



# CROSSROADS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Crossroads UMC Online Worship 11-01-2020

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

#### **Morning Prayer (*followed by 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 them 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.

### Celebrating & Remembering the Departed Saints

#### **Unison Prayer for Departed Saints**

**We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you. Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored. We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and those gnarled with age, Holy hands used as wave offerings across the land. We thank you, God, for hardworking saints; Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head ragged or aproned, blue-collared or three-piece-suited. They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.**

### **Praise**

We sing of Your power, we praise you again,  
for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

We sing of your power, we honor again,  
for you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

We sing of surrender to you, God again.  
Your power is eternal. Amen. Amen.

### **We Sing Of Your Glory FWS# 2011**



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"Glory in the highest, on earth," sing again.  
Glory, Alleluia. Amen. Amen.

### Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 23:1-12

1-3 Now Jesus turned to address his disciples, along with the crowd that had gathered with them. "The religion scholars and Pharisees are competent teachers in God's Law. You won't go wrong in following their teachings on Moses. But be careful about following them. They talk a good line, but they don't live it. They don't take it into their hearts and live it out in their behavior. It's all spit-and-polish veneer. "Instead of giving you God's Law as food and drink by which you can banquet on God, they package it in bundles of rules, loading you down like pack animals. They seem to take pleasure in watching you stagger under these loads, and wouldn't think of lifting a finger to help. Their lives are perpetual fashion shows, embroidered prayer shawls one day and flowery prayers the next. They love to sit at the head table at church dinners, basking in the most prominent positions, preening in the radiance of public flattery, receiving honorary degrees, and getting called 'Doctor' and 'Reverend.' "Don't let people do that to you, put you on a pedestal like that. You all have a single Teacher, and you are all classmates. Don't set people up as experts over your life, letting them tell you what to do. Save that authority for God; let him tell you what to do. No one else should carry the title of 'Father'; you have only one Father, and he's in heaven. And don't let people maneuver you into taking charge of them. There is only one Life-Leader for you and them—Christ. "Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you'll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you're content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty.

### Sermon Series:

**Entrusted**

Pastor Scott Walters

**The Rise of Servant Leaders**

### Praise

O God in heaven,  
grant to thy children mercy and blessing,  
songs never ceasing,  
love to unite us, grace to redeem us,  
O God in heaven, dear Lord, our God.

**O God In Heaven**

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Jesus, Redeemer,  
may we remember thy gracious passion,  
thy resurrection.  
Worship we bring thee, praise we shall sing thee,  
Jesus, Redeemer, Jesus, our Lord,

Spirit descending, whose is the blessing,  
strength for the weary, help for the needy;  
sealed in our kinship, thing be our worship,  
Spirit descending, Spirit adored.

### **Announcement & Blessing**