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Prelude

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 267 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Invocation

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*Doxology

Morning Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

FOLLOW ME

The Most Grace Filled Words Ever Spoken

Luke 22:54-62

Peter's Darkest Moment

Flashback

*Hymn No. 375 *Jesus Calls Us*

The Offering of Thanks and Praise

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Darkness Turns To Dawning

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 296 *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (vs. 1)*

Sermon Applied

Jesus Still Calls Out, "*Follow Me!*"

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 376 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (1)*

Postlude

"FOLLOW ME!"

The Most Grace Filled Words Ever Spoken

- I. ***Peter's Darkest Moment*** ... We find Peter outside, weeping bitterly." (Luke 22:62) -[read Luke 22:54-62 for context]

FLASHBACK - The Life of Peter

- II. Peter must have reflected back on 'the good ol' days.'
- A. The joy of the beginning. (Mark 1:16-18)
- B. The adventures along the way...
1. At transfiguration: "let's put up tents" (Mark 9:5)
 2. Walked on water (Matthew 14:28-31)
 3. Asked Jesus to explain forgiveness (Matthew 18:21)
 4. Asked Jesus to explain parables (Matt 15:15; Lk 12:41)
 5. Times alone with Jesus, miracles, teachings.
 6. He with John prepared the Passover meal... (Luke 22:8)
- C. The wonderful spiritual awareness and sense of purpose: (Matthew 16:13-20)
- " you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:17-18)
- D. The unheeded warning ... (Luke 22:31-34)
- Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."
- E. And now this awful night ... Three denials later ...
- III. ***Darkness Turns To Dawning:*** *So here we find Peter ... outside, weeping bitterly.*
- A. Some time passed ... Jesus was tried ... beaten ... crucified... Peter would run to the empty tomb ... (Luke 24:12)
- B. So much had happened since Jesus first said, Follow me. Peter had failed ... He knew it ... and so did Jesus.
- C. Yet, the best was yet to happen in Peter's life ... Peter would experience the wonderful result of the Gospel in His life... (John 21:15-19)

- IV. Application: Today Jesus still calls out - "*Follow Me*"

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P: To the fisherman Jesus said:

C: **“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men”**

P: To the tax collector Jesus said:

C: **“Follow me.”**

P: To the rich man Jesus said:

C: **“Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”**

P: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

C: **“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”**

*Hymn No. 267 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success—Spirit of holiness, in us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And never from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore:
His sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

*Invocation

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

⁵⁷ But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said.

⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

⁶⁰ Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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Luke 22:54-62

Peter’s Darkest Moment

Flashback

*Hymn No. 375 *Jesus Calls Us*

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 Thy obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

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Sermon Continued

Darkness Turns To Dawning

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 296 *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (vs. 1)*

We've a story to tell to the nations,
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

Sermon Applied

Jesus Still Calls Out, "*Follow Me!*"

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 376 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (1)*

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

Postlude