

August 16, 2020 Order of Worship

Today we welcome the Rev. David Gladstone to the pulpit while Pastor Drew is away on vacation. Today we will also be commissioning Shiree Fetterly, who will leave tomorrow for a 2-year mission fellowship through the United Methodist *Global Mission Fellows* program.

Prelude "Blessed Quietness" arr. by David Paxton

Call to Worship Pastor David Gladstone

Hymn "Go, Make of All Disciples" UMH #571 (vv. 1-3)

1. "Go make of all disciples."
We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from Thee, our Father,
In Thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living
Reveal Thee everywhere.

3. "Go make of all disciples."
We at Thy feet would stay
Until each life's vocation
Accents Thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature
God plants in every heart,
Revealing in our witness
The Master Teacher's art.

2. "Go make of all disciples."
Baptizing in the name
Of Father, Son, and Spirit,
From age to age the same.
We call each new disciple
To follow Thee, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body
By water and the Word.

Unison Prayer Liturgist

Blessed are you, Lord God. When Jesus knelt at the feet of his students and washed their dirty feet, he showed us that servanthood is the greatest path to the fullness of life. We praise you for the opportunities you give us each day to serve others, that each person would explicitly feel the love of Christ, and that we would grow in joy. Through Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn "Go, Make of All Disciples" UMH #571 (v. 4)

4. "Go make of all disciples."
We welcome Thy command.
"Lo, I am with you always."
We take Thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us;
We follow without fear;
In heaven and earth Thy power
Shall bring God's kingdom here.

Welcome, Announcements, & Pastoral Prayer Pastor David Gladstone

Special Music I'll Walk with God Brian Winters, piano solo
By Paul Francis Webster

Matthew 15:1-20

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ²“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat.” ³He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God said, ^[a] ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ ⁵But you say that whoever tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,’ ^[b] then that person need not honor the father. ^[c] ⁶So, for the sake of your tradition, you make void the word ^[d] of God. ⁷You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said:

⁸ ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁹ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’”

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. ^[e] And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Romans 11:29-32

²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now ^[a] receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Sermon

Matters of the Heart

Pastor David Gladstone

Commissioning of Shiree Fetterly

Pastor David Gladstone

Song

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS 2223

1. We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored:

2. We will walk with each other;
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news
That God is in our land:

Chorus:

And they’ll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
By our love.

Chorus:

(following the singing of verse 2, Rev. Gladstone will ask the congregation the following:)

L: People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live God's love. As we commission Shiree today, will you, with her, and as baptized disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?

P: With God's help, we will.

L: Shiree has been called to work as a Global Mission Fellow. Will you, as the people of God, and as her fellow members of Port Huron First United Methodist Church, support and pray for her in this ministry?

P: With God's help, we will.

(following the laying on of hands and prayer by Rev. Gladstone, we will sing the last two verses)

Song "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS 2223

3. We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride:

Chorus:

4. All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
All praise to Christ Jesus
God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one:

Chorus:

Invitation to Give

Liturgist

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

God of all good gifts, we praise you! We praise you for your unfailing love. We praise you for your unrelenting grace. We praise you with our words and with our actions. Receive and bless what we offer you today, that it would be used to touch lives with the love of Jesus. Receive it as a thank offering, for in giving it back to you we wish to express our gratitude for who you are and what you do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory

Träumerei
By Schumann

Brian Winters, piano solo

Closing Song

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH #593

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? **Chorus**

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? **Chorus**

Chorus:

Here am I, 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.

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? **Chorus**

Benediction

Pastor David Gladstone

Postlude

Go Forth in Faith

arr. by David Paxton