

September 3, 2023



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"Lose My Life to Save It?"

Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Betsy Wooster

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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Communion in A Minor* (A. Guilmant) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Betsy Wooster

Introit *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* (arr. L. Zaninelli) Kiko Weinroth, soprano
Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Peggie Jo Shinagawa

One: God is calling! Can you hear it?

All: Calling us to turn away from the mirror of self-interest

One: Calling us to turn toward the window to each other

All: Calling us to turn away from the fear of following

One: Calling us to turn toward the hope of heaven

All: God is calling! Let us listen.

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**

* **Hymn** *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* No. 611

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Peggie Jo Shinagawa

It is too easy, God, for faith to become an escape, or a path to success, or a system of control.

But the faith you offer is different, more dangerous, and compelling.

It's a faith that carries the cross and lays itself down for the sake of others.

It's a faith that can lead us to resurrection, to life renewed and overflowing.

We praise you for this faith, God, and open our hearts to receive it.

Amen.

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

* Those who are able stand

Anthem *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* (G. Handel)

Kiko Weinroth, soprano
Marcia Snively, organ

* **Doxology** No. 47

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Wooster

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer Rev. Throckmorton

* **Hymn** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* No. 612

Scripture Matthew 16:21-28 Rev. Wooster

Sermon Rev. Wooster

* **Hymn** *Here at Thy Table, Lord* No. 384

Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. Throckmorton and Rev. Wooster

Communion Music *How Great Thou Art* (arr. M. Hayes) Marcia Snively, piano

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

* **Hymn** *Take My Life* No. 609



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

* **Benediction**

Rev. Wooster

Postlude

Lift High the Cross (L. Shackley)

Marcia Snively, organ

~ ***Departing to Service*** ~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 10th, 10 AM

Rally Day!

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton preaches