

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday after Christmas**

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Land Of Rest*

Pat Singer

WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

**Blizzard Boxes!**

Thanks to all who put together these boxes that will serve our seniors in the community!

**Annual Meeting**

On Sunday, February 7 following the worship service, we will hold our annual meeting. This year it will be different because we will do it virtually over Zoom. The annual report will be sent out via email two weeks prior to the meeting, but if you would like to request a hard copy of the report, please contact Marion Stefanoff in the office. You can either pick it up or it can be mailed or dropped off. If you need help getting set up on Zoom or have questions about calling in, please contact Pastor Abbie. More details to follow.

**Bible Study**

You are always welcome to come to the Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity to start the new year by joining in some great dialogue, and all from the comfort of your own home. It is a very laid back environment - you don't need to have any existing knowledge of Scripture - it is a place where we all come with questions, all come

to learn, and all come to reflect on how God's word is still alive and speaking to us today. Join us Wednesdays at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86950937176?pwd=QVIWQ29ObjMvZ2NWRWxmVII4RUQwZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 5093 7176

Passcode: 359636

CHORAL INTROIT

*Hosanna*

Joyful Noise Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rob Trawick

God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim God's word.

**But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.**

God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

**Jesus called the disciples by the lakeshore**

They left their families and jobs to follow Jesus.

**Lord, give us the courage to follow you all of our lives.**

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Rob Trawick

**Psalm 90:14-17**

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeffrey Davidson

We listen to the stories of the call of the disciples and find them interesting but unrealistic.

When we look at our own lives, we believe that we could not leave everything to follow

someone we didn't know. We have many responsibilities and ties which keep us from following. But God is persistent. God understands our confusion and doubts. And God continues to call us to be in ministry and mission in this world. It may not mean leaving everything behind, but it does mean being willing to serve wherever God calls us. That's hard. We want to place conditions on service, and usually those conditions are "if we have time", "if we have energy"; "if we can just try serving God for a little while to see how it all works out". Still God calls to each of us. Discipleship is difficult. Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you and focus on our own comforts. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need. Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you. Gently move us into service in your name.

[a time of silent confession]

God of mercy and love, you have called us over the waters, and through the waters of baptism you have blessed us. You have cleansed and healed us, and adopted us as your beloved children. Help us to live as children of the light, serving you faithfully all our days. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not be afraid. God is with you! That is good news. You do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about you or knows your heart. God knows and God loves you. Rejoice for thus it is, has always been, and will continue to be. God's love for you is eternal. AMEN.

#### SCRIPTURE

##### **Luke 5:1-11**

5 Once while Jesus[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 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 he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 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." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

MESSAGE

"Fishers of People"

Rev. Abbie Huff

ANTHEM

*Lean on Me*

Joyful Noise Choir & families

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*God of Great and God of Small*

Germonds Choir

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune, Alice Jordan*

Pat Singer