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THE DIFFICULT WORDS OF
JESUS

The Difficult Words of Jesus
Sell What You Own

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Baptism of the Lord
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

Indian Folk Melody, arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Sharon Cropsey

Leader: God of all hope...

we stand before you now,
basking in your loving gaze,
and lifting our hearts in worship and praise.

People: You are our unfailing treasure.

Let us worship and praise our God.

Amen.

methodistic.org (adapt)

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH 399 (ORGAN)

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

SCRIPTURE

Sharon Cropsey

Mark 10:17-21 (NIV)

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him.

"Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Ephesians 4:11-13 (CEB)

He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults – to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ.

RESPONSE

CRY OF MY HEART TFWS 2165

It is the cry of my heart

To follow you

It is the cry of my heart

To be close to you

It is the cry of my heart

To follow

All of the days of my life

1. Teach me Your holy ways O Lord

So I can walk in your truth

Teach me your holy ways O Lord

And make me wholly devoted to you

It is the cry of my heart

To follow you

It is the cry of my heart

To be close to you

It is the cry of my heart

To follow

All of the days of my life

2. Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You

It is the cry of my heart
To follow you
It is the cry of my heart
To be close to you
It is the cry of my heart
To follow
All of the days of my life

SERMON "The Difficult Words of Jesus, Sell What You Own"

Rev. Sunae Cho, Pastor

RESPONSE

ALL GOOD GIFTS

Natalie Sleeth
LMUMC Choir

PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

*Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

OFFERING & THANKSGIVING SONG

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME TFWS 2153

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna give so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna give so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

CLOSING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH 64, verses 1, 2, 4, (ORGAN)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

CLOSING PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Sharon Cropsey

All: Go now and invest your lives in the works of faith.

Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion.

Fulfill God's holy law by putting love into action

as eagerly for others as you would for yourselves.

And may God be your defender and provider;

May Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or immobilizes you;

**and may the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith and loving and merciful
in action.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Nathan Nettleton

POSTLUDE

Since I Have Been Redeemed

Edwin Excell

arr. Mark Hayes