



# CROSSROADS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Crossroads UMC Worship 02-13-2022

### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship

One: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves,  
(Jer.17:5-8) putting trust in our own strength,

**ALL: we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**

One: When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree  
planted by water.

**ALL: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.**

### Discipleship Download

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

**Merciful God, your call to discipleship isn't easy. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### The Psalter

#### Psalm 1 (CEB)

L: The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice,

**P: doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.**

L: Instead of doing those things, these persons love the LORD's Instruction,

**P: and they recite God's Instruction day and night!**

L: They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade.

**P: Whatever they do succeeds.**

L: That's not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away.

**P: And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of**



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**justice—neither will sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

**L:** The LORD is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous,

**P:** but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

**Sermon**

**Leaving Cynicism Behind**

Pastor Scott Walters

**Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

**ALL: whose trust is the Lord.**

**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.**

**Blessing**