



“Come and Follow Me”

January 28, 2024

4th Sunday after Epiphany

– Online greet time 9:15 a.m., worship begins at 9:30 –

Faith United Methodist Church

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Gathering and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Worship

One: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

Many: “[your name], follow me.”

One: A simple call. A hard call.

Many: Because following requires leaving.

One: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

Many: And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

One: It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

*Many: But we have come this far, to this place,
where we can listen and be transformed.*

Opening Hymn “Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land”

W&S 3161

Opening Prayer

*Many: God, our light and our salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom
and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the
kingdom at hand
and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation;
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Hymn of Praise “Hope of the World”

Baby Bells

Creating Connections

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Bill Bonkowske

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:18-22

Hymn of Preparation “Would I Have Answered When You Called”

FWS 2137

Sermon

“Come and Follow Me”

Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Special Music

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Many: 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.

Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings

The Doxology

UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Many: God, there are times in our lives when we feel like
we have fished all night and caught nothing.
We did not receive the bonus or the pay increase
that we expected from our employer.
We cannot seem to find a way to pay off our credit card debt.
We are not able to even consider saving money.
We spend sleepless nights worrying about our financial future.
How are we to manage, Lord?
You teach us to manage by placing our trust in you,
by changing our habits, and by remaining open to the
power of your Holy Spirit.

Today, we offer you this gift of money. Beyond this gift,
we pray that we may have the mindset of generous givers.
We pray in the name of the one
who embodies generous giving, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

UMH 344

Benediction

Postlude

— Worship is over. The service begins. —

Please join us for fellowship & refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Liturgy citations:

Call to Worship: written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>.
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