

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Go Make Disciples
Featuring theme from *Avengers*
arr. Adam O'Dell

Adam O'Dell - video

Welcome

Call to Worship

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Christ,

we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,

As His disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

We proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

We proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

We proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together,

and let us draw strength from Jesus for the journey of discipleship!

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Opening Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH# 474 - video

Thomas A. Dorsey

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Verse 1

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 2

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 3

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Opening Prayer

Take us by the hand and lead us, Lord, and we will walk in Your ways. Shape us into Your faithful followers, whose lives look like Yours. As we turn to Your Word today, may Your Spirit renew in us the call to invite others to join us on the journey of discipleship. And, make us willing to reach out a hand to help them along the way. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris - video

Proclamation and Response

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First Reading

Acts 16:1-5 (CEB)

¹ Paul reached Derbe, and then Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy. He was the son of a believing Jewish woman and a Greek father. ² The brothers and sisters in Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. ³ Paul wanted to take Timothy with him, so he circumcised him. This was because of the Jews who lived in those areas, for they all knew Timothy's father was Greek. ⁴ As Paul and his companions traveled through the cities, they instructed Gentile believers to keep the regulations put in place by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and every day their numbers flourished.

Anthem

Built on the Rock

Chancel Singers - video

Soloist: Scott Forbes

Deborah Ann Talley | Geron Davis | arr. Camp Kirkland

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Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (CEB)

¹ From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

² To Timothy, my dear child. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. ⁴ When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. ⁵ I'm reminded of your

authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. ⁶ Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

⁸ So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. ⁹ God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. ¹⁰ Now his grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. ¹¹ I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. ¹² This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day. ¹³ Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Superheroes: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Purpose: Sidekicks

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

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.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Closing Song

No Turning Back

NSC Praise Band - video

Brandon Heath Knell | David Leonard | Leslie Jordan

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Verse 1

I have decided, I called out his name
I'm following Jesus now and he knows the way

Pre-Chorus

I made up my mind, I'll leave it behind

Chorus

No turning back, No turning back
I'm moving on, Not looking back
I'm giving him, All that I have
No turning back, No turning back

Verse 2

Though I may wander, I am not lost
So many distractions, but I, I look to the cross

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

You want to come with me
He loves you the same
Oh, won't you come with me?
Just call out his name

Say I have decided (*I have decided*)
To follow Jesus (*To follow Jesus*)
Say I have decided (*I have decided*)
I'm following Jesus, following Jesus

Chorus (2x)

Ending

I have decided

Sending Forth

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Featuring Theme from *Superman*
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