

“The Bible in Chronological Order” Sermon Series Continues...
 January 15, 2023
 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS****CALL TO WORSHIP¹** (Based on John 1)

Pastor: Come and see!

All: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

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All: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.

Pastor: Come and see!

All: We come to follow Jesus.

Pastor: Come and see!

All: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Pastor: Come and see!

All: Yes, Lord, we come to follow you!

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Each of us are here because we have heard Christ’s summons to: Come! See! Follow! So, welcome each other! As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter who they were or where they were on life’s journey; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us welcome and greet one another, by using American Sign Language to share the peace of Christ.

HYMN*The Summons²***Bulletin, Page 4****CALL TO CONFESSION³** (Based on Psalm 40 and John 1)

Pastor: With our feet still wet from the waters of baptism, we have sinned yet again. Dependent on the grace of God, let us affirm our brokenness and trust God’s goodness to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*All: God of our baptismal waters,
 You sent the Baptizer to point people to your Son.
 But too often, we abandon His message and point to ourselves.
 We point to our worship preferences, rather than the God we worship.
 We point to our status, rather than the grace that makes us all equal.
 We point to our values, rather than the One who has always valued everyone.
 We point to our traditions rather, than to the One who calls us to let go.
 We point to our past rather, than to the One who calls us into the future.
 Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions.*

KYRIE**Hymnal #518**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All sing: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All sing: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All sing: Lord, have mercy upon us.

¹ Neel, Beth M. “Call to Worship #81: Hold Fast to What is Good.” <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>

² Graham Maule, John L. Bell. CCLI SONG #1040329

³ Fearing, Stephen. “Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession.” Posted on Wild and Precious Life. <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

All: *God of hope,
hold our gaze on your baptismal promise
sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Through the power of your Spirit,
give us the courage to speak what we have seen
and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world.
In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Based on 1 Peter 1:3-4)

Pastor: Praise be to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In God's great mercy, God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: *Thanks be to God, for the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!*

HYMN OF PRAISE

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.*

A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

HYMN

*The Servant Song*⁴

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OLD TESTAMENT READING – Numbers 22:21-41

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

GOSPEL READING – John 1:29-42

SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: *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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

OFFERING INVITATION (Based on 1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

Liturgist: Every gift we need is already here. So, let us bring our gifts, whether we deem them small or large, and trust that they are enough, offering them to God with a song and prayer.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Hymnal, #258 (Verse 1)

*We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Based on John 1:29-42)

All: *Lamb of God, bless these gifts with your mercy and your grace. Shine through these gifts with your light and love, that our ministries may be a beacon of light and love, revealing your presence to this local community and the wider world. Amen.*

HYMN

*Lord of the Dance*⁵

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⁴ Richard Gillard. CCLI SONG # 72673

⁵ Sydney Bertram Carter CCLI SONG # 78529

BENEDICTION (Based on Psalm 40 and the Hymn: *Lord of the Dance*)

Pastor: Go! God has put a new song in our mouths.
 May the world know that Christ sends us
 by the song of love in our lives.

And may the Holy Spirit lead us to move in joy.

All: *We go in peace to love and serve the Lord of the Dance. Amen.*

POSTLUDE**Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?****539***Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.**Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29*

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as Christ to you?
 2 We are pil- grims on a jour-ney, we are trav- elers on the road;
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad- ow of your fear;
 4 I will weep when you are weep- ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
 5 When we sing to God in heav- en we shall find such har- mo- ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser- vant, too.
 We are here to help each oth- er go the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor- row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
 Born of all we've known to- geth- er of Christ's love and ag- o- ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ___ will you let my name be known, ___ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
 found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
 go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

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Lord of the Dance

Unison G Em Bm Em

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the
 4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 would not dance and they would not fol - low me; I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; they
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; they
 I am the life that -'ll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; they
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me;

Am *D7* C G *Refrain* G Bm

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came to me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wher -
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ev - er you may

be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.