



**Third Sunday After Epiphany  
When Jesus calls, Follow**

**WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**January 24, 2021      10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Christina Thompson**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to worship today. I am Rev. Christina Thompson, and I am pastor here at Whitney UMC. We are exploring what it means to Listening to the Voice of God. Today we hear Jesus call his disciples to follow him. May we hear the voice of God today.

## LIGHTING CANDLE

As we worship today, I invite you to light your candle as a reminder that Christ the light of the world and that light is with us always.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*From Psalm 62*

From God comes my salvation.

**For God alone my soul waits in silence.**

God alone is my rock and my salvation.

**God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

## OPENING PRAYER

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord,  
for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Help us to hear your voice and to follow when you call. **Amen.**

Join us as we sing with our praise band, "Step by Step"

## OPENING SONG

*Six Ways to Sunday (Band)*

### Step by Step

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### Verse

Oh God you are my God, and I will ever praise you

Oh God you are my God, and I will ever praise you

### Chorus

I will seek you in the morning

and I will learn to walk in your way

And step by step you'll lead me

and I will follow you all of my days

## **Verse**

Oh God you are my God, and I will ever praise you  
Oh God you are my God, and I will ever praise you

## **Chorus**

I will seek you in the morning  
and I will learn to walk in your way  
And step by step you'll lead me  
and I will follow you all of my days

## **Bridge**

I will follow you all of my days  
I will follow you all of my days  
And step by step you'll lead me  
and I will follow you all of my days

## **Tag**

Oh God you are my God, and I will ever praise you  
Oh God you are my God, and I will ever praise you

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

God of new visions,  
we pray for people highly placed in power,  
that they may focus their eyes on you.  
And we pray for the lowly victims of power,  
that they may also focus their eyes on you.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who bless with their lips  
but curse with their mouths,  
including ourselves.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill  
and those facing the end of life.  
Give them the gift of prayer,  
that they may pour out their hearts to you.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church and its leaders,  
that we may hear and respond to your call  
to be fishers of people.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all other concerns of this assembly now spoken only in the  
quiet of our hearts, . . .

*[A time of silence is kept.]*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you that as a church we are a school of love that helps  
us all learn to love you, one another, ourselves and creation as  
Jesus teaches.

Rock of our salvation,  
through Christ and your Holy Spirit  
bring us into the new world that you are shaping  
even as this world is passing away.

God of grace, **hear our prayer. Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev Dewey Knowles*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Speak to us your word, O God,  
that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. **Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Mark 1:14-20*

## **SERMON**

*Rev Christina*

### **When Jesus calls, Follow**

Jesus has come to the lakeshore, looking neither for wealthy or wise  
ones. He only asks us to follow humbly.

Let us sing together with Andy and Svetlana Maddox, Lord, you  
have come to the Lakeshore.

# SONG

*Andy and Svetlana Maddox*

## Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore #344 v. 1, 2

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### Verse 1

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
Looking neither for wealthy or wise ones,  
You only asked me to follow humbly

### Chorus

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.

### Verse 2

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor

### Chorus

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.

## OFFERING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation  
By fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us.

The ways to give are listed there on your screen. You  
can mail in a check to the church or give electronically  
through our website.

Let us pray over the gifts that will be given.

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you that you will use them to bring forth your kingdom of love. Amen.

## **DOXOLOGY**

*Andy and Svetlana Maddox*

### **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94**

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### **Chorus**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Praise God the source of all our gifts  
Praise Christ whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

As we are called to follow Jesus, it is prayer that helps us to know how to follow faithfully. And prayer is simply a little talk with Jesus.

## **CLOSING SONG**

*Six Ways to Sunday (Band)*

### **Just a Little Talk with Jesus #3107 6WTS**

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### **Verse 1**

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in;  
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul.  
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above,  
And just a little talk with Jesus makes me whole.

## **Chorus**

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus;  
Let us tell Him all about our troubles.  
He will hear our faintest cry and he will answer by and by.  
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning,  
and you know a little fire is burning,  
you will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right (makes it right).

## **Verse 2**

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer;  
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day.  
The mists of sin may rise, and hide the starry skies,  
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

## **Chorus**

## **Verse 3**

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,  
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night.  
I go to Him in prayer; He knows my every care;  
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

## **Chorus**

## **Tag**

You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.  
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

## **SENDING FORTH**

May we go into the world knowing that Jesus is with us and calls us for a purpose.

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

May the Peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

## **INVITATION TO NEXT WEEK**

I invite you to join us next week as we look at how we hear difficult prophetic words.

After worship, you are invited to join us for fellowship time on Zoom. The link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather about 10:45.

You are also invited to join us on our Facebook Group Whitney United Methodist church group to chat about the service. You can join the conversation anytime.

Our radio program Reach Out and Trust broadcasts on KBXL 94.1 FM on Sunday morning at 7:30 am and 11:30 am.

**May God be with us until we meet again.**

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