



North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

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Prelude

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

¹ Remembering our Baptism

Mary Freese

² *Call to Worship

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence; **Jesus calls us to worship.**

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity; **Jesus calls us to love.**

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

Jesus calls us to justice. Let us heed the call of Christ. Let us worship together with joy

³ *Hymn Nearer My God To Thee UMH 528

*Hymn Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling UMH 348

⁴ First Lesson Jeremiah 16:14-17 CEB

5 Word for Children

⁶ Second Lesson Matthew 4:12-23 CEB

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death. From that time Jesus began to announce, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!”

As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” he said, “and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

⁷ Message for the Lord’s Day Rev. Deborah Coble

⁸ *Response To The Word Gloria Patri UMH 70

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.

***Hymn** **Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

UMH 462

⁹Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.

After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who are suffering...

for those who don't know where their next meal will come

from and those who are looking for shelter from the cold...

for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters, and others in harm's way...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, and mission...

for peace and goodwill to all...

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

¹⁰Mission And Ministry Moment

¹¹Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

¹²*Prayer of Dedication

Steadfast Light of our salvation, in a world that trembles with uncertainty and teaches us to fear, you shine with unwavering hope. You call us to seek your face and trust in your presence more than in our own strength. Receive these gifts, given not out of fear but in joyful confidence that your love casts out fear and your grace makes us bold.

Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads, your justice reigns, and your people—unafraid—become living testimonies of your goodness. In the name of Christ, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

¹³Closing Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS 2129

¹⁴*Benediction

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.

*Thank you for joining us for worship today!
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