

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING

L: Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will we listen?

PRELUDE

**Processional Prelude** (T. Beck)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: Wisdom cries out in the streets.

**P: We hear and struggle to understand.**

L: Come and listen to the words of life and love.

**P: We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life. AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN

**Lift High the Cross** - UMH # 159 (v. 1, 2, & 4)

\*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Jesus Loves the Little Children** (On Screen)

ANTHEM

**Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom** (Paulson)

- Chancel Choir

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER (in Unison)

**Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to Your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. With hearts overflowing, we give thanks to You, O God, as we come to our time of silent prayer...**

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**The Lord's Prayer** - UMH # 895

CENTERING HYMN

**All I Need Is You** - TFWS # 2080 (v. 1-3)

SCRIPTURE READING

**Mark 8:27-38** (NRSV)

SERMON

**Take Up Your Cross** - Rev. Scott Andrews

OFFERING

L: As we journey in faith, we realize that we journey thanks to the abundance of God's love and mercy.

OFFERTORY

**He Leadeth Me** (L.N. Porter)

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** - UMH # 94

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

**Lord of the Dance** - UMH # 261 (v. 1-5)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**A Festive Postlude** (D. Eliot)

(\*) Please stand as you are able

(UMH) United Methodist Hymnal

(TFWS) The Faith We Sing

(NRSV) New Revised Standard Version

## ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Brian Fisk

Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri

Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

Our altar flowers are temporarily on hiatus. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## GROW

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

~ Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV) ~

## PRAYER

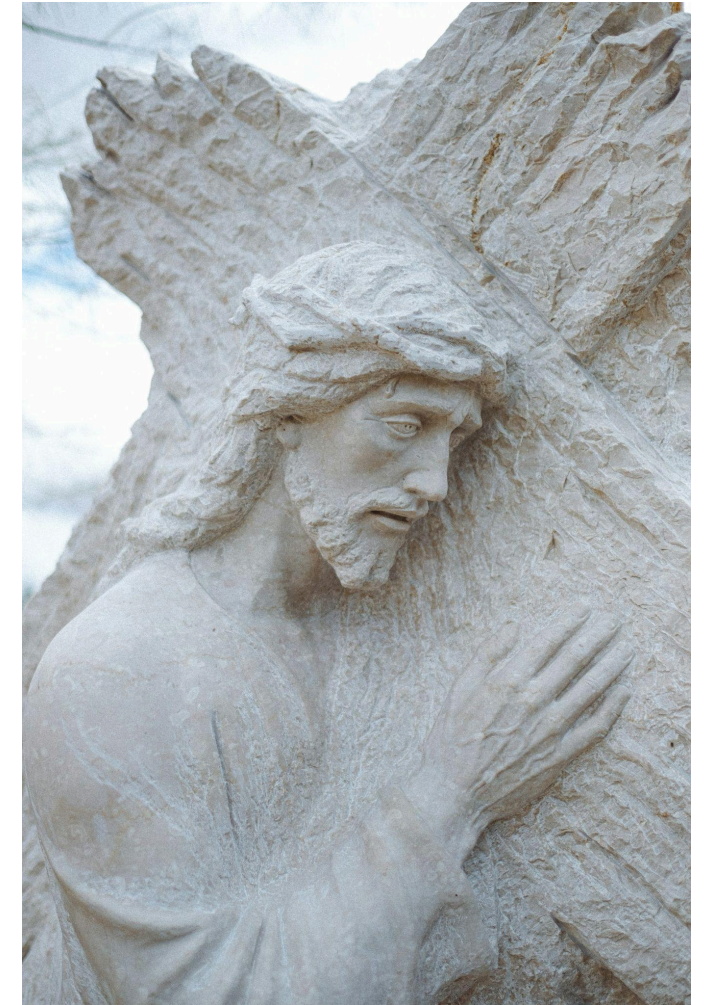
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Judy Andrews  
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Meldene Brown  
Burkholder Family  
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Nicole Cummings  
Mary Dickson  
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Viola Fisher  
Michael Flowers  
Sybil Gassmann  
Gordon Family  
Eric Gratton  
Cynthia Gray  
Jennifer Gray  
Lola Green  
Carlene Hamm  
Michael Hamm  
Paige Hardin  
Sage Holzauer

Jordan Huling  
Lois Kahla  
Betty Lanctot  
Loya Family  
Harry & Jane Markham  
Lisa Martin  
Gabriel Martinez  
Monell Family  
Thirza Pearce  
Johnathan Phillips  
Rebecca Sardar  
Deborah Shuttleworth  
Derrick Smith  
Dorothy Wallace  
David Walker  
Weimer Family  
Charlotte White  
Wissler Family

All Military Members  
All Those Facing War  
LB First Responders  
Cal-Pac Leadership  
Cal Heights Leadership

## STUDY

MONDAY - 1 Corinthians 4:1-7  
TUESDAY - 1 Corinthians 4:8-13  
WEDNESDAY - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
THURSDAY - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4  
FRIDAY - Luke 12:35-40  
SATURDAY - Luke 12:41-48  
SUNDAY - Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:8a, Mark 9:30-37



Sunday, September 15, 2024

## TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

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