



## Discipleship Sunday

WHITNEY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Christina Thompson – Pastor

June 14, 2020

### Welcome and Announcements

*Becky Platt*

### Lighting our Candle

Leader: We light our candle, reminding us that Christ is present among us.

**All: You are the light of the world, be light in our darkness, O Christ.**

### Call to Worship

*Anna and Zena Larracoechea*

Leader: God our Creator, we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life:

**All: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Christ our Savior, we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves:

**All: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God:

**All: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:

**All: Draw us closer to You, O God.**

**All: Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator, that we might journey with You more fully and deeply, especially in this current reality and beyond. Amen.**

### Opening Prayer

*Bert Allen*

### Opening Hymn

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

*UMH 396 V 1,2,4*

### Children’s Message

“He is My God”

*Phyllis Ross*



## **Explanation of this service:**

Today we celebrate what it means to be disciples—followers of Jesus and how we do that as members of Whitney United Methodist Church. As part of this celebration we celebrate and pray for our graduates.

## **Songs:**

### **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

#### Verse 1

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

#### Verse 2

Oh, let me feel Thee near me; the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

#### Verse 4

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

#### **#395 O Jesus, I Have Promised**

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## **Lord, Be Glorified**

#### Verse 1

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

#### Verse 2

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

#### Verse 3

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

#### Verse 4

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

#### **#2150 Lord, Be Glorified**

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## **Opening Prayer:**

O God, who calls us into discipleship, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.  
Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,  
to the comfort of our souls  
and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.  
Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, to be disciples, and to make disciples, that we may not fear the coming of night,  
when we shall resign into your hands  
the tasks which you have committed to us.  
So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour,

but in word and deed all the days of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Scripture:**

#### Matthew 28:16-20 - The Commissioning of the Disciples

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

#### Psalm 63:1-8 - Comfort and Assurance in God's Presence

A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.  
O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer:**

O God, you are our God and we seek you. We seek your love, your guidance and your strength. Even in the tough spots of our lives, help us to always hold onto the reality that your steadfast love is better than life. May we bless you as long as we live and live our lives as your followers.

As we worship this morning, we pray for the world that you have made and are restoring. Make us wise and careful stewards of the gifts of your creation.

We pray that the love which passes ceaselessly between the you the creator, Jesus the redeemer in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of each one of us and draw us all into your abundant life.

We pray for the leaders of the church, for pastors, lay leaders, Sunday school teachers, that seek to bring us closer to you.

We pray for the healing of our nation, for an understand of the racial inequalities in our country and for your help O God in addressing them.

We pray for the sick and all who suffer.

Into your hands we entrust all that is of concern this day, sure that you hear our please, grateful that your will be done on earth as in heaven. We pray this in the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray:

(The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive us our trespasses.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

## **Other Credits:**

Call to Worship - created by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-olution.org adapted by Rev. Christina Thompson.

Opening Prayer - *Book of Worship*, 1992, The United Methodist Publishing House; adapted by Rev. Christina Thompson.

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