

## Live out loud

“It takes all sorts to make a world, or a church. This may be even truer of a church. If grace perfects nature it must expand all our natures into the full richness of the diversity which God intended when He made them ...”

~ C. S. Lewis

We are in the midst of a time of change with God’s grace nudging us forward even on a backward feeling sort of day. Most of us are launched into change, even change we didn’t anticipate. Our church family is welcoming our long-awaited senior pastor, Bill, as well as wife Sherry — and with them new ways of doing things. Change happens if life is happening.

Today’s scripture speaks of people who stand out, who take a mighty risk or in my mind’s eye, “live out loud.” Jesus lived out loud like this. The conscientious code of honor Jesus possessed clings quite presently to what does not go out of style and is always life-giving. Anywhere we meet Jesus; we intersect with an intimate out loud compassion sounding into the souls of men and women. Common people began to define and extract how to become more of their truer selves. That is really living out loud! Jesus whose bend is just, tends to those who are oppressed, mistreated and heavy laden. In spiritual text, these relentless story tellers shape a part of how we learn about God’s continuous

pursuit for us. What stories live out loud outside the Bible’s unending margins and how do these stories speak to you outside of these holy pages?

Complimentary to the Sacred and biblical heroes, who pointed you toward your own wholeness loud enough that it still tugs at you now? These rare kinds of folks we could never forget. We might name them life’s place-keepers who remain intact in our fiber. These are wise ones who saw what was rooted below and brought it to our mind’s eye. Imagine them as dear ones who usher life into our living.

Richard Johnson of South Carolina reminisces about a woman who lived out loud to him even though he’s decades from his sligher, 4- year-old frame. Richard recalls, “I was inspired and mentored by an amazing eighty-something year old African-American lady who looked after me. She inspired me with her positive outlook on life, slightly waving to everyone who passed her as she made the short walk each day to our house. I would

notice and comment on how people often did not wave back to her, worried that it was hurting her feelings. But Mrs. Gertrude reassured me that those were the people who needed someone to be nice to them the most, even if it was just to recognize their presence; and that they were that way because of some life experience. All I knew was that they needed what I got daily; which was just a few precious moments with Mrs. Gertrude.”

Richard had a soul speaker — so did the daughters of Zalophehad, Mary, the man who shared a cross, Philip, the Ethiopian eunuch, Mother Teresa, Dr. Seuss and Aristotle. You and I who have a chance to bring back to mind, with hushed gratitude, that one who cannot be muted who lived out loud for us.

Lastly, we are summoned to do some living out loud like Mrs. Gertrude and like the soul speakers you imagine important in your history. Yet, ultimately we embark to become more akin to Jesus and his graceful life-giving ways. Amen. — J.Jacot

**Prayer at WBLUMC:** One of the ways our church helps to nourish and support the hungers of life is through prayer. If you have a special need or celebration that could use extra care, we invite you to partake in one of these prayer avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join in one of the teams.

**The Prayer Team:** If you would like to request a prayer of this team, please write it on a prayer request card, or contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728, ljacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts email requests via a call or email to a pastor or the email prayer chain lead, Ronda Nelson, at rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. Call Eva Shipley if you would like to request a prayer at 651-429-3570.

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10am Worship Sunday, July 30, 2017

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced.” ~ Malala Yousafzai

PRELUDE

“There Will Be A Day”

Jeremy Camp

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Change My Heart, O God”

Eddie Espinoza

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

Among the poor, among the proud,  
**Among the persecuted, among the privileged,  
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

In the private house, in the public place,  
**In the wedding feast, in the judgment hall,  
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

With a gentle touch, with an angry word,  
**With a clear conscience, with burning love,  
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

+OPENING HYMN

“All Are Welcome”

Marty Haugen

Lyrics on screen

UNISON PRAYER

**God of yesterday, God of today, God of tomorrow,  
Bring new life into our lives where we are worn or tired. Bring new love into our lives  
where we have turned hard-hearted. Bring forgiveness into our lives where we feel hurt or wounded. Open us to change and difference, push us to be daring and bold, nurture us  
in our exploration of faith. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the message, children and youth through 8th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.*

MORNING PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Turn, Turn, Turn”

The Byrds

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 27:1-11

Reader: Karen Flynn

Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hephher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph, a member of the Manassite clans. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and they said, “Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father’s brothers.” Moses brought their case before the Lord.

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father’s brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. You shall also say to the Israelites, “If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter. If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father’s brothers. And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. It shall be for the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the Lord commanded Moses.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Leader:* For the word of God in Scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Everybody Has a Story: The Daughters of Zelophehad  
Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner

+HYMN

“A Place at the Table”

Lori True

CONNECTION CARDS

*Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, place them in the offering plates.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

“A Change Is Gonna Come”

Sam Cook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN

“Canticle Of the Turning”  
(My Soul Cries Out)

Rory Cooney

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

MUSICIANS

Vocalist: **Matt Goinz**  
Keyboards: **John Koziol**  
Sound technician: **Eric Bakke**  
PowerPoint presenter: **Rick Flynn**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in anticipation of the 48th wedding anniversary of Dave and Shirley Hegdahl coming up on August 9.