

Annual Conference Worship

Monday, June 14, 2010

2pm

Service Theme: Lead By Following Jesus – Follow me and I will make you fishers of men

Musical intro countdown -

Songs-

Where he Leads me I will Follow (UMH 338, using the following lyrics in this order)

Words: E.W. Blandy; Tune: John S. Norris

(refrain) Where he leads me I will follow. (3x)

I'll go with him, with him all the way.

(V1) I can hear my savior calling, (3x)

"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

(repeat refrain)

(V2) I'll go with him to the garden, (3x)

I'll go with him, with him all the way.

(repeat refrain)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (TFWS 2129, using the following lyrics in this order)

Words & Music: Anon. V2 Words: D. Celec

(V1) I have decided to follow Jesus. (3x)

No turning back; no turning back.

(V2) So, come on with me and we will follow. (3x)

No turning back; no turning back.

Where he Leads me I will Follow (this verse is not in the hymnal – it's ok it's public domain & so is "I have decided)

(V3) We'll go with him to the seashore. (3x)

We'll go with him, with him all the way.

Drama (5 min) - introduce Conference theme by humorous dialogue based on irony "lead by following" -

Song Medley (3 min)- **Where he Leads me I will Follow**

(V3) We'll go with him to the seashore. (3x)

We'll go with him, with him all the way.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (UMH, only verse 2 is from the hymnal)

Words: Charles Wesley (verse 1 D. Celec); Tune: Carl G. Glaser

(V1) We will lead by following

our Savior, Christ, the Risen Lord,

faithfully equipping sisters,

brothers, called to sacred work.

We will gather those around us,

serving others as we ought,
following in Jesus' footsteps
humbly, as our Leader taught.
(V2) Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.
(V3) Breathe, o breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning,
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Scripture (1 min)- Mark 1:16-20 - [ReNe'e Teague](#)

Message (20 min)- [Vance Ross](#)

Commitment (5 min)- visual/audio guided reflection on call to follow Jesus -

Simon and Andrew were in a boat when they were first called. Where were you?

(Pictures)

James, John, Simon, and Andrew were preparing their nets when Jesus called them. What were you doing?

(Pictures)

James and John their father to follow Jesus. What did you leave behind?

(Pictures)

Where is Jesus calling you to follow now?

(Pictures)

Where are you now?

(Pictures)

What are you doing?

(Pictures)

What do you need to leave behind?

Pastoral Prayer (3 min)– **Bishop Kammerer**

God who calls, sends and sustains us. We give you praise for your all-consuming love, peace, justice, and mercy. In this time of worship, I lift up my brothers and sisters here who have dropped their nets and responded to your call. I thank you for the way that you are working in and through them to reveal your light and your mission in the world. We humbly ask that you would continue that work in and through us, as your sent people in the world.

And as a sent people, please watch over us and keep us from anything that would avert our focus from you. Assist us in resisting the forces of wickedness in the world. Strengthen us to turn away from complacency and apathy. Embolden us to confront injustice and maintenance of the status quo.

Moreover, Sustaining God, as your children we seek your aid, by the power of your Spirit, to persevere and endure when the seas become turbulent and to maintain hope when the sea is as glass with no wind for our sails. May we find in you the source for our pressing on.

And Lord, as we live out our lives of discipleship, make us one in purpose with you and with each other. May we be unified as the body of Christ in our love of, and service to, you.

And for those whom you will touch through our service to you, we pray. May they experience and receive your all-consuming love, peace, justice, and mercy. May we tell the story, the good news of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, in authentic and genuine ways that you might work through all that we do, all that we say and all that we are to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

We humbly pray in the strong name of the one who calls, sends, and saves, Jesus.
Amen.

Song – DeLyn & band

Thuma Mina (UMH 497 as follows)

Words: South African spiritual (Zulu)

Tune: trad. South African

Send me, Jesus. Send me, Jesus. Send me Jesus; I will go!

Lead me, Jesus. Lead me, Jesus. Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Fill me Jesus. Fill me, Jesus. Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

Thuma mina, Thuma mina, Thuma mina So-man-dla. (2x)

Benediction (1 min)– **Vance Ross**

A net will be available under the podium to be “cast” by Vance during the giving of the benediction.