



WOULD I HAVE ANSWERED WHEN YOU CALLED

Would I have answered when you called,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind  
both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round  
have held me by its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart  
from bursting into flame?

Would I have followed where you led  
through ancient Galilee,  
on roads unknown, by ways untried,  
beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back  
where home and comfort drew,  
where truth you taught would not disturb  
the ordered world I knew?

Would I have matched my step with yours  
when crowds cried, "Crucify!"  
when on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away  
and left you there alone,  
a dying king with crown of thorns  
upon a terrible throne?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
through all its tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"  
you'll give me strength beyond my own  
to follow faithfully. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Daniel's Diet  
MEET & GREET  
GENERAL CONFERENCE MESSAGE

TWO FISHERMEN Suzanne Toolan  
Two fishermen, who lived along the Sea of Galilee,  
stood by the shore to cast their nets into an ageless sea.  
Now Jesus watched them from afar,  
then called them each by name.  
It changed their lives, these simple men;  
they'd never be the same.

"Leave all things you have and come and follow me,  
and come and follow me."

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Rev. Randy Booth, pastor

February 10, 2019 9:30Worship

*ADORATION*

PRELUDE Be Thou my Vision Bell Choir

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP  
Most Holy God, let today be a fruitful day of rest. You  
rested from creating to model that your creation needs  
rest. The first day of the week is a small reminder that  
Jesus was raised on a Sunday, the first day of a whole  
new world. Let me be refreshed in worship today. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Robyn Essler

ONE DAY Robin Mark Vicky Beeching

To you, O Lord, will all the earth give glory;  
no other name will share the glory due.  
Though kingdoms rise and nations mock your mercy,  
one day they'll stand and worship only you.

Every knee will bow down, every tongue say out loud,  
"You are the Lord of earth and heaven."  
Every hand will be raised in a thunder of praise!  
"You are the King of all creation," they'll say one day.

Today we join with angels and archangels  
who never cease by day and night to sing.  
Yet we await the moment earth joins heaven  
around your throne to raise an offering.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen. ©2009 Thankyou Music  
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**And as he walked along the shore  
'twas James and John he'd find,  
and these two sons of Zebedee  
would leave their boats behind.  
Their work and all they held so dear  
they left beside their nets.  
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;  
they came without regret.**

**O Simon Peter, Andrew, James,  
and John beloved one,  
you heard Christ's call to speak good news  
revealed to God's own Son.  
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene  
who traveled with your Lord,  
you ministered to him with joy for he is God adored.**

**And you, good Christians, one and all  
who'd follow Jesus' way,  
come leave behind what keeps you bound  
to trappings of our day,  
and listen as he calls your name  
to come and follow near;  
for still he speaks in varied ways  
to those his call will hear.** © 1986 GIA Publications

## Confession

### UNISON PRAYER

Lord, Jesus, you have called us to work with you in spreading the invitation to grace. You use many images to help us see: fruitful seeds on fertile soil, fishing with nets to let the crowds know, and run-aways welcomed home with open arms. There are many ways we can fulfill your invitation to us: we actively engage people, we passively let them see the change you're bringing in our lives, and the range between. Let us –as individuals and the congregation – live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel. Active and passive, farming or fishing, the whole world will see we are not ashamed or afraid when you are with us. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYER

**SUNG RESPONSE** I Will Change Your Name  
**I will change your name.** Terry Butler  
**You shall no longer be called  
wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid.**

**I will change your name.  
Your new name shall be  
confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one;  
faithfulness, friend of God, one who seeks my face.**

## Thanksgiving & Supplication

### EPISTLE READING Philippians 1: 21-30, ESV

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

### GOSPEL READING Luke 5: 1-10, ESV

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION  
PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

I CHOOSE YOU Maureen Pranghofer

**Lord you loved me before I loved you;  
Lord, you called out my name before I called on you.  
You formed me in my mother's womb,  
and you chose me and now, I'm choosing you.**

**I choose you as Lord of my life!  
Be Lord of my days, be Lord of my nights!  
I trust in you to meet my needs,  
I'm choosing you who first chose me**

**2. Lord, you sought me before I sought you.  
Lord, you knocked on my door  
before I looked for you . . .**

**3. Lord, you knew me before I knew you;  
Lord, you waited for me before I waited for you. . .**

DEPART WITH BLESSING



We do not “pass the plates” during the 9:30 service.  
To make a donation to the church, the offering  
plates are by the doors.

**FEBRUARY PRAYER EMPHASIS**

We pray for God's voice to be heard  
in General Conference  
in St Louis February – theid'

Each day with one heart, [the early Christians]  
regularly went to the Temple, but met in this houses  
for the breaking of bread... praised God... and the  
Lord added to their community those who were  
being saved. Acts 2: 46, 47

General Conference Message  
Monroe United Methodist Church  
February 10

General conference meets in St Louis in two weeks to consider three plans for our denomination. The two key questions focus on whether United Methodists should affirm same sex marriage and practicing homosexual pastors.

One option is called the One Church Plan. This plan would eliminate any of our current policy that prohibits same-sex marriage and the ordination of sexually active homosexual pastors. It would declare that the UMC is not of one mind regarding sex and marriage, and it would allow individual pastors, local church leadership, Annual Conferences and Bishops to interpret and decide related issues differently.

Marriage would be redefined as a monogamous covenant relationship between two *adults*, thereby allowing – though not forcing – pastors to perform same-sex marriages. It would create a patchwork of different practices across United Methodism where some churches and some pastors would perform same sex marriages and others would not. Local churches could write policies for or against same sex marriages, and bishops would be expected to appoint pastors with similar views.

Whether or not to ordain and appoint sexually active homosexual clergy would also be decided by each individual Annual Conference. This One Church Plan is supported by the bishops.

Another plan is called the Connectional Conference Plan. Right now, the United Methodist Church is organized by geography. We are in the Wisconsin Annual Conference in the North Central Jurisdiction of nine states. This plan suggests that Methodist Churches should be affiliated by their teaching about sexuality instead.

Each local church would have to choose to connect to one of three Conferences – the Progressive, the Unity or the Traditional. All three would share the Book of Discipline for church management and theological tradition. But for matters about marriage and ordination, each church would choose a conference based on principles, not geography. Pastors and churches that either support or don't support same sex marriages would have to find each other no matter where they are.

The third plan is called the Traditional Plan. The Traditional Plan retains the church's current position that all people are made in God's image and all people have sacred worth. But the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Openly gay people shall not serve as pastors and United Methodist churches may not host same-sex weddings and United Methodist pastors may not perform same sex weddings.

The Traditional Plan would provide stricter accountability for pastors, Annual Conferences and Bishops who do not agree. It provides a gracious exit for individuals and churches who can no longer abide by the current standards. The gracious exit means that churches can leave the denomination without having to pay market value of their property. An 'exit fee' to help cover pensions would be assessed.

There is a chart on blue paper on the welcome center that describes all these plans. You can talk to Pastors Randy and Karen if you want to know more.