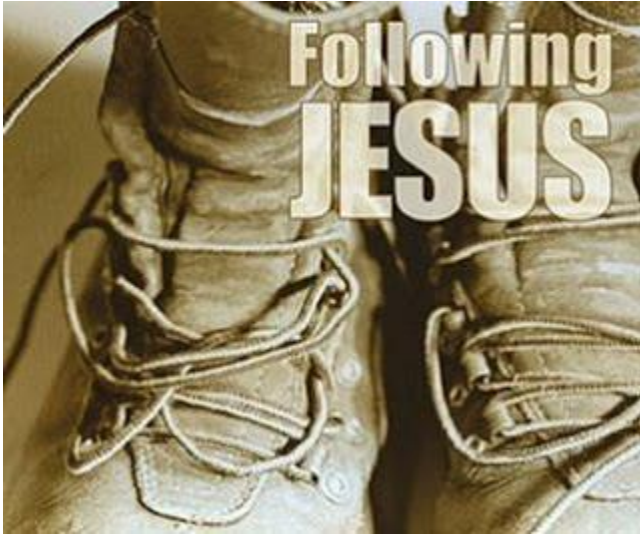


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- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

Roger C. Wilson

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Written by S.E. Graham)*

One: We have been called here to face into God’s gracious way of living. We are to leave the pass behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.

MANY: Sometimes we’d rather remember how things used to be. Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.

One: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God’s loving call.

MANY: We will look to the new day, and we will set ourselves on the Jerusalem road. We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity, and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 172 “Jesus Calls Us”**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

God of the sojourners, we ask your presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known, even in this world that seems so bent on war and hate. With your courage in our hearts, we will walk the Jerusalem road together. Amen

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Vocal Duet – Nancy Eisenhauer and
Lew Thomasino**

“Chariot’s Comin’! Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Don Besig

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:51-62**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 493**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY:

(Written by Mary Susan Gast)

**One: Our lives are a journey, and the road goes ever on.
It’s a road that began with our birth, that winds its way
through meadows and mountains, that crosses rivers
and canyons.**

**MANY: For the bread that has sustained us on our
journey, and for the guides who have led us, we offer
thanks and praise, O God.**

One: We pray for those whose journey ends mere moments after it has begun.

MANY: We pray for those who do not have the strength to travel on.

One: We pray for those whose path seems continually to wind back upon itself, spiraling through poverty, pain, prison of soul or mind or body.

MANY: And for those whose path coils with malice until joy and power and life itself are crushed out.

One: In the landscape of your abounding love we know there are paths leading into tomorrows yet unfathomed. There are days ahead when all your children shall walk upon green and fruitful earth,

MANY: Unafraid of war, unbeset by want,

One: Untroubled by pain or loneliness, selfishness or uselessness.

MANY: Help us to shape such a world.

One: Let our paths not be narrow and self-preoccupied,

MANY: Let us build broad highways, where all may walk together in beauty, tending the gardens along the way.

One: As we journey on through pleasure and pain, commitment and betrayal, keep us mindful that we do not walk alone;

MANY: That you are Presence in our midst;

One: That in Jesus of Nazareth you came and shared our common lot;

MANY: That you walk beside us and dance ahead of us into the future.

One: Deliver us, we pray, from the mire of grudges and regrets. We yearn to break away from all that, to come

running to your open arms, to your arms that are spread wide with mercy and acceptance.

MANY: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, whose story brings life to a dying world, hope to a despairing people, justice and love to a realm of strife.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 774

**Shepherd, lead, lead me in your righteousness,
Make your way plain before my face.
For it is you, God, you God only,
to make me to lie down in safety.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: "We Are Called" David Haas

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us to wisdom and courage. Amen

*SENDING HYMN: **NCH 594 “America the Beautiful”**

*BENEDICTION: Glory to the Creator, who give us life!
Glory to Christ, the servant of love!
Glory to the Spirit, who empowers us
forward!

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: **TUNE: “Amazing Grace”**
The love of God, with peace and joy,
Will each of us attend,
And guide our ways through coming days,
until we meet again. *(Written by N.S. Thistle)*

*POSTLUDE: **“Hymn for Our Country”** John M Rasley