

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Giamanco

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Gary Wolfe, Treasurer

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

All: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

One: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

All: Don't make your living by extortion or put your hope in stealing. And if your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life.

One: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

All: Let us worship the living God!

*HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

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CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1: 9

One: God's Word assures us: "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out for Christ and against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you— only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me,

renew me, send me out as a ready and willing instrument of peace, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Brothers and sisters, be at peace-- in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***KYRIE ELEISON**

Lord, Have Mercy

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Note: Lower voices may hum.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 14-20 NRSVue

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat

mending the nets.²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

No Safety Nets
Rev. John C. Tittle

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: **Christ calls us to drop our own goals, agendas, and grand designs for our lives--and follow him. We are summoned to a definite purpose and mission that is way beyond ourselves. Our God and Father has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us in his Son.**

*HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

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OFFERTORY

Our Mission Is to Follow Jesus

Cool

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: **Merciful God, you provide us with so many opportunities to follow Jesus' teaching and to live as modern-day disciples. We sometimes respond to your call with excuses or unfounded worries. We confuse our spiritual longing with the need for worldly objects. Yet these things provide only a false sense of security or a**

temporary fix to our real needs. As we offer these financial resources, transform us so that we are stirred to hear and answer your call upon our lives. We pray this in the name of the Redeeming One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of Grace,

All: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

You Walk Along Our Shore

Steurlein

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Bulletin Art: *"Fish Magic"*, by Paul Klee, 1925



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