



Greystone
Baptist Church

*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones,
where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love
by word and deed to all people.*

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6

The Worship of God

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

Gathering Music

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” ASSAM; Anonymous Words,
Folk Melody from India arr. Eugene Thomas

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” PESCADOR DE HOMBRES;
Words and Music by Cesáreo Gabaráin

“I Will Follow” Words and Music by Chris Thomlin,
Jason Ingram, and Reuben Morgan

“River” Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2017

Prelude

“In His Footsteps” arr. by Don Phillips
Sandra Hunt

Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

Call to Worship

One: We come as seekers,

All: Unsure of what we seek.

One: We come as followers,

All: Not understanding the One we follow.

One: We come to worship,

All: Even though we don't know how.

One: Holy One, by your grace,

All: Meet us where we are.

One: Meet us here. Meet us now.

All: Amen.

✠ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

✠ **Opening Hymn**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me
(The Summons)”**

KELVINGROVE;
Words by John L. Bell and Graham Maule,
Scottish Melody arr. John L. Bell

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

*During the last stanza of our Opening Hymn,
all children are invited to come forward for today’s children’s sermon.*

Children’s Sermon

April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Rose

Offertory Anthem

**“I Follow the Thing That Good Is”
GBC Choir**

by Hank Beebe

I follow the, always follow the, yes, follow the, always follow the...

I follow the thing that good is, follow my faith in Thee.
I know that the thing that good is is faithfully leading me.
I know that the faith that guides me provides me with light.
Misfortune may come to rile me, but I'll be alright.

I follow the thing that good is. Sometimes the way seems odd.
Thorny the path to good is, walking where Christ has trod.
Living the way I should is my way of thanking God.

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It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
with singing, tuneful and bright.
To show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning,
and Thy faithfulness every night.

I follow the, always follow the, yes, follow the, always follow the...

I follow the thing that good is. Sometimes the way seems odd.
Thorny the path to good is, walking where Christ has trod.
Living the way I should is my way of thanking God,
(thanking my, always thanking my, yes, thanking my,)
always thanking my God.

† Doxology 817

“O Bless the Gifts”

LAMB OF GOD;
Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt.,
Music by Twila Paris

**O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.**

† Prayer of Dedication

Julie Green

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Ron Thompson

Sermon

“Listen! Follow Me”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Musical Response

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Traditional Black Spiritual

**I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

I’m gonna work...

I’m gonna pray...

I’m gonna sing...

Sending Song

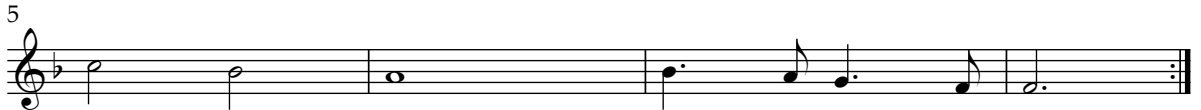
“I Will Follow You”

by Christian McIvor
@2023

1st Verse: Soloist Alone
2nd Verse: Congregation Joins



1. I will fol - low__ you. I will fol - low you.____ Lord, in
2. We will fol - low__ you. We will fol - low you.____ Lord, in



all__ I__ do,____ I__ will fol - low you.
all__ we__ do,____ we__ will fol - low you.

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”
Pam Weis

by Dan Forrest
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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