

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 24th, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Holy Manna

John S. Dixon

CHORAL INTROIT I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Anonymous

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

For God alone our souls wait in silence.

Our hope is from God, our fortress.

God is our rock and our salvation.

God is our refuge and our deliverance.

Trust in God at all times, in all places.

Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

All people are valuable in God's sight.

No one is more important than another.

Worship God, who is ready to speak to us.

Open your lives to God's steadfast love.

All power in the universe belongs to God.

Yet God depends on our faithful service.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

We await your message, God, of all places and times. Sometimes we do not like what we hear, but we know we need to listen. Your message is inclusive and fair, while we like to make distinctions that favor us and our friends. You call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try better ways. You direct us to reach out to people with whom we seem to have little in common. Speak your truth to us in this service so we can carry it to the places where you want us to go, to the people you are eager to reach. Amen.

*HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory

#669

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and

devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgement. O God, we want to return to you before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you. Hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The people of wicked Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on the garments of repentance. They begged God to turn around what seemed so inevitable - their own destruction. God listened, and they were saved. The present form of our world is passing away. God has better things in store for us than we have yet known. Our lives, enlisted in God's realm, can account for something good. Forgiven and forgiving people make a difference.

*GLORIA PATRI

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Lee Dengler

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Jim

*HYMN Be Thou My Vision

#532

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:1-5 (p.845); 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (p.1042) & Mark 1:14-20 (p.910)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *On insert*

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Tallis' Canon

Paul Manz

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the monies we dedicate today. We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people - for their sakes, not our own. Amen.

*HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me

Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God sends us out into the world with good news.

God directs us to warn and to give assurance.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ.

We have been commissioned and blessed.

We go out as people who know our own weakness.

We rise above our shortcoming in the strength Christ gives.

We will trust in God at all times.

We will speak God's truth in love.

The reign of God is drawing near to us.

It can be realized in our lives here and now.

We accept God's rule among us.

We are citizens of God's realm. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Blest Be the Tie Verse 1

POSTLUDE Allegretto

#708

Arr. Rob Roy Peery

*All those who are able, please stand.

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PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

Illustration by Ben Cogger

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Jonah 3:1-5**p.845**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31**p.1042**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20**p.910**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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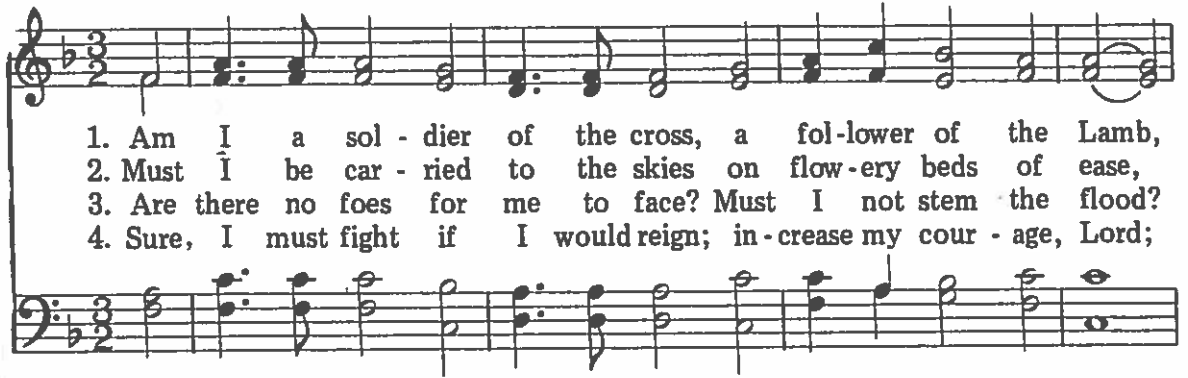
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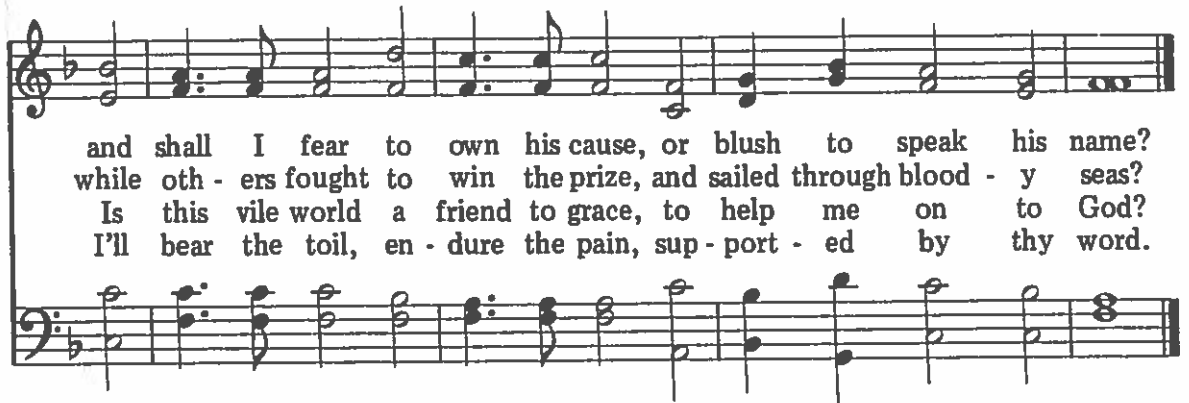
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Am I a Soldier of the Cross? 668

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:3



1. Am I a sol - dier of the cross, a fol - lower of the Lamb,
2. Must I be car - ried to the skies on flow - ery beds of ease,
3. Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood?
4. Sure, I must fight if I would reign; in - crease my cour - age, Lord;



and shall I fear to own his cause, or blush to speak his name?
while oth - ers fought to win the prize, and sailed through blood - y seas?
Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?
I'll bear the toil, en - dure the pain, sup - port - ed by thy word.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, c. 1724
MUSIC: Thomas A. Arne, 1762

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C.M.

Be Thou My Vision 532

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. Mt. 17:8

Unison

1. Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word, I ev - er
 3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,
 heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 first in my heart, high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Traditional Irish hymn, c. 8th C.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912
 MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald F. Hustad, 1973

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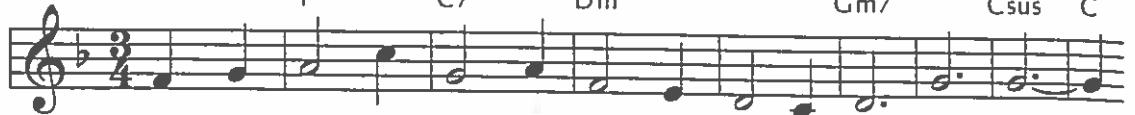
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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



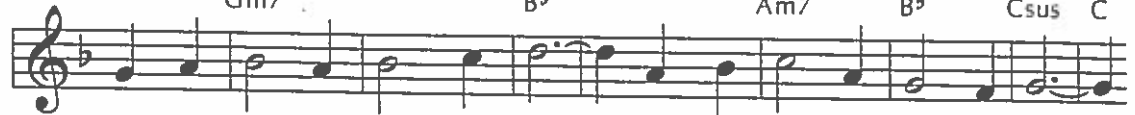
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.