



**ONLY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

**JANUARY 22, 2023**

**Accompaniment Play List and Sermon available on YouTube at**

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## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 27: 1, 4-9WEB**

<sup>1</sup> Yahweh is my light and my salvation.  
Whom shall I fear?  
Yahweh is the strength of my life.  
Of whom shall I be afraid?  
<sup>4</sup> One thing I have asked of Yahweh, that I will seek after:  
that I may dwell in Yahweh's house all the days of my life,  
to see Yahweh's beauty,  
and to inquire in his temple.  
<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble, he will keep me secretly in his pavilion.  
In the secret place of his tabernacle, he will hide me.  
He will lift me up on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me.  
I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent.  
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to Yahweh.  
<sup>7</sup> Hear, Yahweh, when I cry with my voice.  
Have mercy also on me, and answer me.  
<sup>8</sup> When you said, "Seek my face,"  
my heart said to you, "I will seek your face, Yahweh."  
<sup>9</sup> Don't hide your face from me.  
Don't put your servant away in anger.  
You have been my help.  
Don't abandon me,  
neither forsake me, God of my salvation.

### **INTROIT**

**"Where He Leads Me"<sup>1</sup> (UMH#338, refrain)**

<https://youtu.be/5jZ4ERmcluY>

Where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow,

where he leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with him, with him all the way

### **OPENING PRAYER**

O loving God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you. Help us so to know you that we may truly love you; and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **AFFIRMATION of FAITH "A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church" UMH # 884**

We believe in the one God,  
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,  
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God manifest in the flesh,  
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the

Savior of the world.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.  
We believe in the forgiveness of sins,  
in the life of love and prayer,  
and in grace equal to every need.  
We believe in the Word of God

contained in the Old and New Testaments  
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of  
practice.

We believe in the church,  
those who are united in the living Lord  
for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## HYMN UMH #347

### "Spirit Song"<sup>2</sup>

[https://youtu.be/kjVLUY\\_dNLk](https://youtu.be/kjVLUY_dNLk)

1) Oh, let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love;  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh, let him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you  
whole

**Refrain**  
*Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs*  
*Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs*

2) Oh, come and sing the song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name  
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give  
him all your years of pain, And you'll enter  
into life in Jesus' name [Refrain]

## ANTHEM (Suggested)

### "Turn Around"

<https://youtu.be/m7CMdcPub5A>

Matt Maher

## JOYS & CONCERNS and MORNING PRAYER

Light-giving, salvation-making God,  
we have staked our living and our dying and  
our being raised to new life on your steadfast  
love and faithfulness.

You have promised to hide us in your shelter in  
the day of trouble.

You have promised to set us high on a rock,  
above those powers and forces that batter us,  
that tempt us, that work against us.

We have sought your presence here, listening  
for your Word: your Word that gives life;  
your Word that heals the wounded heart; your  
Word that speaks truth.

Teach us your Way, O Lord Jesus. Lead us on a  
well-lighted path. In the times when you are  
silent, grant us the courage to wait, trusting in  
your grace that brings your resurrection power  
to our dead ends.

You are doing a 'new thing' among us, though,  
it is hard to see at times what that 'new thing' is.  
We bring to you our grieving over what is being  
lost, our fears about what the future might hold,  
our desire to love and serve you, and those  
concerns we have lifted before you in heart and  
in voice.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, you are  
refining us, purifying our discipleship, and  
pulling us into following Jesus in this new  
world.

Grant us mercy and grace to trust you more  
deeply, for the only secure place is with you,  
our light and our salvation, the stronghold of  
our life.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus,  
the first-born of your new creation  
our hope, our life who taught us to pray...

*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 UMH #398**

**"Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult"**

<https://youtu.be/zz4gBhrix0g>

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

2. As of old the apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these!"

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Matthew 4: 12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

<sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

toward the sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles,

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness saw a great light;

to those who sat in the region and shadow of death,

to them light has dawned." Isaiah 9:1-2

<sup>17</sup> From that time, Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

<sup>18</sup> Walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers: Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers for men."

