



Jazz Sunday 10 a.m.

All are Welcome!

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

And Jesus said to them [Simon and Andrew], "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. – Mark 1:17-18

Prelude

The Preacher

Welcome ~ Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Holy God,

People: **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin — our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

Pastor: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

People: **Amen.**

Opening Song

Wade in the Water

Greeting

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

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music

Stolen Moments

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

Psalm 62: 5-12 (read in unison)

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Bill Boelter

Song of the Day

I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy **People: hear our prayer.**

Offering Moment

Invitation to Communion ~ Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer

Pastor: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

People: Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

Pastor: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter keep you in peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

This Little Light of Mine

Postlude

Just Friends

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Today's broadcast is **in memory of John Lohman**. From Dorothy Lohman & family.

JAZZ MUSICIANS Thank you to our musicians today: **David Ferreira, Matthew Patnode, Jim Knudson, Bill Law, Sarah Morrau.**

THANK YOU A special thank you to our volunteers today.

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