

First United Methodist Church
Building A Village of Faith
Sunday, September 25, 2022, 11:00 AM



Indeed...What would Jesus do? It's not "What would Jesus think?" or "What would Jesus say?"

The trendy WWJD bracelet created in 1989 spawned countless variations on the theme, finding itself on T-shirts, license plates, bumper stickers, logos, coffee mugs, and a zillion other products.

It got us all to thinking about our faith not in terms of doctrines or beliefs but in terms of ethics: How should I *live* as a follower of Jesus? As opposed to "What should I believe?"

In worship today, we explore this using several examples from Jesus' life in the Gospels, basing our reflections on a beautiful passage in Scripture called the "kenosis" or "emptying" passage. It is so called because in it, Jesus, who being in very nature God, didn't see that as a privilege to

hang onto at all costs but as an empowering identity that allowed Him to empty Himself of it and become obedient to the will of the Father at all costs so that we might see what the love of God is all about.

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.
- Philippians 2:5-6 [NLT]

Contemporary Worship – 9:00 AM (no printed worship order)
Traditional Worship – 11:00 AM

* It is customary to stand at these times; however, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

Words of Welcome & Greeting / Introduction of Today's Theme

Buzz Schoenbeck

Music to Set the Tone for Worship

"Cathedral Fanfare"
Karen Ray, organ/piano

*** Call to Worship –**

Amy Gibbs

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

People: That we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: And we gather this morning to remind each other of this.

People: To remember that now is the right time to do these things.

Leader: With thanksgiving and joy in our hearts, then...

People: Let us worship God!

*** Hymn of Celebration**

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH #593

*** Opening Prayer – Please Pray Aloud Together:**

Amy Gibbs

Dear God, help us to understand Your word, that it might strengthen our spirits. And help us to follow Your teachings through the practice of love and humility toward all Your children. Help us to spread Your word to others in all that we do and everywhere we go. It will be You shining Your love on others through us. Let us praise You in the way You love best: By serving and caring for those around us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* Gloria Patri	"Glory Be to the Father"	UMH #70
Children's Message	Video Clip	Anna Aleksa
Choral Anthem	"In the Garden" Sanctuary Choir	arr. Larson
Scripture Reading	Phil. 2:5-11 [NRSV]	Amy Gibbs
Message	"What Would Jesus Do? WWJD"	Buzz Schoenbeck
Music for Reflection	"Rigaudon"	
Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer		Amy Gibbs
* Doxology	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #94
Living Our Faith	Prayer Concerns and Community-Building Opportunities	Jeannie Lewis
* Going Forth in Song	"Go Forth for God"	UMH #670
* Interactive Benediction		Buzz Schoenbeck
Postlude	"Yorkminster Processional"	

Organist tidbit: No one does pageantry and pomp like the English! I so much enjoyed all the recognition and ceremony of the Queen's celebration, especially the music. It was so amazing to hear the wonderful pipe organs, trumpets, boys' Choir, bagpipes, etc. during the various celebrations. The organ music today is my small effort to include a little pageantry in our Methodist service! All the organ music was written by Gordon Young, a prolific American composer. He was an accomplished organist, teacher and arranger of many Hymn tunes. He also wrote a wide variety of original music for organ, choirs and soloists. The selections today all sound like they were written 100's of years ago but are his original ideas. He lived from 1919-1998.

Altar Flower



A white rosebud is displayed on the altar today in memory of Pastor Steve and Kim's "Granny" who passed away this past Thursday, September 22nd, at age 98. Our love, prayers, and thoughts go out to them and their family.

Prayers for our People are listed on the next page

Prayers for our People & Beyond



For Pastor Steve & Kim and their family on the death of Steve's "Granny." Granny passed away this past Thursday, September 22nd, at age 98. Our love, prayers, and thoughts go out to them. Cards may be sent to them via the church at 522 White Ave., GJ 81501 or their home at 2515 Van Buren Ave., GJ 81505.

For all those affected by Hurricane Fiona, the first major hurricane of this year's Atlantic hurricane season, which caused catastrophic damage in Puerto Rico and brought torrential rains to the Dominican Republic. It has left millions without power and running water, and only continues to gain strength as it batters

Turks and Caicos and heads for Bermuda.

For Rita Van Theil who fell a couple of weeks ago and has been dealing with lots of pain (nothing broken). Cards may be sent to her at 492 ½ Chatfield Cir., GJ 81504

For Roger Foote, who is undergoing some outpatient testing. Cards may be sent to him at 2933 Sylvia Ln., GJ 81504

Great News! Mike & Kathy Day are now home. Mike will continue with his follow-up care here in GJ.

For Pastor Steve and Kim and all the people on their pilgrimage trip "In the Footsteps of Paul." We pray for thier safe travels and a deeper connection to scripture text.

For Jim Godby who is undergoing chemo treatments for cancer. Cards can be sent to him at his home: 2977 Kachina Dr., GJ 81503

To add someone to the phone prayer chain, please call Peggy Price at 970-242-4206

