

Order of Worship for November 13, 2022

Gathering Music I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship (<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3972/worship-elements-6-26-2016>)

L: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

C: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

L: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

C: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

L: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

C: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

L: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

**C: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith.
Amen.**

Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

GTG #726

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.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Liturgist

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

(~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on the Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>)

Oh Lord, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.

Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal. Help us, guide us, forgive us, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Barbara Macfie

If we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and love seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from Joshua 22: 1-5*Liturgist*

Then Joshua summoned the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh and said to them, “You have done all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and you have obeyed me in everything I commanded. For a long time now—to this very day—you have not deserted your fellow Israelites but have carried out the mission the Lord your God gave you. Now that the Lord your God has given them rest as he promised, return to your homes in the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on the other side of the Jordan. But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Reading from the Galatians 5:16, 22-25*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Hymn*Spirit of the Living God***GTG #288***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***Sermon***Rev. Barbara Macfie*

“What Is The Meaning Of Spiritual Giving”
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Barbara Macfie

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We believe in God, holy Source of all that is. We believe in God, who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.

We believe in God, ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation. We trust in God’s love and wisdom: fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ, present to us through the Spirit’s working in the Church and beyond. We believe that God is calling the whole creation into a future of justice and peace. We share in Christ’s risen life, and commit ourselves today to receive the coming reign of God. To the only God, Three yet One, be all honor and glory and praise now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Invitation To The Offertory

Liturgist

We invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online, or in any way that you feel called to do so. To love our neighbors as ourselves calls us both to pray for them and to act in accordance with our prayers. Our offerings today are one way we respond to our calling to do good works, through the ministries of this community of faith.

Offertory

Doxology

Bless Thou the Gifts

***Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand. Amen.***

Offertory Prayer

(https://www.living-prayers.com/events/offertory_prayer.html)

Liturgist

Help us Lord to give you not only our finances but all we are, all we have and all we hold. We open our lives to you for the service of your Kingdom. Please work through our offering today, our lives this coming week and lead us to follow you Christ in all that we do and say. Amen.

Hymn

Take My Life

GTG #697

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

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Postlude

Steve Johnson