



PRELUDE

Jenny Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in our homes)

Lonna Mulkey

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence,
not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "Follow me."

We don't always know what that means.

**We are here because we want to be God's people;
we are here because we are broken and
want to be whole again;
we are here to celebrate our lives,
and God's presence in this life.**

Let us worship God with great thanksgiving.

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Holy God, we come full of our own personal experiences from the past week to join in common worship and mutual care. Help us to bear one another's burdens, pray for one another's concerns and see with a new and clear perspective through the lens of scripture and tradition. Give us faith in your compassion, hope in your future and love for all your children. In this time of silence, prepare our hearts for worship.

SONG

Step by Step

O God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning
I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days (Repeat)

I will follow You all of my days
I will follow You all of my days
And step by step, You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lonna Mulkey

God will not count our trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silence, a time for personal confession.

Amen. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

THE OFFERING

Pastor John

RECEIVING A NEW MEMBER

Pascale Webb

DOXOLOGY

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

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

Lonna Mulkey

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,)

in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,)

in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,)

in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, (In my heart,)

in my heart (in my heart,)

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

From where we are
to where you need us,

Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,

Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your reign,

Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,

Jesus, now lead on.

Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.

Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.

POSTLUDE

Jenny Smith

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Accompanist Jenny Smith

Credits

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