

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Keep us, O God, from totally losing heart whenever we let You down. Encourage us to overcome the urge of weakness that turns us away from Your plans. Lead us toward keeping our promise to follow You wherever You go. Hear our shortcomings and failures and forgive.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. You are forgiven, and the Spirit seeks a home within you. Trust the Spirit's leading. Walk by the Spirit, enjoying your new freedom in Christ. Let the fruit ripen within you, recognize its presence and celebrate each experience that gives evidence of your growth in the Spirit.

HYMN: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*
(Anonymous Hymn Request)

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Galatians 5:1, 13–25, Luke 9:51–62

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Followers, Not Fans"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

***CLOSING HYMN:** *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Leader: Be led by the Spirit, walking in love, joy, and peace.

Unison: We are ready to venture once more into the world, for we know God is with us; we are not alone.

***Indicates those who are able please stand**