



Becoming a Disciple Maker
Changing Soil: Praying Like a Disciple Maker

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS
WELCOME OF GUEST
PASSING THE PEACE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by John 15:1-8)

Liturgist: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

Congregation: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

Liturgist: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

Congregation: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

Liturgist: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

Congregation: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

Liturgist: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

Congregation: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v. 1-3)

UMH #526

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Liturgist

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Numbers 6:22-27 (NKJV)

Liturgist

²² And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: ²⁴ "The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ²⁷ "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, help us remember that we need to stay plugged into Jesus if we're going to produce the kind of fruit You expect. In Jesus' name. Amen.

⁵“I am the vine; you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so, you will be My disciples. ⁹“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. ¹²This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. ¹⁴You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷These things I command you, that you love one another.

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PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Sweet Hour of Prayer (v. 1-3)

UMH #496

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kerry Foote

SERMON

Title: Changing Soil: Praying Like a Disciple Maker

Theme: Becoming a Disciple Maker

Main Idea: The first habit of a disciple maker is a vibrant prayer life.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy. Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Take My Life and Let It Be (v. 1-3)

UMH #399

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

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May the Lord bless you and keep you, May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the broad expanse of God's love and the abundance of His riches in glory, shape your perspective on your own life and needs, including those things which disappoint you.

May the eyes of your heart be open to all the blessings which surround you; may this awareness produce a harvest of generosity in your spirit.

May thankfulness rise up within you, not just during this short season, but day after day, from the early morning watch until you retire for the night.

May your prayers reflect gratitude, while also acknowledging the needs of others whose situations are so drastically different.

May thoughts of Jesus fill your mind, and hunger for God drive your soul, and love for Lord guide your speech and your actions.

*And finally, may the grace, peace, and love of the triune God, protect, defend, and empower you to run with perseverance the race marked out for you...and all of children said...**Amen.***

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Love and Fellowship

See screens.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*