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— Mark 8:34



January 15, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE	“Pastorale” (Franck)	Henry Repp
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kathleen Meredith
O God, you are our Creator and Redeemer. <b>You have called us, and we are here to listen.</b> You have sent us. We are ready and committed to give your message. <b>Teach us how to share your message, O God.</b> O God, send us where we should go. <b>O, Holy Spirit, open the hearts of those where you are sending us.</b> <b>Amen.</b>		
*OPENING HYMN	“Lift High the Cross”	UMH 159
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
<b>Almighty God, we are here today to obey your command to go and share your message. Give us wisdom and courage. Above all, empower us with your Holy Spirit for our labor. O God, open the spirits of those to whom you are sending us to give your message of redemption. Amen.</b>		
CHOIR ANTHEM	“Dear Heavenly Father” (Larsen)	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDRENS SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

## Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

<sup>28</sup> “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

Peter replied, “You are the Messiah.”

<sup>30</sup> But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the

teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. <sup>32</sup> As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

<sup>33</sup> Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. “Get away from me, Satan!” he said. “You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

<sup>34</sup> Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. <sup>36</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? <sup>37</sup> Is anything worth more than your soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

ANTHEM “O Lord My God” (Rush) Chancel Choir

SERMON “Are You Sure You’re Up for This?” Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY “Adagio” (Franck) Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**Messiah, we admit that we struggle to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you. It is hard to let go of the human things that make us feel secure. Help us to set our minds on divine things. Today, we give over our offering to you, trusting that you not only give us life, but that you can and will use our gifts to bring life to the world. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Where He Leads Me” UMH 338

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE “In Thee Is Gladness” (Bach) Henry Repp

## Schedule This Week...

**Monday, January 16:** Chair Yoga 10:00  
ABC Book Club 2:00

**Wednesday, January 18:** Administrative Council 7:00

**Thursday, January 19:** Choir Rehearsal 7:00

**Saturday, January 21:** Treasures of Hope 9:00-2:00  
Craft Fellowship 10:00-2:00  
Messiah Dress Reh 10:00

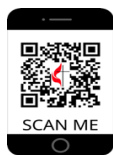
**Sunday, January 22:** Joy Fellowship Service 9:00  
Sanctuary Service 10:30  
Messiah Concert 4:00

### Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Organist/Music Director  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
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