

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Prelude** · Toni DiCapua

*Prelude & Fugue...* Johann Fischer

**Call to Worship** (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: The Word of the Lord came,

**People: hope for all people cradled in His arms.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord comes,

**People: calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord will come,

**People: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.**

\* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
No. 276

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for Your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need Your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share Your grace with them. Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* ♪ **Gloria Patri**  
No. 579

\* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Greetings and Announcements**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading** · Ben Ball

Psalm 139:1-18 (pg. 974)

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:14-20 (pg. 1552)

**Ministry of the Word** · The Rev. Renée Rico

**"Follow"**

*Seeking God, Part 2*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* ♪ **Hymn of Response** · I Want Jesus to Walk with Me  
No. 363

**Ordination and Installation of Officers**

**Elders:** Anne Milner, Ekaete Udofia, Faye Wilson -- Class of 2026

**Deacons:** Jim Wakeman and Suzanne Yee – Class of 2024  
Michelle Owyang and Sue Robertson – Class of 2026

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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### Acknowledgment and Blessings of Offerings

♪ **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, I Want to Follow Jesus...*

Thomerson, arr. Harlan

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist

(CCLI #20405356)

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\* ♪ **Closing Hymn** · Here I Am, Lord

No. 525

\* **Benediction**

\* ♪ **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace

♪ **Postlude** · Toni DiCapua

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me...* Joel Raney



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January 14, 2023

\*Those who wish may stand