

# The Worship of God

August 30, 2020

10:00 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Baptist Church

Gainesville, Florida

**Invitation to Worship**

**Pastor Eric Spivey**

**Call to Worship**

**Pastor Eric**

Christ comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old by the lakeside he came to those who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word: "Follow me," and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery they shall learn in their own experience who he is.

— Albert Schweitzer, 20<sup>th</sup> century theologian and missionary

**Song of Devotion – *Footsteps of Jesus* - #550 (st. 1, repeating refrain)**

Words by Mary B. C. Slide, music by Asa B. Everett FOOTSTEPS

Sweetly Lord we have heard Thee calling, "Come follow me!"  
And we see where Thy footprints falling, lead us to Thee.

Refrain

Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow;  
We will follow the steps of Jesus where-e'er they go.

**Invocation**

**Bill Smith**

**Song of Praise – *Step By Step* - #480 (twice)**

Words and music by David Strasser and Michael W. Smith  
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O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

**Prayer of the People**

**Pastor Eric**

**Chorus of Commitment – *Follow On* - #26 in Heritage Hymnal (refrain only)**

Words by W. O. Cushing, music by Robert Lowry

Follow! Follow! I would follow Jesus! Anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on!  
Follow! Follow! I would follow Jesus! Everywhere He leads me I would follow on!

## Scriptures of Discipleship

To the first disciples, Jesus said... "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19

In response, Simon Peter and Andrew... "Immediately left the nets, and followed Him."

Matthew 4:20

After seeing the healing many ill and demon possessed, a scribe said to Jesus...

"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

Matthew 8:19

Concluding a lesson on healing on the Sabbath, Jesus then healed a man with a withered hand and... "Many followed Him, and He healed them all."

Matthew 12:15

When talking to a rich, young ruler, Jesus told him... "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me."

Matthew 19:21

Familiar words of Jesus remind us... "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

John 10:27

## Chorus of Commitment – *Follow On* - #26 in Heritage Hymnal (refrain only)

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Follow! Follow! I would follow Jesus! Anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on!  
Follow! Follow! I would follow Jesus! Everywhere He leads me I would follow on!

## Scripture – Matthew 16:21-28

### Message – "Follow Me"

Pastor Eric

### Responding to God's Call

### Song of Response – *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* - #437 (st. 1, 2, & 4)

Words and music by B.B McKinney © 1936 Broadman Press FALLS CREEK

"Take up, thy cross and follow Me." I heard my Master say;  
"I gave My life to ransom thee, surrender your all to day."

#### Refrain

Wherever he leads I'll go, Wherever He leads I'll go,  
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.

He drew me closer to His side, I sought His will to know,  
And in that will I now abide, wherever He leads I'll go.

#### Refrain

My heart, my life, my all I bring to Christ who loves me so;  
He is my Master, Lord, and King. Wherever He leads I'll go.

#### Refrain

**Closing Song – *We Go in Peace* - #512 in *Celebrating Grace Hymnal***

Words and music by Keith Christopher © 2010 Celebrating Grace Inc. EDWARDS

We go in peace, we go in love. We go with grace and mercy from the Lord above  
To tell the world this very thing that Jesus Christ is Lord and King.  
Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

**Please remain seated until dismissed by one of our hosts. Thank you.**

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**Follow Me**

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Matthew 16:21-28

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

**Sermon Guide**

**To Follow Jesus, we ...**

- Die to Our \_\_\_\_\_
- Die to Our \_\_\_\_\_
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- Die to Our \_\_\_\_\_

To What is God calling you to die?

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Where is God calling you to follow?

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