

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God, our light and our salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom
and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the
kingdom at hand
and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of
the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Ned Rorem

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

From our daily labors, the Lord summons us.

Freed from fear, we are bold to follow.

"Come! I will make you fishers of people."

We respond with gratitude and praise!

*SONG OF PRAISE

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

Hymnal, No. 170

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ, our Messiah,

you call us to fish for people,

but we are hesitant to leave our boats.

We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard,
believing they make us secure.

We are afraid to put our trust in you,
afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.

Forgive us.

Transform our fear into faithfulness,
and enable us to walk with you,
that we may be part of your work in the world.

(Time of silent reflection)

...let us answer Christ's call.

Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.

Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Mike Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

Page No. 555

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

ANTHEM

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Call to Follow

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Jesus Calls Us

Hymnal, No. 720

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving**

**sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG From the Nets of Our Labor Hymnal, No. 751

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Prelude in C Major, BWV 553 J. S. Bach

*Please rise in body or spirit.

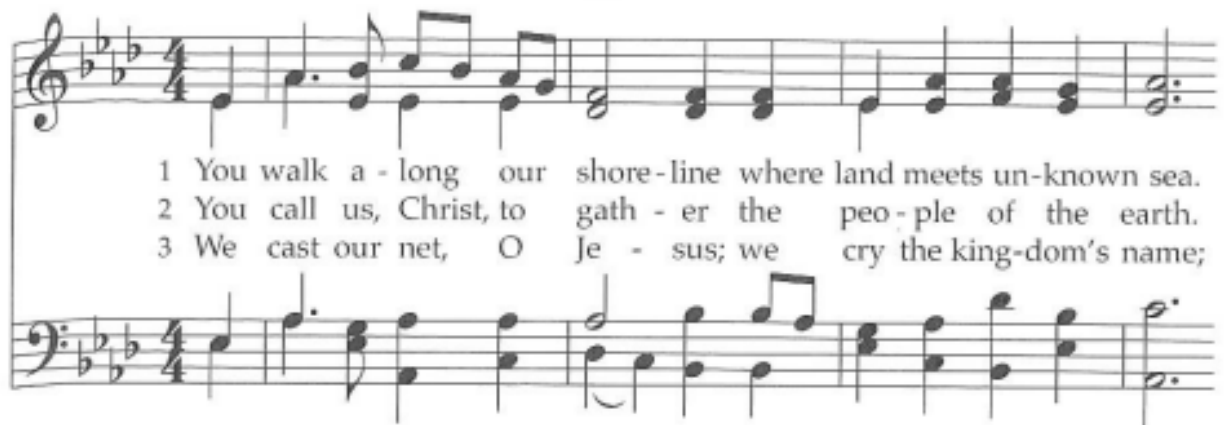
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for January 29: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12.

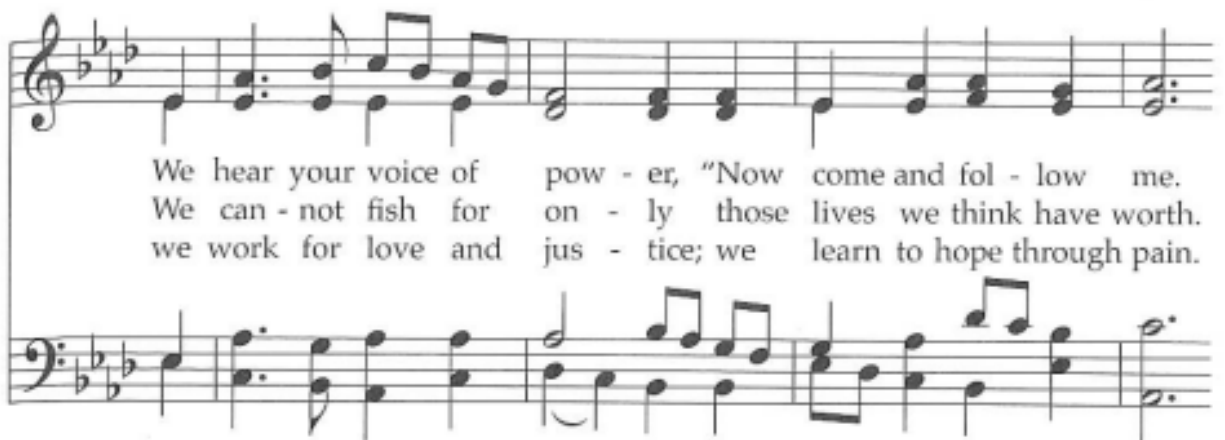
The Food & Shelter items of the month for January **are canned fruits and veggies. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table. Hearing-assistance devices and large print hymnals are available from the head usher.**

