

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service

15th Sunday After Pentecost



Sermon Series Week 4
“Courage”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
September 1, 2024

Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

***Indicates an invitation to stand -in body, or in spirit**

Prelude: “Lord, I Would Follow Thee” *Words by Susan Evans McCloud. Music by K. Newell Dayley*

Minister’s Welcome

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Opening Hymn: VU 508 “Just As I Am”** *Words by Charlotte Elliott, Music by William Batchelder Bradbury*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Song of Personal Prayer: “Penitence” *by Stewart Landon*
(Elaine Weimer)

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: “He Lives” *By Alfred H. Ackley*

First Scripture: Psalm 45:1-6 (Marilyn Coombs)

Second Scripture: James 1:17-27

Song of Reflection: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
By Anna Laura Page, (Elaine Weimer)

Third Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28

Reflection: Week 4 - Sermon Series: “Courage”

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Hymn: MV 191 “What Can I Do?”** *By Paul Rumbolt, Arr by Alan C. Whitmore*

***Offering Prayer**

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 481 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** *Words by Omer Westendorf, Music Welsh folk tune*

***Commissioning**

***Benediction**

***Sung Blessing: VU 420 (vs. 2) “Go to the World”** *Words by Sylvia Dunstan, Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Postlude: “He Touched Me” *By William J. Gaither, Arr by Steven K. Tedesco*

Today is week 4 of Sermon Series – “Courage”
5 week series titles:
Patience, Joy, Compassion, Courage and Calm

**Don't think, feel; ain't no big deal.
Just make it real and don't think, feel.
It don't take plans to clap your hands,
When it feels nice just don't think twice.**

Words and Music by Neil Diamond

We acknowledge that our sacred space is found on the indigenous territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron -Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis. With gratitude and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live into right relations with all."

Red Cup Challenge

Please return your cups by September 8

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