<sup>20</sup> They immediately left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them. <sup>22</sup> They immediately left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**MESSAGE**

**"Come Follow Me and I Will Make You"**

**Rev Jim Canody**

<https://bit.ly/Sermon01-22-2023>

A worried housewife sprang to the telephone when it rang and listened with relief to the kindly voice in her ear. "How are you, darling?" she said. "What kind of a day are you having?"

"Oh, mother," said the woman on the phone, breaking into bitter tears, "I've had such a bad day. The baby won't eat and the washing machine broke down. I haven't had a chance to

go shopping, and besides, I've just sprained my ankle and I have to hobble around. On top of that, the house is a mess and I'm supposed to have two couples to dinner tonight."

The mother was shocked and was at once all sympathy. "Oh, darling," she said, "sit down, relax, and close your eyes. I'll be over in half an hour. I'll do your shopping, clean up the house, and cook your dinner for you. I'll feed the baby and I'll call a repairman I know who'll be at your house to fix the washing machine promptly. Now stop crying. I'll do everything. In fact, I'll even call George at the office and tell him he ought to come home and help out for once."

"George?" said the woman. "Who's George?"

"Why, George! Your husband!....Is this 223-1374?"

"No, this is 223-1375."

"Oh, I'm sorry. I guess I have the wrong number."

There was a short pause and the other woman said, "**Does this mean you're not coming over?**"

Many who read the calling of Jesus' first disciples tend to gloss over it. At first glance, these accounts appear trivial in comparison to Jesus' overall ministry of healing and inclusion of the marginalized, his crucifixion, resurrection, and the ascension.

But either the calling of Jesus' first disciples tells us nothing...or it tells us something.

Let's take a look at **Matthew 4:18-22**. This short narrative simply tells us that Jesus walked alongside the Sea of Galilee and saw two brothers Simon Peter and Andrew throwing their fishing nets into the water. Jesus makes a single statement: "Come, follow me...and I'll show you how to fish for people" (Matt 4:19, CEB). The next verse reads, "Right away, they left their nets and followed him" (4:20). If we're honest, this is a seemingly mundane text that beckons little reflection.

The text continues. As if a single, mundane scenario wasn't enough, a similar narrative follows for a different set of brothers: James and

his brother John. They, too, were in a fishing boat – this time with their father. At the end of verse 21 we read: "Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him" (vv. 21-22). Both of these episodes appear rather straightforward and empty of significance. Many will read this text and move on seamlessly.

However, I would encourage anyone who identifies as a follower of Jesus or is considering what it means to follow Jesus to slow down, read, and re-read this passage. For this passage contains paramount implications of what it means to actually follow Jesus.

**First**, that Jesus says little more than "Come, follow me...and I'll show you how to fish for people" reveals the fishermen's recognition of Jesus' authority.

**It does not matter who said this ... for its truth seems to me to be undeniable ... but these words were uttered by Ronald Reagan:**

"Meaning no disrespect to the religious convictions of others, I still can't help wondering how we can explain away what to me is the greatest miracle of all and which is recorded in history. No one denies there was such a man, that he lived and that he was put to death by crucifixion. Where...is the miracle I spoke of? Well consider this and let your imagination translate the story into our own time -- possibly to your own hometown. A young man whose father is a carpenter grows up working in his father's shop. One day he puts down his tools and walks out of his father's shop. He starts preaching on street corners and in the nearby countryside, walking from place to place, preaching all the while, even though he is not an ordained minister. He does this for three years. Then he is arrested, tried and convicted. There is no court of appeal, so he is executed at age 33 along with two common thieves. Those in charge of his execution roll dice to see who gets his clothing -- the only possessions he has. His family cannot afford a burial place for him so he is interred in a borrowed tomb. End of story? No, this uneducated, property-less young man

who...left no written word has, for 2000 years, had a greater effect on the world than all the rulers, kings, emperors; all the conquerors, generals and admirals, all the scholars, scientists and philosophers who have ever lived -- all of them put together. How do we explain that?...unless he really was who he said he was."

