



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

January 21, 2024 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship is a time to move close to God and receive spiritual energy for living courageously and serving others faithfully.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit “You Walk Along Our Shoreline” J. Lewis

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this day in silence and hope, for Christ is calling us as disciples.

People: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully as we wait for God’s word for us.

Leader: We will be led into fields of mission and service. Let our hearts and spirits be open.

People: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go, for God is our strength and salvation.

Leader: Listen for Christ’s call to you. Wait patiently for the Lord.

People: We are ready to serve you, Lord, with willing hearts and spirits; we wait for you. Amen.

*Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH #577

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Opening Prayer

Holy 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 the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Prayer for the Pastor

Gerry Hixson, Lay Leader

Installation of UMW Officers

Epistle Reading Pew Bible pg. 170 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Choral Anthem “Come Follow Me” J. Leavitt

*Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 35 Mark 1:14-20

Message “Forget About It!” Pastor Rodney Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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 “Would I Have Answered When You Called” TFWS #2137

Dedicating Our Resources to God

Offertory

*Response Doxology, UMH #95

**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**

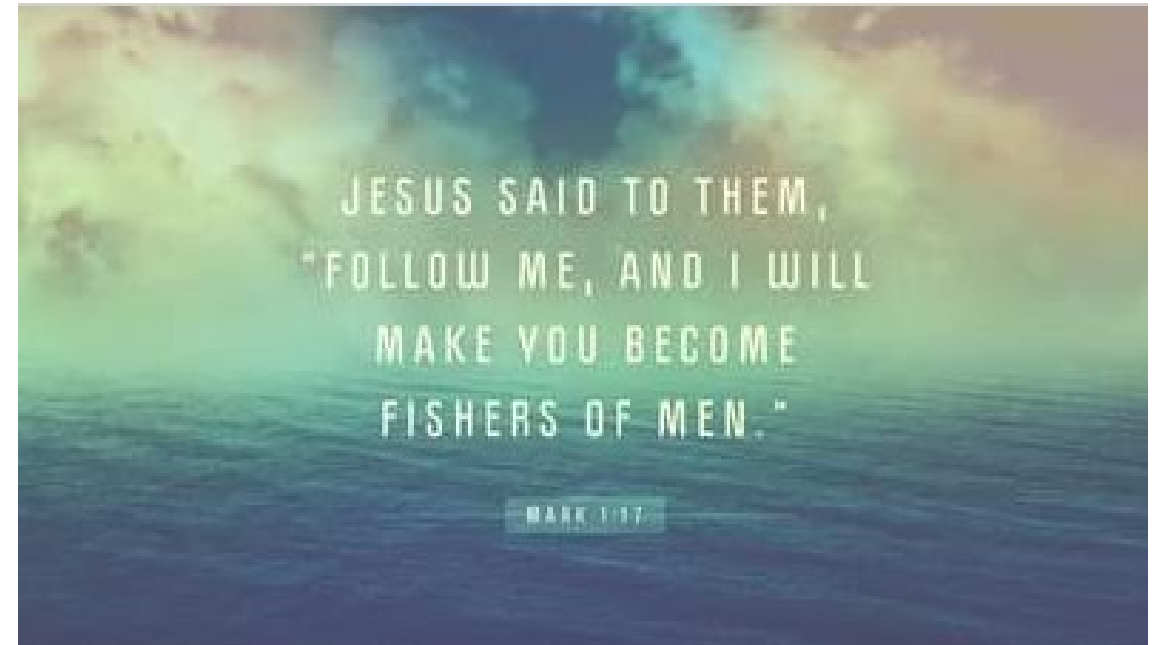
*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (vs. 1& 2) TFWS #2129

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude

*Please Stand if able



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