

Welcome Pastor Michelle

Choral Call to Worship *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* v.1 TFWS #2129

\*Opening Litany (based on Mark1: 21-28) Worship Leader: Eric Schoute

One: As people,  
as a group,  
as a community of faith –

**All: we gather in this place.**

One: To listen.

**All: to speak.**

One: to worship.

**All: to pray.**

One: to be with God. Because we know –

**All: it is out of God's authority,  
it is out of God's love,  
that we live. Alleluia!**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Speak with authority in our lives, Christ.**

**Speak to us, and to what is in us,  
so that we might be whole.**

**Speak to us,  
with love,  
with hope,  
and with strength,  
so that we might hear you,  
and know, deep inside,  
that we are your people,  
and that you are our God.  
Let it be so. Amen.**

\*Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH #155

Children's Story Time (After this, children may leave for Sunday School.)

Prayer for Illumination Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of your Word; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 O.T. p. 174  
Mark 1:21-28 N.T. p. 35

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* vv.1, 3 & 7 UMH #57

Sermon

Choral Call to Prayer *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* TFWS #2200

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Music Ministry *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* arr. Mark Hayes  
Aldersgate Choir

Offering and Answering God's Call

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\*Doxology UMH #94

Leadership Board Recognition

Opportunities to Serve

\*Closing Hymn *Trust and Obey* UMH #467

\*Blessing

Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**MD Food Pantry** Please donate feminine hygiene products and oregano.

**UUMC Bell Ringers** You are invited to play with the bells! The only requirements are: you are able to stay for rehearsals after church and that you will be able to play during worship on Feb. 25. Rehearsals begin **today** in the sanctuary after our service.

**Reading Party** Would you be able to help read through old documents? We need help locating information needed to move forward with building projects. If you can help, please let the church office know that you plan to stay after worship next Sunday, Feb. 4.

**For Your Calendar:**

- Jan. 28 Bells Rehearsal
- Jan. 31 Prayer call; noon
- Feb. 1. Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4 Communion; Reading of Old Papers following worship
- Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.; Beginning of Lent
- Feb. 25 Black History Concert 3:00; sanctuary

Today's liturgy written by Richard Bott, and posted on **Sharing Liturgy**. <http://liturgy.richardbott.com/>  
Photo of Lake Artemisia ice by A. La Russo. Long, Kimberly Bracken. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 (p. 59). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.

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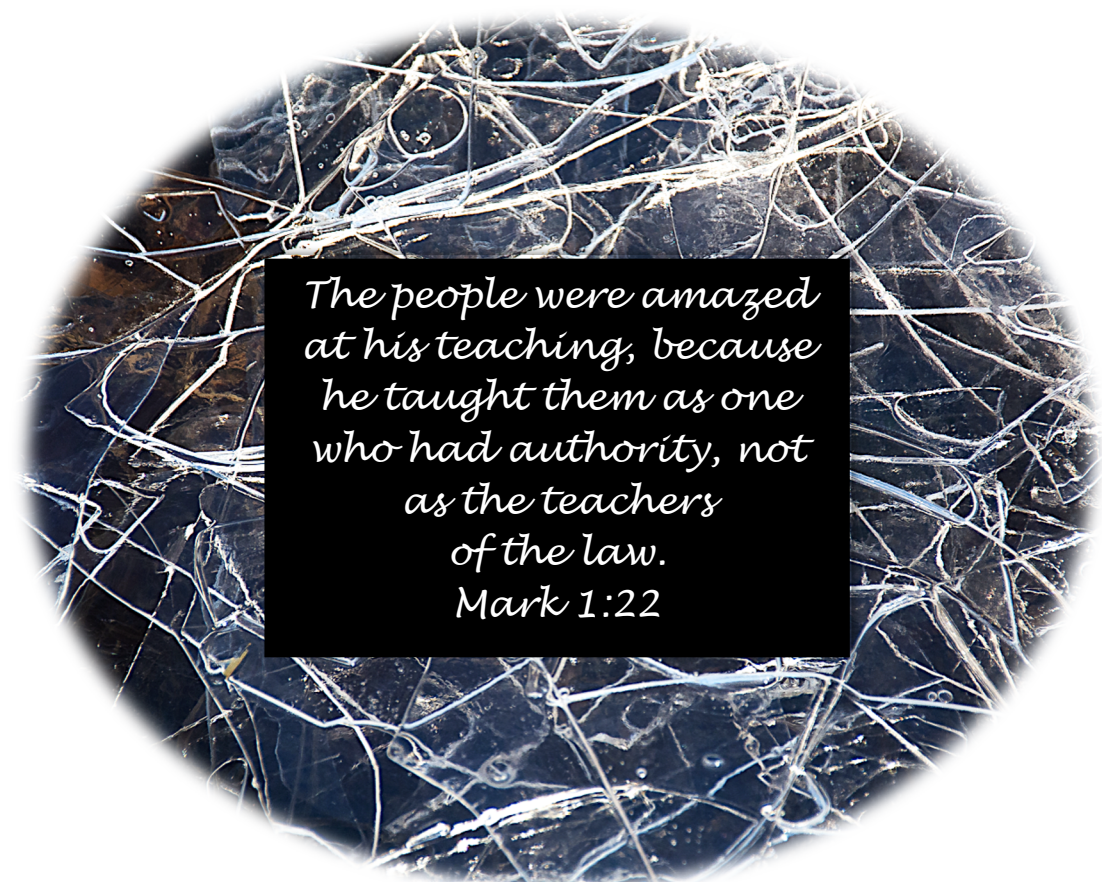
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*The people were amazed  
at his teaching, because  
he taught them as one  
who had authority, not  
as the teachers  
of the law.  
Mark 1:22*