



Follow Me

Worship Series for the Season after Epiphany



WEEK 3

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ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 24, 2021, 9:30 am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

Quiet your minds and hearts, focusing on God's presence with anticipation.

GREETING and CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Joe

For just this hour,

Follow me

Listen to my word

Follow me

Think about your life as my disciple every day

Follow me

Pray

Follow me

Sing

Follow me

Come, let us worship God!

— written by Carolyn Brown, and posted on her excellent *Worshipping with Children* website. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/intergenerational-litanies-epiphany-3-b.html>

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen when the prophet John was taken away.

Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own.

Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom and newness of life.

Help us to be faithful disciples,

that we might inspire others to follow in your ways.

Amen.

— written by B.J. Beu, and posted on the Ministry Matters website.

WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Peggy Smith

OLD TESTAMENT Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Linda Payne

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20

Linda Payne

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joe

"God's Call to Those Who Fish and Food for Fish
(and Everyone Else)"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN

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?**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using "sins" and "...sin against us.)*

HYMN "The Summons," verse 5

**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.**

OFFERING MOMENT

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

BENEDICTION

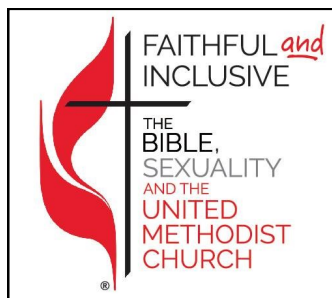
CLOSING SONG

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him, there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE:
TWO MORE CLASSES FORMING:
Wednesdays 10:30—Noon,
January 27—March 3
and
Thursdays 6:30—8:00pm,
February 18—March 25



The current Bible Study class of 9 participants plus Pastor Joe is currently meeting. Now, two additional Bible Study opportunities have opened up and Pastor Joe will lead these as well.

The goal of this study is not to get everyone to think alike. It's to give information and tools to help you come to your own understanding and to be able to share your beliefs with others.

The aim of this class can be summed up this way:

- To understand better what the Bible says regarding non-heterosexual practices, and why it says it, and
- To consider how Christians committed to upholding biblical authority can take a non-literal approach to these passages.

We will meet via Zoom. You will receive a Zoom invite after you sign up and closer to the meeting date. You will need a PC, tablet, or smartphone with a cam, microphone, and internet in order to participate in this virtual classroom. Those unfamiliar with Zoom meetings will be given further instruction on request.

There is no cost to be a part of the class. Call 844-1818 to reserve your place, or sign up on St. Mark's Facebook Page Events.

BROKEN BUS MINISTRY: The Broken Bus Ministry is once again allowing volunteers on their rides downtown to serve. St. Mark's has reserved two dates; **February 20th and April 10th**. Those that volunteer must be from the same household and masks and other safety procedures will be in place. If you are interested in either riding or providing the meal, or if you have questions, please contact Julie at 505-4061.

BLOOD DRIVE: The next Blood Drive at St. Mark's will be on **Wednesday, March 17th from 3:30 to 7 pm.** You may now sign up on St. Mark's Facebook page.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers may be in memory, honor of someone or just because. Price is \$14.50 for each bouquet.

Please call the church office for your request by Wednesday. You may take your flowers home after the service, or let the office know if you need to come another time.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The envelopes are available in Fellowship Hall. You may get them on Sunday morning or any morning Monday—Thursday from 9 to Noon. If these times do not work out for you, please call the church office to arrange a time for you to get your envelopes.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Prayer for Bob Grammel who is in the hospital and awaiting biopsy results on his Kidney.

Praying God puts love in the hearts of those where hate is dwelling.

Tomie O'Sullivan as she heals from her fall that broke her wrist and hurt her arm.

Norine Miller Hopkins, Kathy Bradley's sister.

Continued prayers for 19 yr. old Megan Riley as she is making slow but miraculous progress from a fiery car accident. (Gay Kubik)

Prayers for Lois Hill's granddaughter's friend's family. Her friend, Amy, passed away from Covid.

Dave Conroy who is now in a nursing home.

Gary, friend of the Conroy's whose father passed away.

Janet Kleinholz who was taken to the hospital twice for heart/chest pains.

Don Jackson as he is now home from the hospital and recovering from Covid.

Charlotte Tierney's Mom, Geraldine, who is in the hospital with Covid.

Carson Kennedy, grandson of our dear friends, who is being deployed to Kuwait. (Pat Pittman)

Sue Luken with praise that Katie is better and cleared to go back to her last semester of clinicals.

Happy Birthday Bud! Prayers for his surgery on Thursday.

New from last Sunday:

Prayers for Bill Schumacker as he recovers from Covid.

Continuing Prayers

*(Help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office .)
(b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818) with any updates.)*

All service Men & Women	Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Byron Jones Merianne Cardas
Our Country	Jean Stivers	Dick Brewer
First Responders	Mitch Thomas	All shut-ins and
United Methodist Church	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	Homebound

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Eleanor McCollum
Nancy & Bob Miracle	Paul Schutte —Jamestown
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Bob Grammel-Ft. Hamilton Hosp
Bob Netherland in Hospice Care	Greg Pullem
	Sue Webster

Joys / Concerns *(listed in the order received, and kept for four weeks unless requested to remain on our "Continuing Prayers" list.)*

Pastor Jim Cattran & family 12/27	Heather Brosey 1/10
Eng family 12/27	Neal Minninger 1/10
Don & Beverly Bond 1/3	Jeff Gering's sister 1/10
Jenni's cousin, Tim 1/3	Don Jackson 1/10
Judy Gross 1/3	Danny Thomas 1/10
Marianne Dove 1/3	Grandson, Steven 1/10
	Ralph Brown 1/10

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

STAFF

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Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
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OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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