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## **Crossroads UMC Worship 10-17-2021**

### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Call to Worship** *(responsively)*

Leader: Here we have come together; we have come to worship our risen Lord.

**People: Jesus has invited us here, saying to us, "Abide in me as I abide in you."**

Leader: We live in Jesus Christ.

**People: Those who abide in Jesus blossom and flourish in God's wondrous love.**

Leader: As we live in Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed and our spirits renewed.

**People: We live in Jesus Christ and now we are here to worship and witness to our faith.**

#### **Morning Prayer** *(in unison)*

**Almighty and merciful God, your Word calls us to abide in you; to so dwell in you that it is no longer we who live, but your Spirit living through us. As we abide in you, your Spirit empowers us to love, enables us to forgive, invites us to worship, challenges us to faithfulness, and beckons us to intimacy with both Creator and creation. We bless you and praise you for loving us with an everlasting, limitless love and for entrusting to us the responsibility and joy of participating in your vineyard. Amen.**

#### **Praise**

#### **Lead Me, Guide me**

Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and power  
to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see,  
lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.



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Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy Light to see,  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me

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for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
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### **Gospel Lesson**

John 15:1-8

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don't produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything. If you don't remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.*

### **Sermon**

#### **Sermon Series**

Pastor Scott Walters

### **SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**

#### **Growing Disciples**



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### **Pastoral Prayer and 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**