

# Fall Series: Take Up Your Cross

October 13, 2024

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**PRELUDE** Melody Raef

**WELCOME** Ed Batkins

**INTROIT** Seek Ye First

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Psalm 90*

Leader: We ask the Lord to teach us to count our days and turn to ask:

**People: O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

Leader: We ask God to satisfy us in the morning with God's steadfast love.

**People: May we rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

**People: May God prosper the work of our hands!**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** #324 Open My Eyes That I May See

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *based on Amos 5*

Lord of Hosts, your word tells us to seek you and we will. Yet, we are people who turn away from justice and abhor the ones who speak truth. We trample upon the poor and take from them what we believe is ours. But you, O God, know how many are our wrongdoings and how great are our sins, yet you call us righteous and made new in Christ. Help us to be prudent, to not keep silent in such a time as this. May we seek good and not evil, that you may live in us so the world may know that your light shines even in the darkness. May we be a people that hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the world. In the name who was, is, and always will be. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 Gloria Patri

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

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**LESSON** Mark 10:17-31; Pew Bible p. 822-823

**ANTHEM** Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

**SERMON** "Pick It Up" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** *from Glory to God Hymnal lyrics on insert*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

#592 Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING**

#438 Blest Be the Tie the Binds

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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