



**Reaching Up, Reaching Out
Welcoming Everyone,
Serving in God's Love**

January 22, 2023
9:30 AM

Order of Worship

January 22nd, 2023

Dear God, bless us to grow in faith and love as we worship you as one family. Amen.

Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison

WELCOME

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour
David Atkins, Pianist

(Labenske)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls, "Follow Me!"

We will follow Jesus.

Jesus calls, "Follow Me!"

We will leave the past to follow Jesus.

Jesus calls, "Follow Me!"

We will walk in the present to follow Jesus.

Jesus calls, "Follow Me!"

We will follow Jesus.

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

#545 vs.1,3-5

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of Weeping shall be the morn of song.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet Communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Gracious God, we are awed that you should call us, ordinary people, to share in your healing and redemptive mission in the world. As we worship this day, help us to be sensitive and attentive to your presence in our midst. Speak to each one of us such that we may hear your particular call, and make a particular response of commitment to follow where you lead. And as we begin anew to go fishing with you, may we be equipped with Spirit power to minister faithfully in the world. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Allegra
Glory Bells

(J. S. Bach)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

Don Forden

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time, he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time, he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them, light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

HYMN*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

#206 vs.1-3

1. I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus.

Refrain: In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I
want to be with Jesus. When we have run
with patience the race, we shall know the
joy of Jesus.

Refrain: In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

2. I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of
righteousness, shine on my path and show
me the way to the Father.

Refrain: In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

FOLLOW ME...

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, from the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Doug Williams

RESPONSE**Sweet Hour of Prayer**

#496 vs.1

PASTORAL PRAYER

FOLLOW ME...

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

In light of your never-ending love, O God, our gifts seem so small. Thank you for honoring our gifts by accepting them and blessing them. Thank you for lifting us out of our self-concern and placing before us the needs of others. Amen.

HYMN **Precious Lord Take My Hand** #474 vs.1-3

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| <p>1. Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone Through the storm, through the night Lead me on to the light Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home</p> | <p>2. When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near When my light is almost gone Hear my cry, hear my call Hold my hand lest I fall Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home</p> |
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| <p>Refrain: Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home</p> | <p>Refrain: Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home</p> |
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3. When the darkness appears and the
night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord,
lead me home

Refrain: Take my hand precious Lord,
lead me home

BLESSING

PEOPLES RESPONSE **Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place** #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace, I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face, Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

POSTLUDE

Toccata
Richard Warne, Organist

(Young)

FOLLOW ME...

Prayer Request

... from Thelma Bristol, prayers for my cousin Julie Bacani who passed away recently due to complications of diabetes in the Philippines.

... from Ashleigh Kelly, prayers for my grandfather who has Alzheimer's and Dementia. His health has drastically declined in the last two weeks. Prayers for our family as we make hard decisions.

FOLLOW ME...

Worship Leaders for Today

Worship Leader/Liturgist-

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