

First United Methodist Church
Building A Village of Faith
October 18, 2020 – Worship, 11:00 AM

2020-10-18 Worship Theme: *Jesus' FAQ's on The Kingdom of Heaven.* We pray “Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” But do we really know what Jesus had in mind concerning the Kingdom of heaven? (Or the “Kingdom of God”, as He seemed to use interchangeably.) As Christians, that understanding should be the top priority in our commitment to discipleship, and yet, it seems that is not the case. This worship series explores eight values of the Kingdom of Heaven in the form of questions that were either asked of Jesus or that He asked in His teaching of the crowds and the disciples. Today we consider “the Discipleship Question”.

**“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously,
and he will give you everything you need.” – Jesus in Matthew 6:33 [NLT]**

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

Words of Welcome & Greeting Pastor Steve

Prelude Prelude in C Major op. 28 no. 1 **Chopin**
Max Reilly, piano/organ

*** Call to Worship** Mary Moore

Leader: Jesus said, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,”

People: And everything else of consequence would be given to us.

Leader: Jesus prayed, “Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done,

People: “On earth as it is in heaven.”

Leader: And Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.”

People: “For by this, all will know that we are His disciples.”

*** Hymn of Celebration I** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”, w. 1-2 UMH #384

*** Opening Prayer (Aloud in Unison)** Mary Moore

**God of love, Source of mercy and compassion, weave your dream for the
world into the fabric of our lives.**

**Anoint us with your spirit of love that we might bring good news to the
oppressed, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim release to the
captive.**

**Give us a new urgency and a new commitment to feed the hungry, clothe the
naked, shelter the homeless, and visit those who live in isolation.**

**Empower us to respond to the call of Jesus –
to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses, and to follow.**

Make us your disciples. In Your holy name we pray. Amen

[Adapted from Kurt Struckmeyer: <https://followingjesus.org/prayer-for-discipleship/>]

*** Hymn of Celebration II** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”, w. 3-4 UMH #384

Children’s Message Video Clip Anna Aleksa

Choral Anthem “Children of the Heavenly Father” **Nelson**
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:37-40; John 13:34-35; and Luke 14:25b-27 [NLT] Mary Moore

Message:	“Jesus FAQ’s on the Kingdom of Heaven: The Discipleship Question”	Pastor Steve
Congregational Prayer w/ The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Steve
Generosity Testimony: Follow Up on DeBeque Restaurant Gift		Ashley Goldthwaite
✦ Make-A-Change Video: Colorado Discover Ability		Kelli Collini, Exec. Director
Time for Reflection & Response	Improvisation	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Ashley Goldthwaite
Doxology		UMH #94
* Going Forth in Song	“Go Forth for God”	UMH #670
* Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	Sonata no. 17 in Bb Major, KV 579	Mozart

Prayers for Our People & Beyond

- Maurina Hickman and family on the death of husband Ray, 10/8/20
- Max Stites, in St. Mary’s Hospital recovering from surgery, 10/16/20
- Terry Blackwell – ongoing health issues
- For our country, our state, and our community in this election season

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

**Thank you for participating in our worship service today.
We hope you continue to be with us!**