



**Minooka  
United Methodist  
Church**

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**Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church**  
Sunday, March 10th, 2024 9:30AM

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**Matthew 28:16-20 (The Message)**

<sup>16-17</sup> Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about *worship*, about risking themselves totally.

<sup>18-20</sup> Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

**LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

LAY READER KAREN GABA  
SONG LEADERS RUTH SATORIUS & SUSAN SPENCER

**CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
LEAD PASTOR REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA  
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## Entering Music

### Welcoming

Pastor Dave

### Preparing

#### \*Gathering

Lay Reader

Reader: Again today we unwrap with expectation the gift of this place. This house formed by human hands, but filled with God. This center of healing, of love, and of life shared together.

**Many Voices: Thank You, Generous God, for the gift of this place!**

Reader: Again today we embrace with hope the gift of this time. These sacred seconds called from our brief lives, and filled with eternity. This momentary joining of journeys.

**Many Voices: Thank You, Generous God, for the gift of this time! Be with us today as we make our whole selves a gift to You.**

#### \*Singing

“Welcome”

Worship & Song #3152

### Conversing with Children

#### Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: When we offer Compassionate God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession together:

**Many Voices: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us. Forgive our sin and transform us into the imitators of Christ in love and service you call us to be.**

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As forgiven and forgiving people,

let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

#### \*Singing

“Father, I Adore You”

TFWS #2038

**Reading Scripture** Matthew 28:16-20 (The Message) Lay Reader  
Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

**Many Voices: Amen**

**Proclaiming** “What Are We Doing Here on Mission?” Pastor Dave

#### \*Singing

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

#### Giving

Pastor Dave

**Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer** Lay Reader  
**Many Voices: Generous God, as we dedicate our offerings to you lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Transform us into the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

#### \*Singing

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS #2129

#### \*Sending Forth

Pastor Dave

### Exiting Music

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

### *Verse 1*

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back, no turning back.

### *Verse 2*

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me  
No turning back, no turning back.

### *Verse 3*

Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
Though none go with me, I still will follow  
No turning back, no turning back.

# **HYMNS**

## **Welcome**

### *Verse 1*

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin  
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,  
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

### *Refrain*

Singing welcome, welcome to this place  
You're invited to come and know God's grace  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

### *Verse 2*

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,  
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,  
And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray, (Refrain)

### *Refrain*

Singing welcome, welcome to this place  
You're invited to come and know God's grace  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

### *Verse 3*

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,  
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,  
Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice,  
(Refrain)

### *Refrain*

Crying welcome, welcome to this place  
You're invited to come and know God's grace  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

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## **Father, I Adore You**

### *Verse 1*

Father, I adore You,  
Lay my life before You;  
How I love You.

### *Verse 2*

Jesus, I adore You,  
Lay my life before You;  
How I love You.

### *Verse 3*

Spirit, I adore You,  
Lay my life before You;  
How I love You.

## **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)

Terrye Coelho

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