



**Minooka  
United Methodist  
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**Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church**  
Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 11:30AM

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**Mark 8:31-38 (Contemporary English Version)**

Jesus Speaks about His Suffering and Death

<sup>31</sup>Jesus began telling his disciples what would happen to him. He said, "The nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make the Son of Man suffer terribly. He will be rejected and killed, but three days later he will rise to life." <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus explained clearly what he meant.

Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that. <sup>33</sup>But when Jesus turned and saw the disciples, he corrected Peter. He said to him, "Satan, get away from me! You are thinking like everyone else and not like God."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus then told the crowd and the disciples to come closer, and he said:

If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me and for the good news, you will save it. <sup>36</sup>What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself? <sup>37</sup>What could you give to get back your soul?

**LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

LAY READER MARLIN HARTMAN  
SONG LEADERS GAIL GIRARD & RUTH SATORIUS

**CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
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<sup>38</sup> Don't be ashamed of me and my message among these unfaithful and sinful people! If you are, the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

## Entering Music

### Welcoming

Pastor Dave

### Preparing

#### \*Gathering

Lay Reader

Reader: As we learn to follow Jesus on this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

**Many Voices: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

Reader: On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

**Many Voices: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us all.**

Reader: On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**Many Voices: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

Reader: As we learn to follow Jesus let us worship God!

**Many Voices: We gather to worship God with our prayers, our presence, and our witness!**

#### \*Singing

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

UMH #641

## Conversing with Children

### Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Holy God, Mother of us All, we confess it is too easy for our faith to become an escape— a way to avoid the pain of being human and alive. We confess it is too easy for our faith to become a path to success— a way to persuade the universe to give us the things we want. We confess it is too easy for our faith to become a system of control — a way to bend others to our will.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: The God who meets us in the world as the Spirit of Christ is merciful, gracious, patient, loving, and thus forgiving of our sins. With that pardon, the Spirit of Christ offers us a faith that is more dangerous and compelling than we expect. It's the faith that carries the cross, that embraces death and lays itself down for the sake of others. It's the only faith that can lead us to resurrection, to life renewed and overflowing.

**Many Voices: We thank you for this faith, Loving God, and open our hearts to receive it.**

[Quiet reflection]

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

#### \*Singing

"Where He Leads Me"

UMH #338

#### Reading Scripture Mark 8:31-38 (CEV)

Lay Reader

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

**Many Voices: Amen**

#### Proclaiming

"Who Is Inevitable?"

Pastor Dave

#### \*Singing

"Live in Charity"

TFWS #2179(x3)

#### Giving

Pastor Dave

#### Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: God of Boundless Goodness, you restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. We dedicate our offerings—and ourselves—to the work of your kin-dom on earth until all have the resources they need to live and to flourish. Amen.**

#### \*Singing "Sent Out in Jesus' Name (Enviado Soy de Dios)"

TFWS #2184

#### \*Sending Forth

Pastor Dave

## Exiting Music

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

### Sent Out In Jesus' Name (Enviado Soy de Dios) (x3)

(English)

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.

(Spanish)

Eviado Soy de Dios;  
mi mano lista está para construir  
con el un mundo fraternal.  
Los angeles no son enviados a cambiar  
un mundo de dolor por un mundo de paz.  
Me ha tocado a mi hacerlo realidad;  
ayudame Señor hacer tu voluntad.

(English)

Sent out in Jesus' name,  
Our hands are ready now  
To make the earth the place  
In which the kingdom comes.  
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The task is ours to do,  
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O help us to obey  
And carry out Your will.

Jorge E. Maldonado

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# HYMNS

### Fill My Cup, Lord

*Verse 1*

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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## **Where He Leads Me**

### *Verse 1*

I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
“Take thy cross and follow, follow Me.”

### *Chorus*

Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

### *Verse 2*

I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
(Chorus)

### *Verse 3*

I'll go with Him through the judgment,  
I'll go with Him through the judgment,  
I'll go with Him through the judgment,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.  
(Chorus)

### *Verse 4*

He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
and go with me, with me all the way.  
(Chorus)

## **Live in Charity**

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.  
(x3)

Edward W. Blandy, John Samuel Norris

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