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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP †
Celebration of Faith



January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bist du bei mir
(Be Thou With Me)

Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "*Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!*"

People: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ. In the name of Christ, we accept the invitation to discipleship. In the name of Christ, as his disciples, we worship and praise God. In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds, we proclaim the God of Compassion. In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples, we proclaim the God of Hope. In the midst of indifference and apathy, we proclaim the God of Love.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

1. The voice of God is calling
its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion,
and we now hear God say:

"Whom shall I send to succor
my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen
the bonds of shame and greed?"

2. "I hear my people crying
in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent,
no city street is still.

I see my people falling
in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter
the fetters which they bear?"

3. We heed, O Lord, your summons,
and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand,
let us your servants be.

Our strength is dust and ashes,
our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness
to magnify your power.

4. From ease and plenty save us;
from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire;
lift us to high resolve;

take us, and make us holy;
teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer;
command, and we obey!

OPENING PRAYER

Inviting God, although we may consider ourselves normal, above average people, you are still calling us to open our eyes both to beauty and to suffering. Open our ears to the everyday chatter and to the constant questioning; open our hands to those close to us and to all whom you draw near; open our mouths to simple words and to your truths. You invite us to come, and we answer "here am I." Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Gospel: *John 1: 35-50*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

Holy, Holy, Holy (Vs. 4)

No. 64

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

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

We believe in God, our creator who has given each of us unique qualities.
We believe in Jesus Christ His son, who call us to "come and see;" to be His disciples
We believe in the Holy Spirit who guides us and supports us.
We believe in the Church where we serve and are served.
And, we believe in life eternal where we will celebrate with disciples from and of every age.
Amen.

MESSAGE

Come.... Go!

Pastor Alan Smith

HYMN*Lord, Speak to Me*

No. 463

1. Lord, speak to me,
that I may speak
in living echoes
of thy tone;

as thou has sought,
so let me seek
thine erring children
lost and lone.

2. O strengthen me,
that while I stand
firm on the rock,
and strong in thee,

I may stretch out
a loving hand
to wrestlers with
the troubled sea.

3. O teach me, Lord,
that I may teach
the precious things
thou dost impart;

and wing my words,
that they may reach
the hidden depths
of many a heart.

4. O fill me with
thy fullness, Lord,
until my very
heart o'erflow

in kindling thought
and glowing word,
thy love to tell,
thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord,
use even me,
just as thou wilt,
and when, and where,

until thy blessed
face I see,
thy rest, thy joy,
thy glory share.

PRAYER

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

People: Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.

Liturgist: Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

People: Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.

Liturgist: Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling.

Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

People: Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.**All: Amen**Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer**HYMN***Go, Make of All Disciples*

No. 571

1. "Go, make of all disciples."
We hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal
Word.

Inspire our ways of learning through earnest,
fervent prayer,
and let our daily living
reveal thee everywhere.

2. "Go, make of all disciples," baptizing in the name of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same.

We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord, redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

3. "Go, make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay until each life's vocation accents thy holy way.

We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart, revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.

4. "Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command. "Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.

The task looms large before us; we follow without fear; in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.

BENEDICTION

Liturgist: Jesus stands and asks: "Who do you say I am?"

People: We join millions who have gone before and say: "the Messiah"

Liturgist: Jesus stands in front of us and tells us the realities of discipleship.

People: We join millions who have gone before in the challenges of living as disciples.

Liturgist: Jesus stands before us and offers food and drink for the journey.

People: Fed and nourished, we go out into the world to live and serve.

Liturgist: Jesus stands before us, shining in glory, and will be with us to the end of the age.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord (1st verse)

No. 438

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

2021 Mission Support

International

Congo Partners in Mission, Heifer Int., UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief),
Africa University

Lebanon County

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COME...SEE...GO!

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John 1: 35-50

Jesus' "team" was varied in background, occupation, personality, popularity, and engagement.

Jesus' team: discover the disciples as the seeds of development rather than a crop of refined specimens.

As followers of Jesus, we are invited to be on mission with Jesus

...Come and see is an invitation not to a visit, but to a journey, to a new life.

The journey of discipleship begins with the invitation to come to and with Jesus.

Come... See... Follow... learn...

To be a part of what Jesus is up to – personally and with the Church of the Good Shepherd, we are/will be committed to:

- Connecting persons to Jesus Christ;
- [to] Connecting with Broken and Hurting People in love and mission;
- [to] be challenged and also to Challenging others to grow and celebrate the dynamic relationship of faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ;
- [and to] Equipping and being equipped by the Spirit of God and partner with Jesus and His disciples to serve in God-powered ministry.

Come and See

Come and Follow

Come and grow, transformed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Go

Go and make disciples

Go empowered to heal, deliver, offer hope, bring peace, offer reconciliation...

Come... and Go...

Calendar for Week of 1/17/21

SUNDAY

8:30 - Drive In Worship [Parking Lot]

9:45 - Contemporary [live stream / web]

9:45 - Sunday School [zoom]

11:00 - Traditional [web]

6-8 - Youth Night [zoom]

MONDAY

7:00—UMW MLK Meeting [zoom]

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 am - Prayer & Sacrament

7:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

12:30—Prayer Ministry

5:00—Contemporary Design

5:30—Traditional Design

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

7:00—Men's sm grp

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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LITURGY CREDITS

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- Prayer of Confession from Prayers and Readings for Worship, Vol. 2, Peter Judd, ed. (© 1996, Herald Publishing House) Posted on the Community of Christ website: <http://www.cofchrist.org/worship12-13/13-05-12.asp>.
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MUSIC CREDITS

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- *Lord, Speak to Me*; Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1872; Music: Adapted from Robert Schumann, 1839.
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- *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*; Words: Charles Wesley 1749; Music John Hatton, 1793.

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