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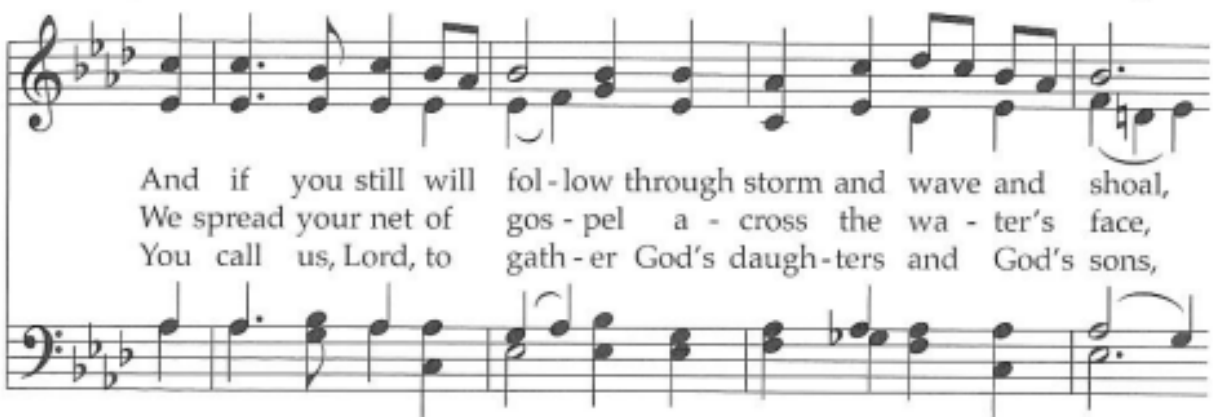
You Walk along Our Shoreline 170



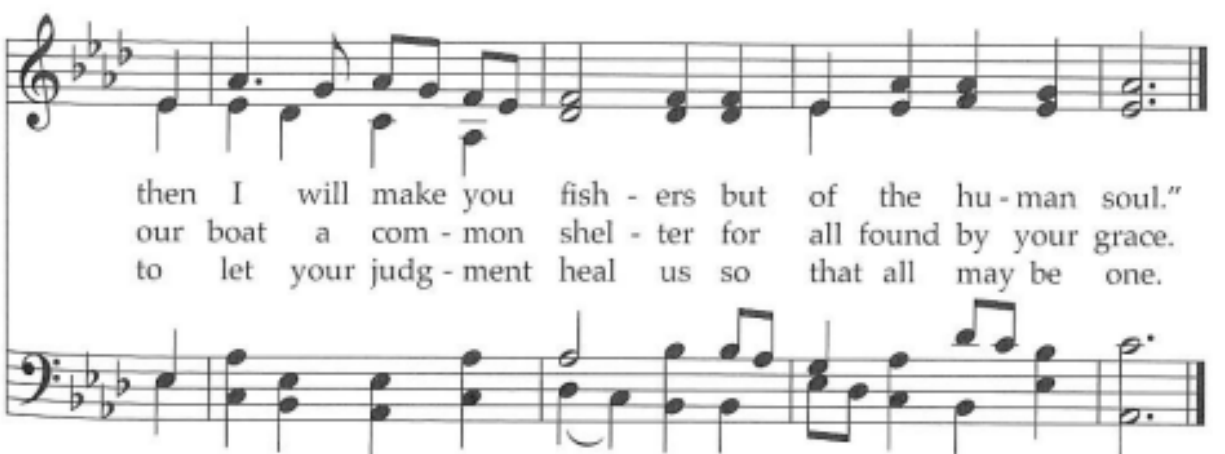
1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



