

# Order of Worship

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:00 am – January 24, 2021

### *Watching Live?*

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867  
before the end of the first hymn.*

#### PRELUDE

*Abide: A Hymn Medley*  
Tyler Carlisle, piano

arr. Ashley Smith

#### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HYMN

*Step by Step*

Worship and Song 3004

CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371

CCLI Song # 696994

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;  
and step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

*(Repeat 3 times)*

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Creator of heaven and earth, the abundance of Your love extends to all lands and reaches all seas.  
Like the first disciples who left their nets behind, we come seeking Your guidance and leadership.  
Fill us with Your grace, and grant us the confidence to journey with You into an unknown future.  
Amen.**

*(adapted from Rev. Mary Scifres, ©2021)*

#### HYMN

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

TFWS 2129

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CCLI Song # 24494

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, 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.

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus — no turning back, no turning back.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*

UMH 352

Afro-American Spiritual, arr. William Farley Smith  
FUMC Virtual Choir; Tyler Carlisle, piano

**SCRIPTURE**

*Mark 1: 14-20 (NRSV)*  
The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Allison Kemmerer

**MESSAGE**

*Following the Call*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Generous God, help us trust You so that we might follow without looking back and experience Your new life more deeply. As we travel the road you have put before us, we ask that You would bless the gifts we offer for Your work. In the name of Christ, who goes before us, beside us, and behind us we pray. Amen.**  
(adapted from umcdiscipleship.org)

**HYMN**

*The Summons*  
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CCLI Song # 1040329

TFWS 2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?  
  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?  
  
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?  
  
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?  
  
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

*Come Follow Me*  
Tyler Carlisle, piano

arr. Sally Deford

***Prayer Requests***

Westlake Village UMC — Pastor Walt Dilg & Pastor Rachel Tabutol  
Santa Clarita UMC — Pastor Elaine Cho & Pastor Kristiane Smith  
Bill Garner, Rick Ramirez, Vicki, and all who are hospitalized due to COVID-19.  
Tyler Carlisle and family, Becca, and all currently diagnosed with COVID-19.  
Millie Downey, Kathi Taylor, and all who are struggling with health concerns.  
Duncan Wilson — cancer  
Family and Friends of Larry Schrock, and all who are grieving.