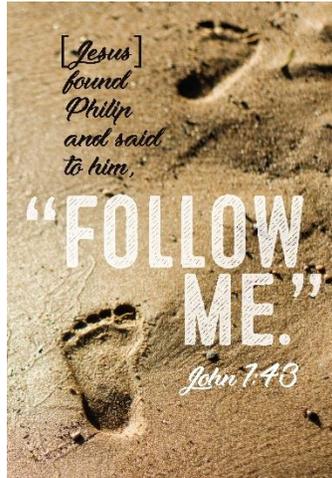


Bethany United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH (10:50)

LIGHT AND PRELUDE

"Come, Follow Me," said Christ, the Lord arr. Johann Gottfried Walther

GREETING

The one who calls you together this day
yearns for each of you and for all people to hear
and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing
trustworthy words
for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

HYMN *UMH* # 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

OPENING PRAYER

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways,
and you give us to each other to know and to love
as we journey in this life.

Show us your will for all creation.

Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts
so that we may honor what you have made,

in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes,
our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word
so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: I Samuel 3:1-20

PSALTER *UMH* # 854 with sung response
Psalm 139

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Mark Higgins, dulcimer

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

SERMON

Rev. Julia Webb-Bowden

HYMN *UMH* # 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed UMH* # 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GLORIA *UMH* # 70 *Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION.

Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey
already knows the confessions of our hearts
and is ready to forgive,
let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you see into each of us
and know us fully
as creatures in need of your constant care.
We confess that we have neither heard your word
nor followed your will.
We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends,
and ourselves.
Give us ears to hear your wisdom.
Lead us to honesty and faith
so that we may begin again with renewed strength;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness,
and by grace you have been saved.
In Jesus' name you are forgiven.
Your sins are no more.
You have been made clean.
God strengthens you with freedom
through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Come, Follow Me," said Christ, the Lord* arr. Johann Gottfried Walther

DOXOLOGY *UMH* # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *UMH* # 463

Lord, Speak to Me

CANONBURY

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Come, Follow Me," said Christ, the Lord* arr. Johann Gottfried Walther

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Today is Human Relations Sunday.

"This year when there was unrest in our country, funds from the Human Relations Day offering helped annual conferences support peaceful demonstrations, food, access to medication, and rebuilding efforts for communities impacted by negative acts.

Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their full potential as human beings and in relationship with one another. This special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and works with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program."

If you would like to contribute, just memo your check "Human Relations".

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 17 Bible Study @ 4:00 pm Zoom

January 17 Church Council @ 5:00 pm Zoom

January 20 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm Zoom

January 21 7:00 pm (Zoom) – Vital Conversations – "What are so many White Americans standing up for social justice?"