Peace UCC  
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Called to be Followers of Jesus

Prelude  “Festive Gloria”  
Aaron David Miller  
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Welcome

Opening Words
One: We have come to this place filled with awe. The Spirit of the Holy one is upon us.

Many: We hear the call.
One: We know God has called us just as we are – US

Many: We hear the call.
One: Called to walk alongside Jesus.

Many: We hear the call.
One: And so we follow – ready to proclaim the Good News of liberation!

Many: We hear the call.

Opening Response "We Will Follow"
Tune: Somlandela      Traditional Zulu

1. We will follow, we will follow Jesus.
2. Through the valleys
3. To the mountains
4. In our calling
Prayer of Invocation  Maren C. Tirabassi
Gracious Redeemer, we come in our times of indecision. We do not know where to turn; we do not know how to stand; we do not know what to choose. Set our feet now upon your paths, incline our hearts to your call, give us new opportunity to decide for your ways. Be with us, faithful God, in this hour of worship and commitment and in all our hours. Amen.

Word in Song  Leonora Silvey
“Themes from Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2” Franz Liszt
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Sacred Text
Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishers had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Teacher, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful person!’ For Simon and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon  Rev. Wendy Bruner
Hymn “You Have Come Down to the Lake Shore”
Tune: Pescador de Hombres

You have come down to the lake shore,
You know full well my possessions,
You need my hands, my exhaustion,
You who have fished other waters;

seeking neither the wise nor the wealth y,
Neither treasure nor weapons of conquest,
Working love for the rest of the weary,
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:

But only asking for me to follow,
Just these my fish nets and will for working,
A love that's willing to go on loving,
As loving Friend, you have come to call me.

Oh Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.

On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.
Joys and Concerns

Prayer
Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God’s Work in the World
Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude “Our Refuge and Strength”
Donald F. Callender
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