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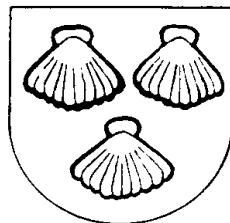
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**“Generosity & Discipleship: The Cost of Discipleship”**

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# WE GATHER

## Prelude

“Morning Song” (Joseph M. Martin) *offered by Clarice Snyder*

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## Welcome

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

## Introit

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” (echo and refrain)

*TFWS 2002*

## Verse

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)  
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)  
I will call upon the Lord

## Chorus

The Lord liveth  
And blessed be my Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted  
(REPEAT)

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## Call to Worship

*Jim Quindlen*

ONE: In times of trouble, in times of joy . . .  
**we call upon the name of God.**  
With steadfast faith, with wavering doubt . . .  
**we call upon the name of God.**  
Basking in God's presence, aching in God's absence . . .  
**we call upon the name of God.**

## Threshold

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” (refrain)

*TFWS 2002*

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## Opening Prayer

**Your word, O God, is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
May your Word be for us today life and action, beacon and gavel.  
In the name of the Living Word we pray. Amen.**

**Chorus**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

**Verse 1**

When I feel afraid  
And I think I’ve lost my way  
Still You’re there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

**Chorus**

**Verse 2**

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

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**Children’s Moment**

*Jelinda Blum*

**Scripture**

**Hebrews 4: 12-16 (CEB)**

*Jim Quindlen*

<sup>12</sup> because God’s word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It’s able to judge the heart’s thoughts and intentions. <sup>13</sup> No creature is hidden from it, but rather everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we have to give an answer.

<sup>14</sup> Also, let’s hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God’s Son; <sup>15</sup> because we don’t have a high priest who can’t sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Finally, let’s draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

**Mark 10: 17-31 (CEB)**

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup> Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: *Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give false testimony. Don’t cheat. Honor your father and mother.*”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he responded, “I’ve kept all of these things since I was a boy.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom!”

<sup>24</sup> His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it’s difficult to enter God’s kingdom!

<sup>25</sup> It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.”

<sup>26</sup> They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, “Look, we’ve left everything and followed you.”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news <sup>30</sup> will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.”

## Hymn

“Lord, I want to Be A Christian”

UMH 402

### Verse 1

Lord I want to be a Christian  
In my heart in my heart  
Lord I want to be a Christian  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
Lord I want to be a Christian  
In my heart (in my heart)

### Verse 3

Lord I want to be more holy  
In my heart in my heart  
Lord I want to be more holy  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
Lord I want to be more holy  
In my heart (in my heart)

### Verse 2

Lord I want to be more loving  
In my heart in my heart  
Lord I want to be more loving  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
Lord I want to be more loving  
In my heart (in my heart)

### Verse 4

Lord I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart in my heart  
Lord I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
In my heart (in my heart)  
Lord I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart (in my heart)

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## Message

“The Cost of Discipleship”

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

## Prayers for God’s People, the Church and the World

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God alone can save us. Therefore we are bold to pray, saying,  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

### Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**UMH 94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God All creatures here below  
Alleluia alleluia  
Praise God the source of all our gifts  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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## Closing Hymn

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

**UMH 404**

### Refrain

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke  
Out his mouth came fire and smoke  
All around me looks so shine  
Ask my Lord if all was mine

### Refrain

2 Jordan River, runs right cold  
chills the body not the soul  
Ain’t but one train on this track,  
Runs to heaven and right back.

### Refrain

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## Benediction

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**Question for Reflection**

*How do you talk to God when you feel that God is not listening?  
How can you be a better disciple, considering the radical words of Jesus in Mark that you have to sell all you own, give the money to the poor, and then follow him?*

**Household Prayer: Morning**

*As I open my eyes,  
I want to feel your Word, living and active and guiding my way.  
I want to live knowing that what is impossible for me is possible for you.  
I want to live with the certitude that those who are first will be last, and the last will be first.  
Give me the courage and the hope to live with your words in my mind for the rest of the day.  
In Jesus Christ, my teacher, I pray. Amen.*

**Household Prayer: Evening**

*As I lay down to rest, I look at the times in my day  
when my heart has felt like fainting, and I have felt like arguing.  
Yet I do so with the understanding that even in my deepest sorrow you were with me.  
Thank you, God, for understanding and for helping this human being who, if imperfectly,  
strives to seek out your face, to follow your will, and to understand your Word.  
Give me the rest I need to live day by day and step by step.  
In the name of my example and my strength,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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