

Sending Forth

Exiting Music

Pastor Dave

Accompanist

**Minooka
United Methodist
Church**

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Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 12th, 2023

11:30AM

Acts 10:34-43 (The Voice)

Peter: ³⁴ It is clear to me now that God plays no favorites, ³⁵ that God accepts every person whatever his or her culture or ethnic background, that God welcomes all who revere Him and do right. ³⁶ *You already know that* God sent a message to the people of Israel; it was a message of peace, peace through Jesus the Anointed—who is King of all people. ³⁷ You know this message spread through Judea, beginning in Galilee where John called people to be ritually cleansed through baptism. ³⁸ You know God identified Jesus as the uniquely chosen One by pouring out the Holy Spirit on Him, by empowering Him. You know Jesus went through the land doing good *for all* and healing all who were suffering under the oppression of the evil one, for God was with Him. ³⁹ My friends and I stand as witnesses to all Jesus did in *the region of Judea and the city of Jerusalem*. The people of our capital city killed Him by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised Him up on the third day and made it possible for us to see Him. ⁴¹ Not everyone was granted this privilege, only those of us whom God chose as witnesses. We actually ate and drank with Him after His resurrection. ⁴² He told us to spread His message to everyone and to tell them that He is

****Stand if you are able.***

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Leaders in Today's Worship Service

ACCOMPANIST: JILL KOHLER
LAY READER: KAREN PUBENTZ
SONG LEADERS: GAIL GIRARD & RUTH SATORIUS

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the One whom God has chosen to be Judge, *to make a just assessment of all people*—both living and dead. ⁴³ All the prophets tell us about Him and assert that every person who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

Entering Music Accompanist

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing Accompanist

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: Creator God who claims us as your own, we bring our full selves to worship today.

Many Voices: Our happiness and our sorrow, our singing and our crying, our strengths, and our failures—we carry it all.

Reader: Teach us to trust that your faithfulness endures in all the seasons and circumstances of our lives.

Many Voices: Help us to know that all that we are is bound to you and teach us to rest on your steadfast love as the source of our gratitude and joy as we follow you.

***Singing** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” TFWS #2153

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Blessing Children Katrina Nolan

Recognizing Veterans

Singing “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” TFWS #2191

Praying (adapted from Cole Arthur Riley, @BlackLiturgies)
Lay Reader

[silent prayer: In this time of silence may we move from busy-ness to quietness.]

Reader: God of the multitude, we praise you for being a God who contains a diversity of personhood in one. In your very being, you possess a sacred community where each part is distinct and beautiful and necessary.

Make our community like you, that we would no longer be content with the bland flavor of sameness. That we would no longer use language of unity as a veil for the suppression of voice, body, and culture.

[silent prayer]

Be near to those who have offered up the particularity of their stories to bring about restoration, only to be met with accusations of divisiveness.

God of us all, let our distinct beauty be held as a sacred and necessary contribution to the beauty of the cosmos. Lead us into spaces that see and honor that we are not the same — and it is very good.

[silent prayer]

Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord’s Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** “What Gift Can We Bring” UMH #87

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer Accompanist & Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, we present these tithes and offerings not from hearts of obligation but with the confidence and joy that through your love made incarnate in your son Jesus, you’ve forever removed our debt. Use our gifts and our lives to do your work of compassion, mercy, and redemption. Amen.

Reading Scripture Lay Reader

Acts 10:34-43 (The Voice)

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

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming “Get Out!” Pastor Dave

***Singing** “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” TFWS #2184

Sent Out In Jesus' Name

Sent out in Jesus' name,
Our hands are ready now
To make the earth the place
In which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change
A world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love,
Of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do,
To set it really free.
O help us to obey
And carry out Your will.

HYMNS

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Verse 1

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Verse 2

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Verse 3

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Verse 4

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Eternal Father, Strong To Save

Verse 1

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bid the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea

Verse 2

O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Verse 3

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Verse 4

O Trinity of love and power,
All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go;
Thus ever more shall rise to thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

What Gift Can We Bring

Verse 1

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we now offer in honor and praise!

Verse 2

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Verse 3

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
For knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,
The Word is our promise always, forever;
We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

Verse 4

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
These words can convey it the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!