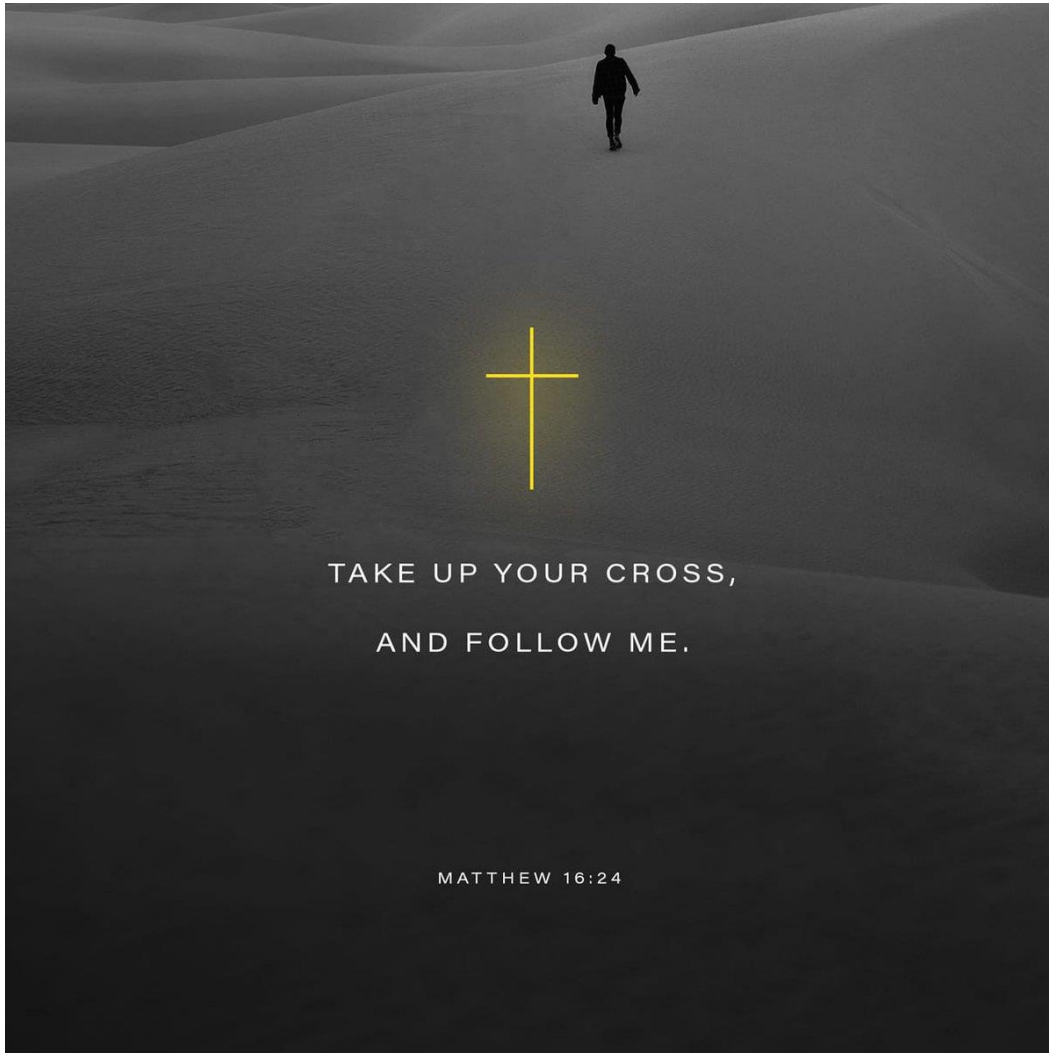




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From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord!

Matthew 16:21-22a (NRSVUE)

Sunday, May 10, 2026

*Please be seated, silence all devices, and prepare yourself for worship.
All are welcome in this sacred space, including the wiggles and giggles!*

◆ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

PRELUDE

PRELUDE HYMN 399 (2x)

God Welcomes All

Mary Dailey
Congregation

◆ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

~~~ GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ~~~

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Teagan W

*God calls us into new life —*  
**not a life of ease, but a life of courage.**  
*When the path is uncertain,*  
**God says: Be strong and courageous.**  
When the cost feels too high,  
**Christ says: Follow me.**  
*We do not gather because we are fearless,*  
**but because God meets us in our fear.**  
*Come – let us worship the One*  
**who gives us courage for the journey.**

◆ HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

Congregation

Children are invited forward during the last verse

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Winslow

~~~ LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD ~~~

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Thy Word

Men's Ensemble

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Teagan W

SCRIPTURE Joshua 1:6-9 (NRSVUE)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Empowering God, you call us to follow Christ, but we hesitate. We prefer safety over sacrifice, comfort over commitment, silence over speaking truth. We turn away when the road becomes difficult, and we cling to what feels secure.

Forgive us. Give us courage to let go of what we cannot keep, to trust what we cannot yet see, and to follow where Christ leads. Renew our lives so that we may live boldly as your people. Amen.

HYMN 575

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US

Congregation

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Teagan W

...Believe the Good News: By grace, we are forgiven. In love, we are restored. In Christ, we are made new. Do not be afraid. You are forgiven, and you are free to live with courage.

Thanks be to God.

◆ HYMN 582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

Congregation

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

◆ GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSVUE)

Pastor Murray

*This is the Word of the Lord. **God is still speaking.***

~~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~~

MESSAGE

*New Courage*

*Sermon Series: New Life*

HYMN 718

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Congregation

~~~ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD ~~~

OFFERING

Pastor Murray

OFFERTORY

I've Got Peace Like a River

Men's Ensemble

◆ HYMN 606

Doxology

Congregation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Murray

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

Congregation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life ever-lasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

◆ HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

Congregation

~~~ CARRYING GOD'S GOOD NEWS INTO GOD'S WORLD ~~~

◆ BENEDICTION

Pastor Murray

POSTLUDE

Mary Dailey

Where in your life will you choose to express courage in this next week as you follow God's leading?

*Ellis Family Services has gifted the flowers today for all the women!*

### Today's Service

Music

Mary Dailey and The Men's Ensemble

Liturgist

Teagan W

Trustee

Rick W

Ushers

Diane C, Mary D, Den & Sheri W

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