



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

* invites you to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Music Becca Taylor

Gathering Song & Candle Lighting “You Never Let Go”
Six Ways to Sunday

Welcome Pastor Daryl

Choral Introit “We Will Follow”

*Call to Worship Carla Biersdorff, liturgist

Bands Sings “Cry of My Heart”

One: Jesus has called us to leave our comfortable ways
and venture forward with him.

**Many: Lord Jesus, we are so often afraid, it is easier
for us to remain bound to our habits.**

One: Jesus knows your fears and offers you healing.

**Many: Lord Jesus, Open our hearts and teach us your
ways.**

Everyone Sing “Cry of My Heart”

Words on Screen

*Opening Hymn “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

UMH #344

Opening Prayer (unison)

**O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your
presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your
word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first
disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path
he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us
to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus 'name.
Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "Jesus Call Us"
Scripture Reading – Mark 1:14-20
Sermon "Follow Me"
Rev. Daryl Blanksma
*Song "Would I Have Answered When You Called"
FWS #2137

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer
Announcements
Invitation to Offering/Offertory
*Doxology/Offering Prayer UMH #94

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Closing Song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
FWS #2129
*Benediction
Postlude Becca Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 28

MINISTRY CONFERENCE - Sunday, January 28

Our district superintendent, Karen Hernandez, is holding an annual Ministry Conference with each church in the Sage district. The time together will last 90 minutes and feature a short video and a conversation about

- M - Ministry that Matters
- I - Itinerancy and Location
- L - Lay Ministry Enhancement
- E - Eliminating Racism

We have been hearing about the M.I.L.E. for several months and you can find out more about it here <https://greaternw.org/mile/>

All interested folks are invited to this meeting following worship today, January 28. Church Council members are expected to attend.

SOUP LUNCH

Join us following Worship today, January 28 for our monthly soup luncheon!

BOOK STUDY

Part of the bishop's M.I.L.E. is to work on eradicating racism. For those of us in the predominant culture (white) it is difficult to even recognize the racism that others face every day, and which is all around us. You are invited to join a book study looking at the book "Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debbie Irving. You can find the book on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Apple Books or at your local bookstore (and maybe a local library). On Saturday, February 17, the author, Debbie Irving, will be at Hillview United Methodist Church for a Community Conversation. Stay tuned for more information on a gathering at Whitney to discuss the book.

Whitney UMC is a **SCHOOL OF LOVE** where we learn to love God, one another, ourselves, and creation as Jesus teaches.

ALL Are Welcome Here!

We, the Whitney United Methodist Church, declare that all persons are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition, marital status, and mental or physical ability.

Upcoming Events

- January 28 – Soup Luncheon; 11 am
- January 28 – Ministry Conference; 11:30 am
- February 5-8 – Daryl at Board of Ordained Ministry Meetings
- February 7 -- United Women in Faith; noon
- February 14 -- Ash Wednesday
- February 17 – Contemplative Prayer Workshop at All Saints Episcopal
- February 17 -- Community Conversation at Hillview UMC; 1-4 pm

A link to our full Calendar of Events can be viewed on our webpage at www.whitneyumc.org.

Assisting in Worship Today:

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| Liturgist: Carla Biersdorff | Pianist: Becca Taylor |
| Sound: Bert Allen | Band Director: Kevin Daniel |
| Online Feed: Rich Keefe | Choir Director: Isaac Flake |
| Head Usher: Bill Slupe | Nursery: Lorrie Baer |
| Pastor: Rev. Daryl Blanksma | Visuals: Bobbie Bynum |



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