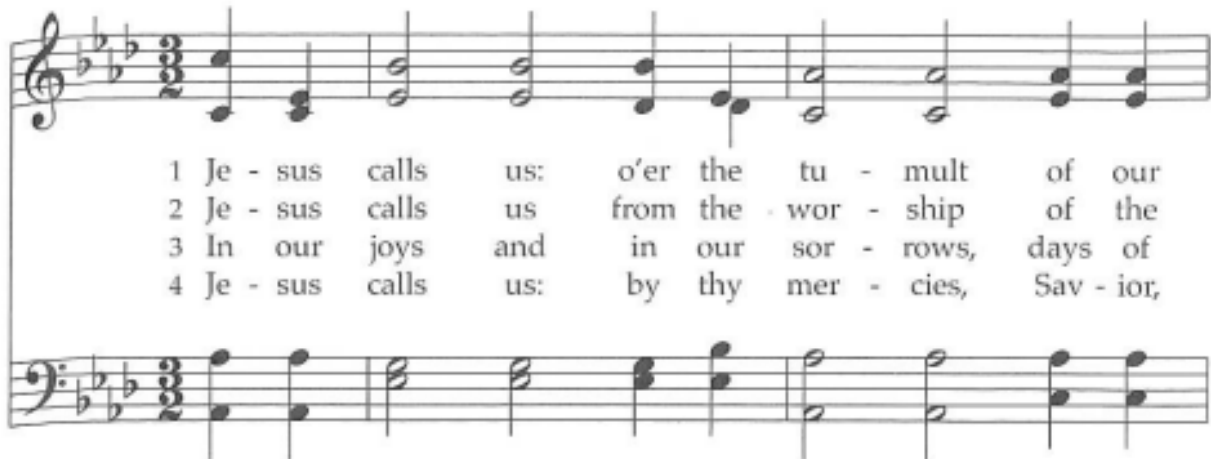
And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,



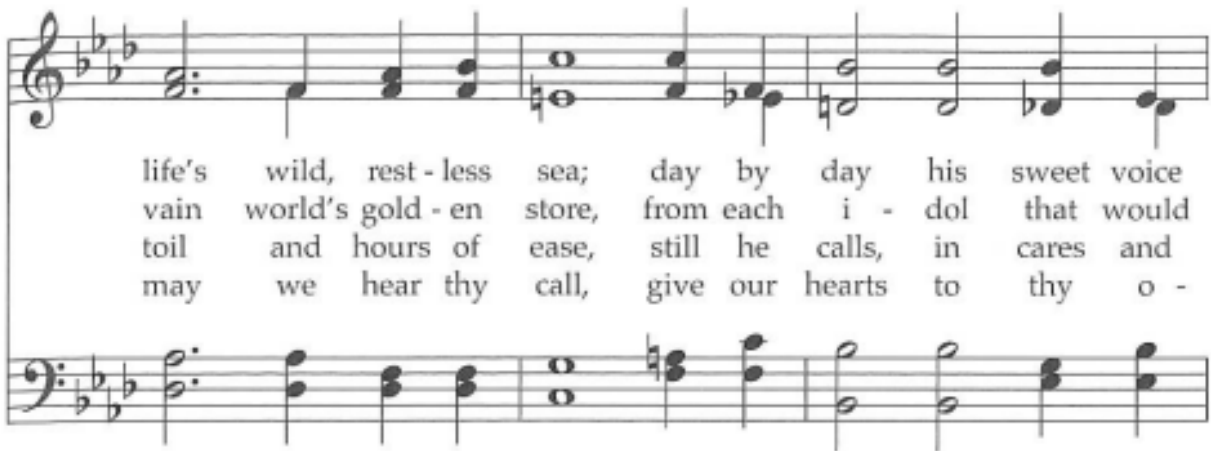
then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

751 From the Nets of Our Labor

We Will Rise Up and Follow



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,
 trem - bling; in the yearn - ing for jus - tice,
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.