

Mt Vernon UMC

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday After The Epiphany

GREETINGS¹ ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING CALL TO WORSHIP²

Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name: "[your name], follow me."

A simple call. A hard call.

Because following requires leaving.

And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

But we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.

OT READING - 1 Samuel 3:1-20

HYMN
593 Here I Am, Lord
419 I Am Thine, O Lord
CHILDREN'S SERMON
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
LORD'S PRAYER

¹ Covert art: Francis Barraud, His Master's Voice, 1899

² Joanna Harader, Spacious Faith, https://spaciousfaith.com/

GOSPEL - John 1:43-51

SERMON

COVENANT PRAYER - #607

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O Glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

DOXOLOGY - #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

OFFERING & PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION



2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

CHARGE & BLESSING³

Jesus said "follow me" and "come and see" how we can change the world. Let us follow Jesus and see what happens next. Amen.

Go in peace.

POSTLUDE

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

- Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught
- Learn together of God's love and grace
- Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents
- Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!

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If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).

³ Stephon Williams, *The Africana Worship Book for Year B*, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 214.