



Marks of Discipleship: September 16, 2020

Week One: An Introduction: Real Faith for Real Life

Musical Leadership provided by "The Messengers"

OPENING SONG: Oceans

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.

And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand.

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace,

For I am Yours and You are mine.

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sov'reign hand will be my guide.

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me.

You've never failed and You won't start now.

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders. Let me walk upon the waters.

Wherever You would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander.

And my faith will be made stronger, in the presence of my Savior.

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name. Keep my eyes above the waves,

My soul will rest in Your embrace. I am Yours and You are mine

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

A New Creation: Bearing the Mark of Jesus

L: The first reading is from Galatians, the sixth chapter.

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Second Reading: Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

L: The second reading is from the Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

The Third Reading: Matthew 16:24-26

Disciples Bear the Mark of Jesus: The Cross

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

The Fourth Reading: John 1:43-46

Disciples Bear the Mark of Jesus: The Cross

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

SERMON:

Pastor Dave Efflandt

SECOND SONG

Come to the Table

Verse 1

We all start on the outside; the outside looking in. This is where grace begins.
We were hungry we were thirsty, with nothing left to give. Oh the shape that we
were in. Just when all hope seemed lost. Love opened the door for us.

Chorus

(He said) come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.
Take your place beside the Savior, sit down and be set free. Come to the table

Verse 2

Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves.
There's no one unwelcome here. So that sin and shame that you've brought with
you. You can leave it at the door. And let mercy draw you near.

Bridge

To the thief and to the doubter. To the hero and the coward.
To the pris'ner and the soldier. To the young and to the older.
All who hunger all who thirst. All the last and all the first.
All the paupers and the princes. All who've failed you've been forgiven.
All who dream and all who suffer. All who've loved and lost another.
All the chained and all the free. All who follow all who lead.
Anyone who's been let down. All the lost you have been found.
All who've been labeled right or wrong. To ev'ryone who hears this song.

Ending

Woah sit down and be set free. Come to the table. Come to the table.
Just sit down and rest awhile. Just sit down and rest awhile. Come to the table.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship: Sunday at 9AM on the lawn; 10AM Zoom. Online available afternoon

→ Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

Wednesday at 6:30 PM at SJK: Messengers Return 9/18/2020!

Bible Studies

Marks of Discipleship Studies: Tuesdays at 11 AM and Thursdays at 6 PM via Zoom

Begins on September 15 and September 17

Women of Faith: Thursdays at 9:30 AM via Zoom

Bible and Brew: 7 PM Thursday Evenings, Beginning September 17

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you,

and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor,

✝ and give you His peace. Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG:

Almost Home

Verse 1

Are you disappointed? Are you desperate for help?
You know what it's like to be tired, and only a shell of yourself.
You start to believe you don't have what it takes,
'Cause it's all you can do just to move much less finish the race.
But don't forget what lies ahead

Chorus

Almost home. Brother it won't be long. Soon all your burdens will be gone.
With all your strength, sister run wild run free, hold up your head, keep pressing on.
We are almost home.

Verse 2

Well this road will be hard, but we win in the end, simply because of Jesus in us.
It's not if but when, so take joy in the journey even when it feels long.
Oh find strength in each step knowing heaven is cheering you on

Bridge

I know that the cross has brought heaven to us
But make no mistake there's still more to come
When our flesh and our bone are no longer between
Where we are right now and where we're meant to be
When all that's been lost has been made whole again
When these tears and this pain no longer exist
No more walking we're running as fast as we can
Consider this our second wind

Ending

Almost home. Almost home. We are almost home
Almost home. Almost home. We are almost home