

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide-UM Women

Sunday

February 20, 2022 @ 10 AM

7th Sunday After the Epiphany

Gathering Music

Welcome

A Song of Praise: *My Life Is In You Lord*

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My life is in You, Lord,
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord,
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my heart.
I will praise You with all of my Strength
With all of my life, and all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

[Repeat Whole Song}

Call to Worship :

One: God of mission, you remind us this morning once again to seek your kingdom first,

All: God of abundant living, you call us to steep our lives in your initiatives.

One: God of infinite provisions, you tell us not to worry about missing out, and promise us that you will take care of our everyday concerns.

All: Thank you, God!

One: God of grace, you summon us back to your kingdom, as the goal and purpose of our lives.

All: God of faith, hope, and love, you fit your daughters and sons for various activities for the sake of your mission.

One: Most holy God, you call us to live out your Gospel through word and deed,

All: by public and personal witnessing, through acts of charity and works of mercy.

One: O God of mystery, we are constantly surprised by the working of your Spirit in our midst.

All: O Holy Spirit, continue to guide us, as we offer ourselves to your bidding, and commit ourselves to work for the reign of God here and afar.

One: In the name of One Eternal God,

All: Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Opening Prayer (One Voice):

Eternal God, we have gathered here in your sanctuary this morning as members of your family to worship you as our Living God. Community-making God, you have called us to be in community with each other. Enable us to center ourselves for renewal in your presence, commitment to your mission, and ministry with the least of these, here and around the world. Equip us with your Holy Spirit to witness to your love and power, healing and reconciliation, nurturance and new life. Inspire us once again to be the tellers of the old, old story in ever new contexts, that Jesus has come so that all may have life, in fact, more than life, Life in its Fullness, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

A Time for Children with Sharon Riley

**A Song of Centering: *Rescue the Perishing*
UMH 591**

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

Refrain:

***Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.***

Though they are slighting him, still he is waiting,
waiting the penitent child to receive;
plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;
he will forgive if they only believe.

[Refrain]

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

[Refrain]

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;
back to the narrow way patiently win them;
tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died.

[Refrain]

Prayers of the People

**A Time of Giving with Special Music:
*Is He Worthy?***

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15 [NRSV]

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district^[a] of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**Hymn of Preparation: *Pass It On*
UMH 572**

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up
in its glowing;

That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the tress are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers
start their blooming;

That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on God
It matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top – PRAISE GOD!
I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

Message: Lydia: A Woman of Service

A Song of Invitation: *The Summons* (FWS 2130)

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love
and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.

The Blessing with The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you
make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude