

# MUMC At-Home Worship:

*August 9, 2020*

Dearest friends, this Sunday is the first in a series of weeks where our scriptures have been picked to resonate with the themes of recently released family-friendly movies we're showing as a drive-in feature on Friday nights! On August 7 at 9pm, we're showing Pixar's *Onward*, and on August 14 at 9pm, we're showing the live action version of *Aladdin*. You are more than welcome to join us for either week or the two following! If you're curious how *Onward* connects with the scripture listed below, give our sermon-by-phone line a call at **734-206-1531** to hear the sermon!

*-Pastor Dillon*

*If available, place a candle in the center of your gathering space and light it with this prayer:*

God of all places, you meet us where we are. May our resting in this worship give us energy to continue along the pathways as you lead us. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Where He Leads Me*, United Methodist Hymnal #338 – [watch/listen here](#)

**New Testament Reading:** John 12:20-26

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Reflect:**

1. The text tells us that some Greeks come to see Jesus but, not content to be a destination, Jesus responds by talking about following him even through death. What differences do you see between treating God as a destination and treating God as a journey? Which resonates more with you?
2. Jesus seems to say that following him requires that we are open to give up everything, choosing to love him more than our own lives and even through death (“unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies...”). How might we embody this radical love of Christ above all else in our lives?
3. We have all gone on some journey of faith in our lives so far and certainly still have journeys ahead of us. What have been some high points for you? What challenges have you endured? How might God be calling you to serve going forward?

**Hymn:** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*, The Faith We Sing #2129 – [watch/listen here](#)

**Prayer Requests:** Share prayer requests and have a moment of silent prayer

**Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** *Lead On, O King Eternal*, United Methodist Hymnal #580 – [watch/listen here](#)

**Closing Prayer:**

Holy God, may we love you even more than our own lives, so that we might take up our cross and find the everlasting life you have intended for us. Lead us on your path as we go to serve you in acts of love and mercy. Amen. (*Blow out the candle*)

*Where He Leads Me*

**United Methodist Hymnal #338**

1. I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

*Refrain:*

Where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

2. I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.  
(*Refrain*)

3. I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.  
(*Refrain*)

4. He will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
and go with me, with me all the way.  
(*Refrain*)

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**John 12:20-26 (CEB)**

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One [*Son of Man*] to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

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***I Have Decided to Follow Jesus***  
**The Faith We Sing #2129**

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.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me -  
no turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow—  
no turning back, no turning back.

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***Lead On, O King Eternal***  
**United Methodist Hymnal #580**

1. Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy  
the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal,  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

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