

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES:** the marks of  
**DISCIPLESHIP**

**AUGUST 27**

**SACRIFICE**



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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 27, 2023

PRELUDE

*Here I Am Lord*

Zach Unke

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ urged his disciples to raise their visions higher, to strive not for human things, but divine things--

**God calls the faithful to sacred work.**

Beckoning us to turn aside, urging us to seek the good, inviting all to stand on holy ground—

**God welcomes the faithful into sacred space.**

Come, God is calling us to rise up and follow.

**Let all who are faithful worship the Lord!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

### \*OPENING HYMN 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in unison)*

**Christ our Lord, you call your disciples to follow you,  
but we have wandered from the paths of righteousness.**

**You urge us to be still, and to trust that you are God, but our faith is weak and we are slow to trust. We live as if we are still slaves to sin. We are shackled by our own self-interest. We are bound by prejudice and held captive by fear.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Give us courage to follow. Speak to us again, and write your Word upon our hearts, so that we might live in your Spirit and be your true disciples...**

*(time for silent prayer)*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Hymn 581*

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,  
amen.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Christ the Good Shepherd, as we prepare to open, read, and proclaim your Word, help us to hear your voice and answer your call. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-2 NT, p.161-162

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM *And Can It Be?* Craig Courtney  
Roseanne Ackerley, soloist

*And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?*

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.*

*And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.*

*Amazing love, how can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-28 NT, p. 18

SERMON "Sacrifice" Rev. Bynum

\*HYMN 718 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and power and glory forever. Amen.**

THE GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

***Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!***

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

*Bourbon*

Robert Lind

\*DOXOLOGY

*Hymn 607*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Crucifer*

Robert Lind

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,  
but there is no expectation that you remain seated at this time.*

*\*please stand if you are able*

## MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **THIS WEEK AT LAC**

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)  
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley/Russell Hall)

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)  
7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley Room)  
7:00 pm Summer Women's Choir (Russell Hall)

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)



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# 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord

*G* *Leader or All* *Am* *D* *G* *C* *G* *D*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

*G* *Em* *C* *Am7* *D* *G*

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

*Am* *D* *G* *C* *G* *D*

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

*G* *Em* *C* *Am7* *C/G* *D* *D7*

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain* *All* *G* *C* *G* *D* *G* *C* *G* *D* *G*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

*Am7* *G* *Am7* *D* *G* *C* *G* *C*

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

*G* *C* *G* *D* *G* *Am7* *D7* *G* *Am7* *G*

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

## Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

*to Refrain*

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.