



DOORWAYS INTO RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP

MAY 4, 2014

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

QUIET REFLECTION

What is costly, radical discipleship? What has this meant through the ages and what might it mean today and in the future? How are we called to be practitioners of costly discipleship in our homes, at church, and in our places of employment?

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, Accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carmen Shelly, Worship Leader

L: Come, follow Jesus to the sacred place where God is,
a place of intimate prayer, of open heart.

C: **We come, seeking God's face, drawn by the power of Love's presence,
silent before Divine Beauty.**

L: Come, follow Jesus to a place of community, to the place where sons and
daughters join as one, sharing in the grace of our Provider.

C: **We come, seeking God's face in our brothers and sisters.
We worship, work and play, sharing our lives together.**

All: *Jesus, lead us to the Holy One that we might see God's face. Amen.***

*HYMN #19

Open now thy gates of beauty

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-17

HYMN #99 SJ

You walk along our shoreline

CONFESSION

L: In the silence of these moments we pause to confront ourselves and name the matters that prevent us from fully realizing your grace.

(silent prayer)

C: We name things that prevent us from accepting ourselves, that keep us from accepting one another, that block us from reaching out to humankind and to creation.

(silent prayer)

L: Hear us, love us, and forgive us.

All: Merciful One, hear our prayer. Amen.**

SERMON

On becoming radically healed disciples

HYMN #229

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore

COMMUNION SERVICE

- Words of Invitation and Institution
- Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

- Hymn of Response 119b

Praise God from whom

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

- Introductions

We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

- Joys and Concerns

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

- Prayers of the People
- Announcements

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Akers

*HYMN #483

O God, who gives us life

Children in Kindergarten - 5th grade dismissed

*SENDING FORTH

L: By our hands, may love be shared.

C: By our voices, may peace be spoken.

L: By our eyes, may beauty be seen.

C: By our ears, may truth be heard.

All: By our lives, may the song of Christ be sung!

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Gift of Human Kindness

arr. Voth/Stackley

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

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Scripture for Sunday, May 11
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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