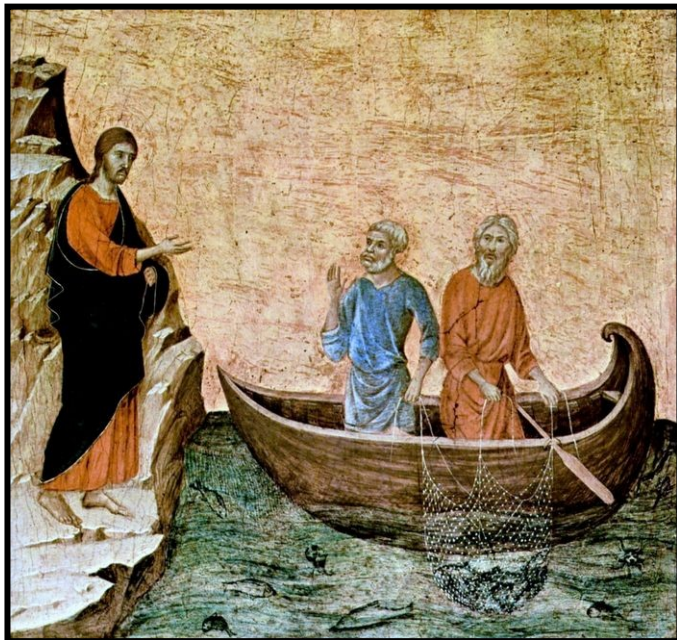


*FIRST*  
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**Third Sunday After Epiphany**

Sunday, January 21, 2024

10:00 A.M.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** “Praise God, Praise God” Michael Burkhardt

**WELCOME** Liturgist

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist

God is our rock and salvation.

**We wait to hear from God;  
our souls wait.**

We depend on God alone;

**we release what will pass away  
and rest in God’s enduring mercy.**

Though God calls us down difficult paths,

**we answer, relying on God’s help,  
for God keeps calling us to the work.**

Let us worship God!

\***HYMN** #361 “How Firm A Foundation”

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Kaul

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth,

whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Holy God,**

**you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow  
you, yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and com-  
forts of our lives. We distract ourselves from your  
call with busyness, stress and worry. We tangle our-  
selves in webs of racism, sexism, and hatred that**

**disguises itself as fear. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness, open our ears to hear your voice saying to us, “Follow Me.”** (*Silent Reflection*)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Those who trust in God will renew their strength. They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM** “God Is Calling Through the Whisper”

M.L. Bringle/Polish Carol

### **A TIME TO BE YOUNG**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**LITURGIST**

Great God,

Jesus awakened the disciples

to a new life-changing purpose

that caused them to drop it all and follow him.

You call us here from our everyday work in this very busy world.

**Have we dropped it all to follow you?**

**Awaken us, we pray.**

Show us how to leave everything behind

and with our lives to proclaim the good news—

your kingdom is drawing near.

**Make us into vessels**

**that carry your message of love,**

that we might, with others,

turn around, see, and believe.

**In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Liturgist

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

## GOSPEL READING

Rev. Kaul

Mark 1:14-20

## SERMON

“God Sends, Jesus Calls.....Us”

## HYMN-INSERT

“Rock of Ages”

With the whole church, let us confess our faith: (Liturgist)

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Partita on “Foundation” parts 1 & 2 Dennis Eliot

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray now with confidence as children of God the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray saying:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

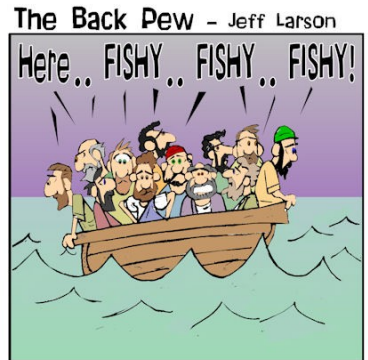
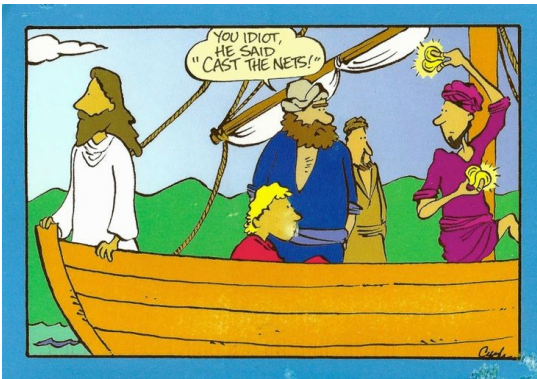
**HYMN #388 "Oh Jesus, I Have Promised"**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

*"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other." (Mizpah Benediction)*

**POSTLUDE "Voluntary No. 1" William Boyce**



RUB-A-DUB-DUB.. Eleven disciples in a tub .. and finding NO FISH. **John 21**

## Serving Today

**LITURGIST-** Debbie H.

**USHERS-** Marie D., Joyce I., Heather N.

**COUNTERS** - .Yvonne C., Debbie H.

**FLOWERS** - In Memory of Jim and Wally



### **FELLOWSHIP -**

Pizza, salad, and dessert provided

Can you write a six  
to eight word story  
of your faith life?



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