Followers of Jesus heed this authority with obedient action. But because the chapters of our lives are not summed up in short five-verse passages, we walk this obedience amidst various challenges, questions, and heartaches. So whether in the biblical text or the messy reality of life and society, the bottom line is this: *Jesus followers follow Jesus out of the recognition of his authority. And we do so while saying "no" to competing authorities.*

**Second**, that Jesus targets two sets of brothers as his first disciples suggests his interest in the family unit for his mission. Jesus is doing something new with humanity and he involves the family unit in this process. I say this as one who believes the gospel inherently concerns matters of social justice: it is not only about right-relatedness "**out there**" in society, but it is also about right-relatedness "**in here**" at our dinner tables. It is both!

As Rev. Dr. King wrote in his Letter from Birmingham Jail, "**Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere!**" So Jesus is reorienting and restoring humanity, and he uses the family unit toward this larger mission.

**If our greatest need had been information,**

*God would have sent us an educator;*

**If our greatest need had been technology,**

*God would have sent us a scientist;*

**If our greatest need had been money,**

*God would have sent us an economist;*

**If our greatest need had been pleasure,**

*God would have sent us an entertainer;*

**But our greatest need was forgiveness,**

*so God sent us a Savior.*

**There are two hundred and fifty-six names given in the Bible for the Lord Jesus Christ, and I suppose this was because He was**

**infinitely beyond all that any one name could express.**

**Third**, Jesus reorients the vocational course of his followers. To inject words like "vocation" or "career" into the ancient world would be an anachronism. In the ancient Mediterranean world, people didn't have multiple trades or "careers" to pursue. A person did one or two things well for most of her/his life. It may be more accurate to say people had a means of survival rather than a "career" of choice. For these fishermen, dropping their nets and leaving their boats may be analogous to closing your laptop and abandoning your desk at the one job you've *invested in* for years. Following Jesus disrupts our purpose and vocation in the world. In America, where much of our identity is constructed based on how we make money (and how much), this can be a real hindrance to following Jesus.

These implications for life change are amplified when framed in the proper context of the preceding verse. Right before Jesus called his first disciples, he makes the familiar announcement: "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near**" (Matt 4:17).

**There is a song that talks about this repentance called "Turn Around" by Matt Maher which in parts says:**

You don't have to take the broken road  
You can turn around and come back home

If you're scared that you don't matter

If you're lost and need to be found

If you're looking for a Savior

All you gotta do is **turn around**

Repent simply means to **turn around**, to change, to do things differently in light of God's reigning presence amongst humanity. The Common English Bible (CEB) captures the Greek word for "repent" in fresh and accessible ways: "Change your hearts and lives!" To repent is to "change our hearts and lives!"

Jesus makes this announcement to change your hearts and lives in verse 17 and then goes on to call his first disciples by inviting them to

literally change their hearts and lives in verses 18-22! Although only five verses long in the Gospel of Matthew, the calling of Jesus' first disciples implies profound life-changes for us who have said "yes" to Jesus' invitation to "Come, follow me."

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,

saying, "Christian, follow me!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

**May it be so! Amen.** †

**HYMN UMH #338**

**"Where He Leads Me"**

<https://youtu.be/l9q7lmdYl9M>

1. I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

**Refrain:**

*Where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.*

2. I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way. (Refrain)

3. I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way. (Refrain)

4. He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
and go with me, with me all the way. (Refrain)

**BENEDICTION**

God is our light, our hope, our all in all:  
Blessed be God, now and forever!  
Christ is our home, our life, our joy:  
Blessed be God, now and forever!

Our worship concludes; our service continues.  
Blessed be God, now and forever!  
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**RESPONSE**

**"Spirit Song"<sup>1</sup> (UMH#347, refrain)**

<https://youtu.be/K-ViNV0wzpw>

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
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## OUR PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS from January 15, 2022

