

CROSSROADS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Crossroads UMC Online Worship 10-11-2020

Prelude I Saw The Light

Words of Welcome

The Call to Worship

L: When the Lord calls us to the banquet, we get puffed up with importance.

P: Humility needs to be our attitude; humility and gratitude.

L: Help us, O Lord, be grateful for the many ways in which you love us.

P: Help us return that love by the way in which we care for others.

L: Be with us, O Lord, this day.

P: Open our hearts to hear your words of hope and encouragement.

Praise Fix Me, Jesus UMH# 655

Oh, fix me, Oh, fix me, Oh, fix me; fix me, Jesus, fix me.

Fix me for my long white robe, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Fix me for my starry crown, fix me, Jesus, fix me.

Oh, fix me, Oh, fix me, Oh, fix me; fix me, Jesus, fix me.

Fix me for my journey home, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Fix me for my dying bed, fix me, Jesus, fix me.

Oh, fix me, Oh, fix me, Oh, fix me; fix me, Jesus, fix me.



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Morning Prayer

Open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name.

Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn't want to come. Again he sent other servants and said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Look, the meal is all prepared. I've butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything's ready. Come to the wedding party!"' But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

"The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren't worthy. Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.'

"Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn't wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to his servants, 'Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.'

"Many people are invited, but few people are chosen."

Sermon Series:

The Enemies of Gratitude: Entitlement

Pastor Scott Walters



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Praise

Water, River, Spirit, Grace (X3) FWS# 2253

Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me! Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Announcement & Blessing