

First Sunday of Lent – February 21, 2021

*“No reasons, no matter how worthy,
can compensate for failing to accept the invitation to discipleship.”*

Organ Prelude “O Christ, the Great Foundation”...Charles Callahan

Mary Mackie

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought (words on next page)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Leland Morine

Loving Lord, we confess that even as we call You “Lord,” we want to impose limits on your lordship. Sometimes You require more than we want to give. Often we want to bargain with You, so that following You fits more nicely into our priorities and goals. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to put Your call to discipleship above any other responsibilities we have in our lives. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

Anthem: “What Does It Cost to Follow Jesus?”...Michael Bryson
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
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Choral Ensemble

New Testament Reading: Luke 9:51-62

Sharon Dinwiddie

Sermon: “The Cost of Following Jesus”

Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (words on next page)

Prayers of the People

Bob Kraut

Closing Hymn: I Surrender All (words on next page)

Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Organ Postlude “Jesu Christi”... J.S. Bach

HE LEADETH ME, O BLESSED THOUGHT

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the victory's won,
Even death's cold wave I will not flee, still God through Jordan leadeth me.

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.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO FOLLOW JESUS? (Choral Ensemble)

What does it cost to follow Jesus? How high the price to do His will?
If I would join as His disciple, what will it take to follow Christ?

The price is high to follow Jesus, so count the cost before you start.
Take up your cross, forsake all others. Will you decide to follow Christ?

I'll pay the price to follow Jesus. Forsaking all, I heed His call.
I take my cross and show to others, my firm resolve to follow Christ.

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

I'll pay the price, I'll take my cross, and follow Christ.

JESUS CALLS US, O'ER THE TUMULT

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult, of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day I hear Him saying, "Christian, come and follow me."

As of old, disciples heard it, by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and work and leisure, leaving all for His dear sake.

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

I SURRENDER ALL

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

*I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.