- The United States of America, other countries around the world, and our leaders
  - World Events
  - Ukraine
  - Americans serving in the armed forces and in dangerous foreign diplomatic posts.
  - Our missionary in Cambodia, Clara Mridula Biswas.
  - Persecuted Christians
  - Members in assisted living: Dottie Milliner and Rose Moore.
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| • Prayers of thanksgiving from Ann & Roger Weinheimer      | • Vicky Parker      | • Denny Williams                         |
| • Therese's Sister, Christine, who okay after car accident | • Wanda Bryan       | • Gayle Hardy                            |
| • Those in CA affected by flooding                         | • Carl Burkhart     | • Stephanie Lilliston                    |
| • Dottie Milliner  | • Joanne Parks      | • School teachers & students             |
| • E.A. McMath  | • Patsy Beach       | • Kenny & Melinda Heath                  |
| • Margaret Collings  | • Patricia Galm     | • Joyce Hiers                            |
| • The Phillipe Baby  | • Rod Drummond      | • Tom Roberts and Family                 |
| • Norman & Don Bowling                                     | • Judy Bradshaw     | • The family and friends of Jack Thornes |
| • Dan Bowling  | • Ginny Powell      | • The family and friends of Jon Miller   |
| • Virginia Ellen Cook                                      | • Holly Unger       | • The family and friends of Paul White   |
| • Bill Custis  | • Nancy Lewis       | • The family and friends of Kevin Justis |
| • John Mills   | • Bobby Wood        | • The Family and friends of Gene Bushong |
| • Dale Brittingham   | • David Justice     | • The family of Anita Smith              |
| • Rayleen Shepherd   | • Leo Brunetti      | • The family of Ann Carol Nuttal         |
| • Laurie Laird   | • Ada Jo Amadeo     | • Jim & Lynn White- travel mercies       |
| • Hunter Edwards   | • Shirley Christian | • Travel Mercies                         |
| • Tom Lucci  | • Lola Custis       | • Unspoken                               |
| • Bob Pruitt   | • Cindy Arnold      |  |
| • Irv Gray   | • Becky Bell        |  |
| • Jim Rittenour  | • Donna Parks       |  |
| • Robby Mears  | • Youth Partnership |  |
| • Joan Dize  | • Jayne Wikoff      |  |
|  | • Russ Frasier      |  |
|  | • June Evans        |  |
|  | • Inez Nock         |  |
|  | • Lisa Bundick      |  |

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# JANUARY Birthdays

Judy Bradshaw (Jan. 8)  
John Annis (Jan. 17)  
James L. Powell, Jr. (Jan. 26)

E.T. Eberts (Jan. 28)  
Ann Weinheimer (Jan. 30)  
Gordon Vincent (Jan. 31)

# JANUARY Anniversaries

Anthony & Nelda LoFaso (Jan. 17)  
Al & Bev McMath (Jan. 20)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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**Thank you!** We greatly appreciate your gifts, tithes, and prayers.

Your contributions are important to the life and mission of OUMC.

**Checks, made payable to OUMC** should be mailed to:  
Sandra Savage  
P. O. Box 513, Exmore, VA 23350

# ADULT Sunday School

10:00 am Sunday Mornings  
Current topic: 1&2 Timothy & Titus  
(The "lesser" known Pastoral Epistles)



## FRANKTOWN, EPWORTH & ONLEY UMC YOUTH NIGHT

Youth participation at the Polar Duck Dip  
No Sunday Youth Group this week.  
Next week: Making our own Commercial!  
<https://www.facebook.com/easternshoeryouthgroup>



## COAT CLOSET

February 4, 2023  
8:30-10:30 AM  
Cash donations as well as coats, jackets, men hats and gloves are still needed.  
Thank you for your support!

### KEEP IN TOUCH

Website: <https://www.onleyumc.org/>  
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Join our email chain: [onleymethodist@gmail.com](mailto:onleymethodist@gmail.com).

### Special Task Force Meeting

Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30pm.  
A lite meal is provided for those on the committee.  
(If you're not sure if you are on this committee, please speak with Jeanette Edwards)

Camp Occohannock's Annual  
**Polar Duck Dip**  
9403 Camp Lane Belle Haven  
Sat. Jan 21, 2023 11a.m.

Silent Auction  
Yes The Prungs Get Spawners  
NEW Talent Show/Open Mic  
Register here: [www.oobay.org](http://www.oobay.org)

Thank YOU for supporting Camp Occohannock on the Bay and the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual POLAR DUCK DIP Which helps the Camp raise funds to support camp programs, campers, repairs and more.