

Bulletin January 24, 2021

Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude / Light Altar Candles & Procession of Leaders

***Opening Medley: "As the Deer", "We Have Come into His House", "Come, Christians Join to Sing"**

**As the deer
pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone
are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

**You alone are my strength,
my shield;
to you alone
may my spirit yield.
You alone are my
heart's desire,
and I long to worship you**

**We Have Come Into His House
And Gathered In His Name
To Worship Him;
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And Gathered In His Name
To Worship Him;
We Have Come Into His House
And Gathered In His Name
To Worship Christ The Lord;
Worship Him, Christ The Lord.**

**Let's Forget About Ourselves
And Concentrate On Him,
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**1. Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!**

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 62, Mark 1: 14-20)

*It is time to become focused,
not on our wants or complaints but on God:
In the silent places of my soul I turn to God,
for God alone is our rock and salvation.
Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God,
saying the time has come, the realm of God is at hand.
The realm of God is not very far from any one of us,
for in God we live and, move and have our being.
Jesus said: repent and believe the good news.*

The time has come.

**In the silent places of my soul I turn to God,
for God alone is our rock and salvation.**

Call to Confession:

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession:

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.

Concerns & Celebrations & Lord's Prayer

Young Disciples 'Time

Old Testament: *Jonah 3:1-5*

3 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: **2** "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. **4** Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." **5** The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.....

Tithes & Offerings/ Offertory/ *Doxology

UMH # 95

Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:14-20

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **17** "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." **18** At once they left their nets and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. **20** Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

***Hymn: "Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind" (verses 1&2) UMH #358**

**1. Dear Lord and Father
of mankind,
forgive our
foolish ways;
re clothe us in
our rightful mind,
in purer lives
thy service find,**

**in deeper
reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust
like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling
of the Lord,
let us, like them,**

**without a word,
rise up and follow thee.**

The Spoken Word

Pastor Jean Reardon

***Closing Hymn "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

**1. I have decided
to follow Jesus,
I have decided
to follow Jesus,
I have decided
to follow Jesus
no turning back,
no turning back.**

**2. The world behind me,
the cross before me,
the world behind me,
the cross before me,**

**the world behind me,
the cross before me
no turning back,
no turning back.**

**3. Though none go with me,
still I will follow,
though none go with me,
still I will follow,
though none go with me,
still I will follow
no turning back,
no turning back.**

Benediction