

# Becoming

# Great

## A Time of Welcome

Ms. Kate Pearson

## Hymn 392

*Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father*

MADILL

## Morning Prayer

Rev. Susie Reeder

## Hymn Reading 402

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

Rev. Richard Suggs

## Offertory Hymn 495

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

LEE

## Prayer of Commitment

Mr. Bob Ervin

## Offertory Feature

*Ain't Got Time to Die*

Sanctuary Choir  
Johnson

Soloist, Andrew Guthrie

## Message

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Pastor Blake Bengé

## A Time of Communion

*The Lord's Supper*

*How Beautiful  
Make Me a Servant*

*Paris/Hayes  
Willard/Hayes*

Text for Meditation:

*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread  
and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads  
and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.  
And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice -  
that we will live just as He died: Willing to pay the price.  
How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom  
with His light in her eyes.  
How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives  
so that others may live.  
How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news  
and the love of the King.  
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread  
and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ  
Make me a servant, humble and meek;  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant.  
Make me a servant today.*

## Invitation

Pastor Bengé

## Response Hymn

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM LORD

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?*

**Chorus:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?*

**[chorus]**

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?*

**[chorus]**

**Next Steps**

Rev. Suggs

**Recognition of Decisions**

Pastor Bengé

**Spoken Benediction**

Pastor Bengé

**Postlude**

Mrs. Donna Davenport

*You Servants of God*

Lyons/Harmon

# Becoming | Great

Matthew 20:20-28

We conclude a series of messages today called Becoming. In this series, we have been considering those intentional things we can do to become more aware of God and more like Jesus. These things are called Spiritual Disciplines, and for centuries, followers of Jesus have practiced such disciplines as Bible Intake, Prayer, Worship, and Generosity. Today, we discover the spiritual discipline that leads to greatness.

**Greatness = \_\_\_\_\_**

Matthew 20:26b-27

True greatness is often missed due to the tendency to confuse "being great \_\_\_\_\_ something" with simply "being great."

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The request that prompted Jesus' perspective on greatness. (Matthew 20:20-21)

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The result of this request? (Matthew 20:24, James 3:16)

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## Two Ways Diverge

Matthew 20:25-27

The way of the world (Matthew 20:25)

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The way of Jesus (Matthew 20:26-27)

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# Beginning the Spiritual Discipline of Service

Following the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (Matthew 20:28)

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## Consideration #1

The discipline of service is a frontal attack on two of human nature's most fatal flaws: \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

These flaws will push back with statements like the following:

"I do not have enough \_\_\_\_\_ to serve."

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"I am not \_\_\_\_\_ to serve in that way."

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"This is not what I had in \_\_\_\_\_ when I began to serve."

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## Consideration #2

The spiritual discipline of service will result in an \_\_\_\_\_ heart.  
(Luke 19:41)

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## Practical Starting Points

1. Where you are \_\_\_\_\_.  

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2. Where you are \_\_\_\_\_ weekly.
  1. On Campus:
    - ✓ Children's Ministry
    - ✓ Welcome Team
    - ✓ Technology Team
  2. In the Community: March 21, 2026, Blitz Day.
  3. Around the World: Kenya Trip Summer 2026

## Series Conclusion

Spiritual disciplines such as the ones we have covered in this series (Bible Intake, Daily Prayer, Weekly Worship, Generosity, and Service) will become anti-spiritual disciplines when the intention of them is forgotten; to become more aware of God and more like Jesus. Should any of these disciplines become a point of pride, ritual has been substituted for relationship, and we need to check ourselves lest we grieve the Spirit of God, actually making us less aware of Him and quite unlike Jesus. Our becoming more aware of God and more like Jesus is empowered by spiritual disciplines; without them, our spiritual growth will be stunted; with them, we grow more and more into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29).

**For more inspiration and information on the spiritual discipline of service**

John 13:1-20

Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*, (Harper & Row, 1988) 126-140

Donald S. Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* (Navpress, 2014) 141-158

R. Kent Hughes, *Disciplines of a Godly Man* (Crossway, 2019) 263-273

**The Spiritual Disciplines will return in the series  
"Becoming Second Edition"**

# NEXT STEPS

## COMMUNITY

**Sundays 9:45am:** Find a Sunday School Group that's right for you! Everyone is invited, and no sign-up is required. For a list of Sunday School groups, visit the Welcome Desk or go to [snydermbc.com/sundayschool](http://snydermbc.com/sundayschool).

## DISCOVERY CLASS

**March 15, 10am, Small Dining Room:** Whether this is your first time or you've been coming for a while, we'd love to tell you more about Snyder and how you can get involved! Discovery class is an opportunity to hear about Snyder's mission, history, and values in an informational and interactive setting.

## EVENTS

**2026 International Mission Trip:** Nairobi, Kenya - July 9-21. If you are interested in going on this trip, please email Susie at [susier@snydermbc.com](mailto:susier@snydermbc.com) today. Applications are available in the Church Office or online at [snydermbc.com/missions](http://snydermbc.com/missions). (Deadline for application and deposit is today.)

**Ash Wednesday Service:** February 18, 12-12:45pm in the Chapel. Join us as we begin the season of Lent with a short, intimate service that invites us to pause, reflect, and turn our hearts toward God as we remember our need for His grace.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Online

Visit [snydermbc.com/giving](http://snydermbc.com/giving) or scan the QR Code.



### Cash or Check

1. Place cash or check in the offering plate as it passes.
2. Mail a check or drop it off at the Church Office.
3. Set up an automated Bank Draft.  
Visit [snydermbc.com/give](http://snydermbc.com/give) to learn more.

8:40am, Modern Service, Fellowship Hall

9:45am, Sunday School for all ages

11am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

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