

**“Follow me,
and I will
make you fish
for people.”**



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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's star, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew.

Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way.

Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

A Story that Invites Us

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come and see, for miracles are all around us... burning bushes, the light of the world, the calling of God.

All: God calls us to follow Christ and be a light to the nations.

L: We are servants and friends, reflections of God, showing Christ's love to the world.

All: Christ invites us to heed God's calling in our lives.

L: Gathered as one, honored and called, we are strengthened by God, the redeeming One.

All: We will follow where Christ leads and be a light to the nations.



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah, Naamah, and their family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Redeemer in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

P: Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come! The glory of our Creator has arisen upon us, and Christ's mercy has restored us with forgiveness and grace.

All: Arise, shine, for Christ's light is shining upon us now!

HYMN: "We Are Called" vs. 1,2,3



1	Come! Live in the light!	Shine with the joy and the love of the
2	Come! O - pen your heart!	Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3	Sing! Sing a new song!	Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called	to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called	to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign,	and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom	of the cit - y	of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness	. . . will be . . .	no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers	. . . u - nit - ed	in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to
 love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-
 oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Living Redeemer Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

LITANY

L: God of light, we come tired and weary, carrying many burdens.

All: We come wondering if you are even here.

L: We come seeking your face, seeking your love.

All: In this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of your love.

L: Remind us that you are always with us and that you never leave us.

All: Reassure us that you love us, even as you invite us to love one another.

L: In your love and light we sing...



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

All: Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Fishers of Men”*

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: Listen, the voice of God is calling.

All: Speak, Yahweh, for your servants are listening.

R: A reading from Jonah, chapter three, beginning with the first verse.

READING: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

The word of Yahweh came a second time to Jonah: “Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach to them as I told you to do.”

Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of Yahweh. Nineveh was a city large beyond compare:† it took three days to cross it. Jonah moved on into the city, making a day’s journey. He proclaimed, “Only forty days more, and Nineveh is going to be destroyed!”

So the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior. And God relented by not inflicting on them the disaster that threatened them.

R: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: God calls us this day: by touching our minds with wisdom and truth,

All: by healing our hearts with love and joy,

R: by blessing our bodies with vitality and strength,


All: by reviving our souls with fullness of grace.

R: With every fiber of your being, offer your reply:

All: "Here I am, for you called me."

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the first chapter of Mark.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:14-20*

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God:

“This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!”

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade. Jesus said to them, “Follow me; I will make you fishers of humankind.” They immediately abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

Proceeding a little further along, Jesus saw the brothers James and John Bar-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, putting their nets in order. Immediately Jesus called them, and they left their father Zebedee standing in the boat with the hired help, and went off in the company of Jesus.

P: The Gospel of our Messiah.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand



Fishers of People

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*” vs. 1,4

1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
Friend, you have come to call me.
Refrain
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: As we gaze on the lights of the Epiphany season, may we remember the Light that draws near.

All: Like those wise travelers from the East, let us bring gifts and treasures to honor Christ, the Light of the World.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: “*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*” vs. 1



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end - less store:



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our - selves in praise;



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Glorious God, bring glory to these gifts and to the offering we share with you and your church.

All: Bring the light of your justice and righteousness to the dark corners of our world.

L: Bring the glory of your love and compassion to heal our broken communities.

All: Bring the hope of generosity and gratitude to places in need of transformation. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God of grace,

All: receive our prayers.

L: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our Redeemer.

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator, in whose image we are made.

All: To the Creator of all, we give thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARIST

P: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love,

All: we remember your mighty acts.

P: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

P: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.

P: Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: Follow the star to the table of grace.

All: Here we find gifts beyond price.

P: Follow the star to the table of blessing.

All: Here we find strength for the journey.

P: Follow the star to the table of peace.

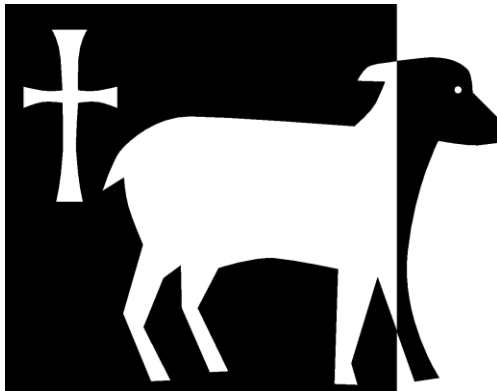
All: Here we find rest and refreshment.

P: Follow the star to the table of Christ.

All: Here we find light and love.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you forward to Communion
after the Lamb of God is sung.



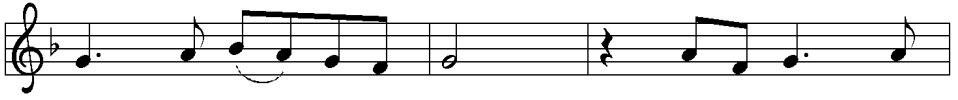
LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is light yellow, water is clear.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Then take a cup of wine (red) grape juice (light yellow) or water (clear) from the assistant, partake, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.



COMMUNION HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

I love to tell the
STORY

COMMUNION HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day.

All: As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: The kingdom of God is near.

All: We are called to action.

P: The kingdom of God unfolds throughout our lives.

All: We will take the word of grace into the world.

P: Go, redeemed and blessed, for you are never alone.

All: We will spread the good news! Amen



SENDING HYMN: "Go, Make Disciples"



“Go, make dis-ci-ples, bap-tiz-ing them, teach-ing them.
Go, make dis-ci-ples, for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a cit-y on a hill, so all can see that you’re
serv-ing me. Go, make dis-ci-ples.”

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

And Jesus said to them,
“Follow me and I will make you
fish for people.”

Mark 1:17

