



BECAUSE GOD

August 2, 2020, 11 am worship

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Centering

- Welcome!
- set out a candle, bread (or something like it), juice (or something like it)
- open your Bible to Matthew and have this Worship Guide handy
- breathe deeply for you are on holy ground!

Prelude

Come, Share the Lord

Ola Mullikin

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Opening Prayer (based on Psalm 17)

I will call upon you,

For you will answer me, O God;

Incline your ear to me,

Hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love,

O savior of those who seek refuge.

I shall behold your face in righteousness.

When I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness. Amen.

BECAUSE GOD¹ Series Introduction

Jesus performed miracle after miracle - feeding, healing, walking on water. We can get caught up in "how" they occurred. The how is simple: Because God. What if we're asking the wrong questions? Instead of asking how they happened, what if we ask how can we let them motivate us to live out our faith every day? Why did Jesus perform these miracles? What are we supposed to learn from them? Why were these stories passed down to us? The how is not really the most important part. The why is our motivation for living as people of faith.

¹ Series from UMC Discipleship Ministries (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/because-god>)

Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

Alan Olson

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

You Give Them Something

Pastor Lisa

Holy Communion (liturgy by Mary Scifres Abingdon Worship Annual 2020)

As Jesus welcomed the thousands to share in a feast created from a few loaves and some fish, Christ welcomes us now to this abundant feast of holy communion where we are fed with God's grace and love.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

As we proclaim the mystery of faith ...

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Receiving Communion

The bread of heaven and the living water given for you. **Amen.**

Offering

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Benediction

As we have received nourishment, may we go forth now to nourish others.
As we have received God's blessings, may we be a blessing to everyone we meet. **Amen.**