

Peace UCC
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Called to be Followers of Jesus

Prelude "Festive Gloria"
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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 fol - low, we will fol - low Je - sus.
We will fol - low, we will fol - low him.
We will fol - low, we will fol - low Je - sus.
We will fol - low Je - sus where he leads us.

- 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

Luke 5:1-11

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 po - ses - sions.____
You _____ need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,____
You _____ who have fished oth - er wa - ters;____



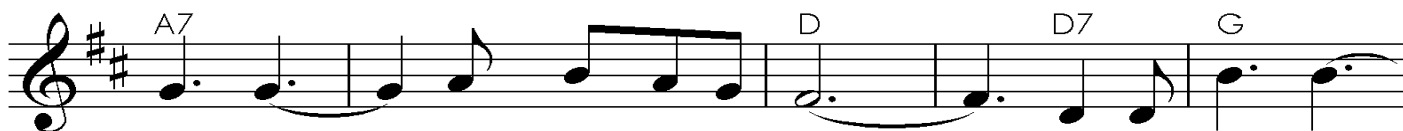
____ seek - ing nei - ther _____ the wise nor the wealth - y,____
____ Nei - ther trea - sure _____ nor weap - ons of con - quest,
____ work - ing love for _____ the rest of the wea - ry,____
____ you, the long - ing _____ of souls that are yearn - ing:____



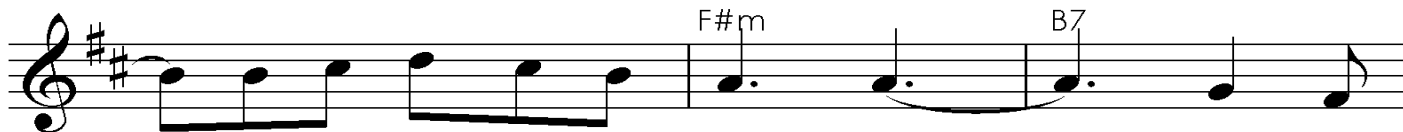
____ But on - ly ask - ing _____ for me to fol - low.
____ Just these my fish - nets _____ and will for work - ing.
____ A love that's will - ing _____ to go on lov - ing.
____ As lov - ing Friend, you _____ have come to call me.



O Je - sus, _____ 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. _____

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"

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