



BECAUSE GOD

August 30, 2020, 11 am worship

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Centering

- Welcome!
- open your Bible to Matthew and have this Worship Guide handy
- light a candle and breathe deeply for you are on holy ground!

Prelude

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Ola Mullikin

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Opening Prayer (excerpted from Mary Scifres, Abingdon Worship Annual 2020)

Holy God, we come into this sacred moment

aware that your holiness

is always around us.

Surround us with your wondrous love,

that we might be wise enough

to understand your call

and be brave enough to follow your path.

Amen.

BECAUSE GOD¹ Series Introduction

Jesus performed miracle after miracle - feeding, healing, walking on water. We can get caught up in "how" they occurred. 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

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

passed down to us? The how is simple: Because God. The why is our motivation to live as people of faith.

Scripture

Matthew 16:21-28

Matt Smith

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see **the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.**'

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

Message

Holding Fast

Pastor Lisa

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those

who suffer in body, mind, or spirit

who feel lonely or abandoned in isolation

who are physically ill

who care for them

who struggling with finances, family, or fear

who grieve

who suffer from the sin of racism and those who perpetuate it

who returned to school, may they be safe, happy, and healthy

At this time in which we must stay home and stay the course, be with us, Risen Savior, and help us know that we are not alone. **Amen.**

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.

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Benediction (excerpted from Mary Scifres, Abingdon Worship Annual 2020)

God sends us to serve.
God sends us to love.
God sends us to bless the world.
Go with God.
Amen.