

Order of Worship Service – January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

PRELUDES	Christ Be My Leader – Gordon Young He Leadeth Me – Dale Wood
WELCOME	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
OUR RESPONSE HYMN #128	Praise the Name of Jesus (HICKS)
OPENING PRAYER	
CHOIR	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus – John Carter
HYMN	Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (HYFRYDOL)
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 40:1-11 (CEB) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i> Congregation: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
CHOIR	On Christ I Stand – Benjamin Harlan
PRAYER OF BLESSING	
HYMN #636	If You Will Trust in God to Guide You (WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT)
SCRIPTURE READING	I Corinthians 1:1-9 (CEB) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i> Congregation: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Wilma Wiens Leader: <i>Lord, in your mercy</i> Congregational Response: <i>Hear our prayer</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	John 1:29-42 (CEB) Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i> Congregation: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>
SOLO	Come Follow Me – Jay Althouse
MESSAGE	What Are You Looking For? – Laura Funk
HYMN #107	Christ Be My Leader (SLANE)
UNISON BENEDICTION	A Prayer of Decision (Hymnbook #454)
POSTLUDE	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Fughetta) – Ruth Marsden

Worship Leader	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	Margot Sim
Vocal Solo	Krista Labossiere

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 25: Heather Macumber will be speaking on “Shadow and Light” with scriptures Isaiah 25:1-5 and Psalm 27

PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS (Roy Hicks)

Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus,
He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,
He's my Deliverer, in him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS (Anon/Joseph Gilmore)

I have decided to follow Jesus – no turning back.
The world behind me, the cross before me – no turning back.

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful follower I will be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Though none go with me, I still will follow – no turning back.

JESUS CALLS US O'ER THE TUMULT (Cecil Alexander)

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 from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

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.”
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.

PSALM 40:1-11 (CEB)

¹I put all my hope in the Lord.

He leaned down to me;
he listened to my cry for help.

²He lifted me out of the pit of death,
out of the mud and filth,
and set my feet on solid rock.

He steadied my legs.

³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise for our God.

Many people will learn of this and be amazed;
they will trust the Lord.

⁴Those who put their trust in the Lord,
who pay no attention to the proud
or to those who follow lies,
are truly happy!

⁵You, Lord my God!

You've done so many things—
your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—
no one can compare with you!

If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them,
they would be too numerous to count!

⁶You don't relish sacrifices or offerings;
you don't require entirely burned offerings or compensation offerings—
but you have given me ears!

⁷So I said, "Here I come!
I'm inscribed in the written scroll.

⁸ I want to do your will, my God.
Your Instruction is deep within me."

⁹I've told the good news of your righteousness
in the great assembly.
I didn't hold anything back—

as you well know, Lord!

¹⁰I didn't keep your righteousness only to myself.
I declared your faithfulness and your salvation.

I didn't hide your loyal love and trustworthiness
from the great assembly.

¹¹So now you, Lord—
don't hold back any of your compassion from me.
Let your loyal love and faithfulness always protect me.

ON CHRIST I STAND (Edward Mote)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.
A higher plane than I have found. On Christ the solid rock I stand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I trust in His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the vale.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.
A higher plane than I have found. On Christ the solid rock I stand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.
A higher plane than I have found. On Christ alone I stand.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

IF YOU WILL TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU (Georg Neumark)

If you will trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you, to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping, in sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure, in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure and all discerning love have sent.
Doubt not your inmost wants are known to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully,
And trust his word, though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

I CORINTHIANS 1:1-9 (CEB)

From Paul, called by God's will to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and from Sosthenes
our brother. To God's church that is in Corinth:

To those who have been made holy to God in Christ Jesus, who are called to be God's people.
Together with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place—he's
their Lord and ours! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I
thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus.
That is, you were made rich through him in everything: in all your communication and every
kind of knowledge, in the same way that the testimony about Christ was confirmed with you.
The result is that you aren't missing any spiritual gift while you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to
be revealed. He will also confirm your testimony about Christ until the end so that you will be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and you were called by him to
partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

JOHN 1:29-42 (CEB)

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one about whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.’ ³¹Even I didn’t recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel.” ³²John testified, “I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him.³³Even I didn’t recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and testified that this one is God’s Son.”

³⁵The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples.³⁶When he saw Jesus walking along he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!”³⁷The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, “What are you looking for?” They said, “Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?”³⁹He replied, “Come and see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of

Simon Peter. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated *Christ*). ⁴²He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated *Peter*).

COME FOLLOW ME (Sally Albrecht)

The kingdom of heaven is near.

As you have received, so, then you must give.

Be not afraid with the Lord at your side,

For Jesus died so we may live.

Chorus:

He said, “Come follow me. Come follow me.

Come by yourselves to a quiet place.

Come follow me. Come follow me.”

That someday we may see His face.

Those who are weary, take rest.

Look to Him for comfort and He will soothe your soul.

For He is gentle and humble in heart,

And Jesus died to make us whole. **Chorus**

CHRIST BE MY LEADER (Timothy Dudley-Smith)

Christ be my leader by night as by day,
Safe through the darkness for he is the Way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting nor doubting, for he is the Truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation with Jesus I reign.

UNISON BENEDICTION – A PRAYER OF DECISION (Bryan Jeffrey Leech)

Lord Jesus Christ, I have ignored your claims too long. Because you are the Lord of life, I want you to be the Lord of my life.

I know nothing of my future, but I believe that the only safe place to be is in the center of your will. I take you as my Saviour and ask you to absolve me of all my sin. I take you as my Master, asking you to make use of me in the great work of drawing the world to you. I renounce evil in all its forms. In accepting you I seek all that is good and true and edifying. Increase my love, that out of a grand passion I may follow you daily. Amen.