

Worship Guide

Sunday, January 24, 2021



Welcome

Announcements

Opening Song: *Seek Ye First*

#405UMH vv. 1 & 2

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness*

*And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find*

*Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.*

Call to Worship

L: Gather this day in silence and hope

P: We wait for God's word for us.

L: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

P: God is our strength and salvation.

L: Wait patiently for the Lord.

P: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Hymn: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

TFWS #2200

Concerns and Prayers (Prayers for ourselves and others.)

Together let us pray:

For the people of this congregation...

For those who suffer and those in trouble....

For the concerns of this local community....

For the world, it's peoples, and it's leaders....

For the Church universal- it's leaders, it's members, and it's mission....

In communion with the saints...

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.

Hymn of Preparation: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* TFWS #2129

*I I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
no turning back, no turning back.*

*2 The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.*

*3 Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow—
no turning back, no turning back.*

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-10

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

L: The Word of God, for us the people of God
P: Thanks be to God!

Message:

Gene Rouse

Offering Our Gifts To God

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to Centenary UMC, PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976 or to an organization in your area

Closing Hymn: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* #344 UMH

*Lord, You have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly*

*O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas*

*You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there, my nets and labor*

*You need my hands full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving*

*O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas*

Benediction