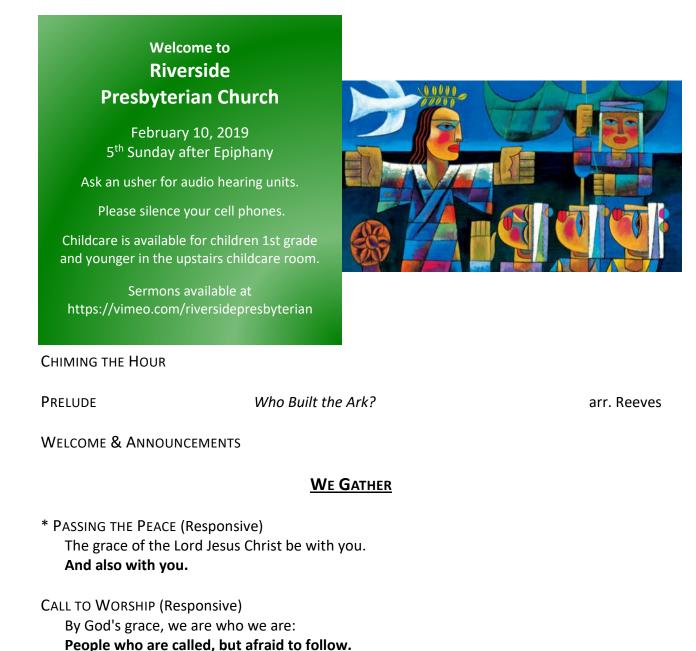
# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me



The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.



\* HYMN 138

By God's grace, we are who we are:

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People who are called, and gifted with courage.

People who are called, and given good news to share.

#### \* INVITATION TO PRAYER

#### \* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be sisters and brothers with others, but don't want to be an intrusion in our friends' lives. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to those internal voices, that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us.

Forgive us, God who longs to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show the others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ so we might become your children once again.

(Silent prayers)

## \* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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			Halla	halla	hallalal	

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

\* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

## **MEDITATION**

\* HYMN (back of bulletin)

Will You Come and Follow Me

Children are invited forward

## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah ANTHEM

#### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE 391 vs 4

Take My Life

## Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WE DEPART

* Hymn 525		Here I Am, Lord			
* Benediction					
CHORAL BENEDICTION					
Postlude	Lord of the Dance	arr. Behnke			
* You are invited to stand if able.					

Isaiah 6:1-8 Luke 5:1-11