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Holy Disruptors – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray that it will be a time of connection with God and with others, so that we can leave this service ready to love and serve our neighbors.

Bold type indicates everyone's response.

Welcome to the fifth Sunday of our 8 week series on Holy Disruptors.

Today we focus on a pastor and theologian who reminds us of the importance of following Christ's call to side with the hurting and oppressed.

Dietrich started an underground seminary, wrote prolifically, and faced assassination for standing up to Hitler.

He tried to disrupt the corruption of his country and did so at great personal cost. "The Cost of Discipleship" is a great book to read if you want to get a glimpse of his heart and be inspired by his courage.

Gathering

Prelude *Adagio*

Alan Gray (1855-1935)

Welcome

*Opening Litany

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the One who creates, The One who liberates, and the One who inspires us to be who we were made to be.

C: Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.

P: In every generation around the world, there arises powers that seek to destroy, to dominate and oppress for their own gain. In every generation the faithful are called to rise up and name this oppression.

C: Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.

P: To be a Holy Disruptor is to take up your cross and follow Jesus. Faithfully, we divest our hearts, minds, and actions from the way that harm... and invest our hearts, minds, and actions in the Way that brings life, healing, and wholeness.

C: Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble, to make this world a better place.

P: Today we walk alongside Dietrich Bonhoeffer who risked his life to teach, preach, and care for the people of Germany who were under the brutal rule of a fascist dictator. We honor his tireless love and beautiful heart.

C: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!

* Gathering Hymn O God, Why Are You Silent



1 O God, why are you si - lent? I can - not hear your voice;
2 My hope lies bruised and bat - tered, my wound - ed heart is torn;
3 Through end - less nights of weep - ing, through wea - ry days of grief,
4 May pain draw forth com - pas - sion, let wis - dom rise from loss;



the proud and strong and vio - lent all claim you and re - jice;
my spir - it spent and shat - tered by life's re - lent - less storm;
my heart is in your keep - ing, my com - fort, my re - lief.
oh, take my heart and fash - ion the im - age of your cross;



you prom - ised you would hold me with ten - der - ness and care.
will you not bend to hear me, my cries from deep with - in?
Come, share my tears and sad - ness, come, suf - fer in my pain,
then may I know your heal - ing through heal - ing that I share,



Draw near, O Love, en - fold me, and ease the pain I bear.
Have you no word to cheer me when night is clos - ing in?
oh, bring me home to glad - ness, re - store my hope a - gain.
your grace and love re - veal - ing, your ten - der - ness and care.

*Prayer of the Day

○ God, early in the morning I cry to you.

Help me to pray and gather my thoughts to you, I cannot do it alone.

In me it is dark, but with you there is light;

I am lonely, but you do not desert me;

My courage fails me, but with you there is help;

I am restless, but with you there is peace;

in me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;

I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me.

Father in Heaven praise and thanks be to you for the night

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Word

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-36

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** Thank be to God.

Today's gospel reading follows on the heals of Peter declaring that Jesus is the Lord. And soon after, Jesus rebukes Peter for trying to control what comes next.

As you read verses 34-35, what do you think God means for your life with regards to taking up your cross?

Children's Message

Drew Ajer

Sermon

Pr. Sara

*Song of the Day *Take Up Your Cross*

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Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
for you the Lord en - dured the cross
for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
to save your soul from death and hell.
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Prayers of the People

We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.

L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

Passing of the Peace

We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. Take your time, cherishing the people here in our midst.

Offering

Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...



The Meal

****Please stand as you are able****

***Words of the Institution**

***Invitation to Receive Communion**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith.

***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 tresspasses,
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 and ever. Amen**

Communion Music *Allegretto*, from *Sonata I in G Major*

Elisabetta di Gambarini (1730-1765), rest. P. Gouin

Anthem

Summer Choir

To all guests and visitor, to all who have been excluded...

Please know that you are welcome at this table!

The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white.

If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion.

The Sending

Announcements

*Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

*Sending Song *God's Work, Our Hands*

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*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary, op. 6 no. 5* John Stanley (1712-1786),
transcribed/arranged by Henry Coleman

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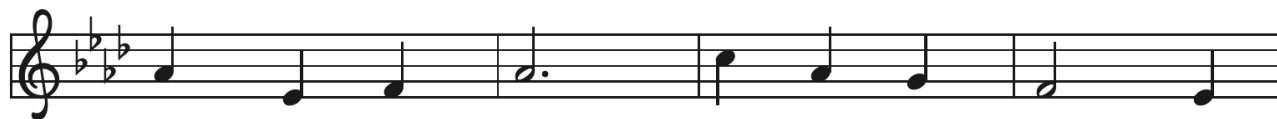
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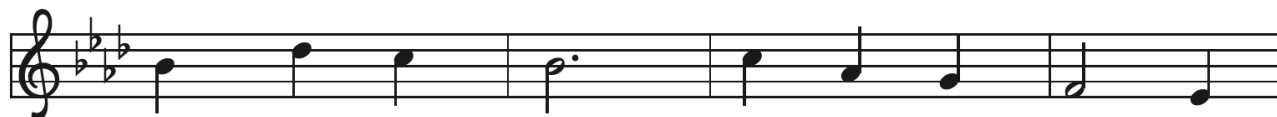
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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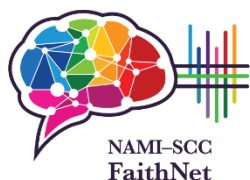
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Our theme for 2025:

Rooted in the love of Christ, we will grow and cultivate a thriving mycorrhizal network, characterized by faithful awareness, bold hope, and empathetic action.