

*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.*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                      **The Goodness of God (Johnson)**                      Ensemble

**\*DOXOLOGY #607**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
  
*-Sending-*

**\*HYMN #726**                      **The Summons (Will You Come and Follow me?)**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**                      Joshua Allen

*You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.*

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*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
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(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
**Bold Italic Letters** indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult Joshua Allen

WELCOME Liturgist: Lynn Tieken

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions.  
God calls us here to worship.  
***We are here to worship.***  
Drop your nets and leave your boats.  
God is with us. Jesus calls us.  
***We are here to worship.***  
Let us worship God together.

**\*HYMN #410 God is Calling Through the Whisper**

**CONFESSION**

***God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh.  
We have gotten comfortable in our categories:  
haves and have-nots,  
makers and takers,  
bigots and bystanders,  
self-starters and subordinates,  
law-abiders and illegals,  
the perpetrators and the innocent.***

***We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and  
exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries.***

***Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change  
our hearts and lives. Call to us again, and show us your mercy. Let  
us hear your good news again. Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

***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.***

-Word-

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Bible p. 811, LG p. 1054

**PSALM** Psalm 62:5-12 Bible p. 498, LG p. 647-648

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Bible p. 160, LG p. 207

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:14-20 Bible p. 33, LG p. 42

The word of God for the people of God

***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON** The Times They Are a Changin' Dr. Sharon Templeman, CRE

-Response-

**\*HYMN #169** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
(Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Confession of 1967, 9.31a)

***To be reconciled to God  
is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community,  
to share God's labor of healing the hostilities  
which separate people from God and from each other.  
Christ has called the church to this mission  
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
The church follows Christ's pattern in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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;***