

## **Worship Service on January 28, 2024**

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ Dottie Sundquist

**Tonight** ~ Alpha potluck supper, games, and discussion for everyone who would like to come at 5 pm. RSVP to the Taylors.

**Wednesday** ~ Wisdom of the Body women's group meeting at the Sommons' home at 10 am.

~ Women Who Pray meeting at the Sommons' home at 2 pm, discussing Elizabeth and Mary.

~ Church Preservation Meeting at 7 pm via zoom.

**Thursday** ~ Interfaith Council Meeting at FCC at 11:45 am.

**Next Sunday** ~ We plan to have a luncheon with soup after the service and before our Annual Meeting. Bread, crackers, and desserts would be welcome additions, if you would care to bring some.

**Mission Moment** ~ Linell Pike will share about the Retired Ministers and Missionary Offering for this month. Special giving envelopes are available near the offering box, or you can designate RMMO on your check memo line or giving envelope.

Happy Birthday to Anna Ennis today,  
and to Rosemary Hall on Saturday!

Thank you to Martha Thompson for flowers  
in loving memory of Eleanore Hayes.

**Word of Preparation** ~ Dottie Sundquist

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,  
as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those men who knew Him not.  
He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me!"  
and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands. And to those who obey Him,  
whether they be wise or simple, He reveals Himself in the toils,  
the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through  
in His fellowship. And as an ineffable mystery,  
they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

Albert Schweitzer ~ from *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*

**Prelude** ~ Please prepare your hearts for worship as you listen  
to Barb West play ~

***"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"***

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones*

*You only asked me to follow humbly*

*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*

Words and Music ~ Cesareo Gabarain | OCP Publications 1989

**Call to Worship ~ Psalm 95:1-7 (NLT)** read by Dottie Sundquist  
Please join in reading the bold lines.

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the Lord!

**Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**

<sup>2</sup> Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

**Let us sing psalms of praise to him.**

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God,

**a great King above all gods.**

<sup>4</sup> He holds in his hands the depths of the earth

**and the mightiest mountains.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea belongs to him, for he made it.

**His hands formed the dry land, too.**

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down.

**Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,**

<sup>7</sup> for he is our God.

**We are the people he watches over,**

**the flock under his care.**

Song ~ ***“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”***

**Chorus**

***Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come***

*One day every tongue will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now  
[repeat all]*

*Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength  
We gladly choose You now*

**Chorus**

***Just as you are  
Come, just as you are  
Come, just as you are  
Come***

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**Praying Together ~**

Space for prayer requests

**Our Father, Who Art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the Kingdom  
and the power, and the glory forever,  
Amen**

**Song ~ *“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”* (#337 in the blue hymnal)**

*Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying “Christian, follow me.”*

*Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake  
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”*

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these*

*Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call  
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all*

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**Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca**

**Scripture Text ~ Mark 1:14-20 (NIV)** read by Dottie Sundquist

<sup>14</sup> Later on, after John was arrested,  
Jesus went into Galilee,  
where he preached God's Good News.  
<sup>15</sup> "The time promised by God has come at last!"  
he announced.  
"The Kingdom of God is near!  
Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"  
<sup>16</sup> One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water,  
for they fished for a living.  
<sup>17</sup> Jesus called out to them,  
"Come, follow me,  
and I will show you how to fish for people!"  
<sup>18</sup> And they left their nets at once and followed him.  
<sup>19</sup> A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons,  
James and John, in a boat repairing their nets.  
<sup>20</sup> He called them at once,  
and they also followed him,  
leaving their father, Zebedee,  
in the boat with the hired men.

**Sermon~ "Encountering Jesus at Work"**

**~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons**

Space for notes

**Song ~ "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (#344 in the blue hymnal)**

*I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back, no turning back  
  
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  
  
Though none go with me, I still will follow  
Though none go with me, I still will follow  
Though none go with me, I still will follow  
No turning back, no turning back  
  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back*

Words and music ~ Anonymous

**Benediction ~ Hebrews 12:20-21 (NLT)**

Now may the God of peace—  
who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great Shepherd of the sheep,  
and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—  
may he equip you with all you need for doing his will.  
May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ,  
every good thing that is pleasing to him.  
All glory to him forever and ever!  
Amen.