM

John 1:43-51 (NRSVUE)

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, ^[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**Stand if you are able.*

Leaders in Today's Worship Service

ACCOMPANIST: JILL KOHLER
LAY READER: CHRIS VAUSE
SONG LEADERS: GAIL GIRARD & RUTH SATORIUS

Entering Music Accompanist

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing Accompanist

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: As we gather this morning, let us affirm the connection we have with each other and with that creative mystery we call God.

Many Voices: May we remain open to the unfolding of all that can be celebrated, all that can be learned, all that can be done, all that can be, without diminishing the life of others. Amen!

***Singing** "Guide My Feet" TFWS #2208

Blessing Children

Praying Lay Reader

[Centering Silence: May we find in the simplicity of silence connection to and wisdom from the God of All People.]

Reader: In every fragment of time, O God, You work Your acts of grace. In every grain of earth, O Christ, You bring Your grace to life. In every breath of every living thing, O Spirit, You whisper Your grace to our souls. Open our eyes, open our ears, and open our hearts to Your ever-present grace. We pray that those who are disillusioned may hope again. We pray that those who are frightened may trust again. We pray that those who despair may rejoice again. We pray that those who grieve and are lost may be comforted again and again.
[quiet reflection]

Reader: We pray that all creation may be filled again with wonder at Your steadfast loving kindness. We pray that Your love grow within us and through us, for the transformation of the world into the kin-dom You long for it to be. Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying...
[Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer Accompanist & Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, bless the tithes and offerings we bring today. May these gifts, along with all that we are and all that we do, create more goodness, beauty, faithfulness, and healing in our world. Amen.

Reading Scripture Lay Reader

John 1:43-51 (NRSVUE)

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming "The Gospel According to the NFL" Pastor Dave

Singing "Make Me a Servant" TFWS #2176 (x2)

Blessing and Commissioning Leaders

Pastor Dave: John Wesley described Methodist leaders as persons "not only of sound judgment, but truly devoted to God." Leaders are willing to help others "grow in the knowledge and love of God." We are so grateful for those who have finished their current term of leadership:

Claude Crawshaw, Staff-Parish Relations

Karen Gaba, Outreach

Val Gunderson, Building

Jill & Will Kohler, Youth Directors

Johanna Spencer, Memorials

Many Voices: Thank you for all the ways you faithfully led us! May God continue to bless you and use you in new ways!

Pastor Dave: We are grateful for those who are stepping into new leadership roles:

Gail Flatness, Outreach

Bob Moorman, Building

Kim Nave, Memorials

Alex Nolan, Staff-Parish Relations & Lay Member to Annual Conference

Many Voices: Thank you for saying yes to a new challenge!

Pastor Dave: Those folks join our amazing stable of returning leaders:

Karen Crawshaw, Membership

Gail Girard, Financial Secretary

Ashley Grygienc, Children's Program Coordinator

Marlin Hartman, Church Council

Shari Millard, Finance

Katrina Nolan, Sunday School Director & Digital Marketing Director

Jim Satorius, Men's Prayer Breakfast

Ruth Satorius, United Women in Faith

Chris Vause, Lay Leader & Lay Member to Annual Conference

Cindy White, Worship

Many Voices: Thank you for continuing to serve our found family of faith!

Pastor Dave: Some vital leadership happens out of the spotlight, as with these three special teams:

Board of Trustees

Stacy Ferguson
Ron Herath
Will Kohler
Gordon McCoy
Les Millard
John Nave
Kim Nave
Alex Nolan
Toni SALLESE
Jim Satorius
Chris Vause

Care Team

Chris Vause, Leader
Guy Carlson
Mari Kirsch
Gordon McCoy
Jody Moorman
Karen Pubentz
Ruth Satorius

Prayer Team

Karen Gaba, Leader
Jennifer Ferguson
Tammie Patterson
Jan Stadt
Chris Vause

Many Voices: Thank you for your faithfulness in caring for our congregation!

Pastor Dave: We charge all of you to be faithful leaders. Will you accept this commissioning as missional leaders of the Minooka United Methodist Church?

Leaders: I will.

Pastor Dave: Will you do all in your power to follow God in the Way of Jesus by doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God?

Leaders: I will.

Pastor Dave: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the tasks for which you are chosen?

Leaders: I will.

Pastor Dave: People of Minooka United Methodist Church, will you do all you can to encourage these leaders and support them with your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

Many Voices: We will!

Pastor Dave: Most gracious God, bless your servants and pour out your Spirit on them. Guide and strengthen them for all that lies ahead that together we may be one in ministry to all the world. We pray in the name of the Trinity, God-in-Community, who leads us into unity through our diversity. Amen.

***Singing** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

***Sending Forth** Pastor Dave

Exiting Music Accompanist

HYMNS

Guide My Feet

Verse 1

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Verse 2

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Verse 3

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Verse 4

I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Verse 5

Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Verse 6

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Verse 1

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 2

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Verse 3

Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

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Make Me A Servant

Chorus

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today. (x2)

Here I Am, Lord

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.
I will hold, Your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

Kelly Willard

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