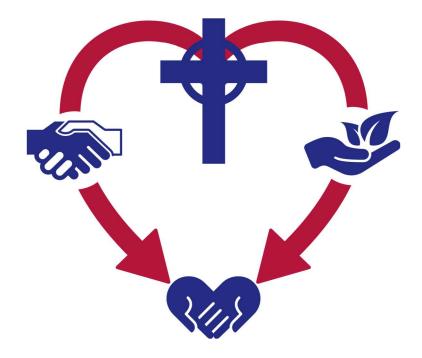
# We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ: by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



# A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 26, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



# We Gather to Worship God

\*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship Leader: Let me use your boat to talk to the people. People: All I have is yours, Lord. Leader: Put out into the deep water and let out your nets. People: But we have fished all night and caught nothing, but if you say so, we will. Leader: Do you see what abundance I can bring? People: Get away from me Lord, for we are sinful people. Leader: Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching people.

People: We will follow where you lead. Amen.

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #432

"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"

# We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession" Words/Music by Kenneth Jones (front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you. Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Go away from us, Lord, for we are sinful people! We have worked hard and have little to show for it. We are overwhelmed by the abundance that you offer and many times do not think that we are worthy of your grace. You call us to use the gifts and abilities that we have been given to welcome others into your kindom, but we are afraid of what it will mean. We are more comfortable supporting the status quo than dreaming of something better. Help us to leave the nets of our past and follow you wherever you lead us. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession Leader: And all the people of Christ say, **People: Amen.** 

#### \*Assurance of Pardon (Luke 9)

Leader: If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit them if they gain the whole world but lose

or forfeit themselves? Indeed, truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kindom of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### \*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

\*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

\*Transition Hymn #627

"I Love You, Lord"

### We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources (see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

\*Doxology (#606)

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

## God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Time for Young Disciples (Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church and Bible Builds)

Special Music

"I Will Follow"

Kenneth Jones

Luke 5:1-11

words and music by Jeff Pardo and Matt Armstrong

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Proclamation of God's Word

"Leave Everything and Follow"

## **Responding to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Our Faith (From the Brief Statement of Faith – Unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of

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sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Responsive Hymn #170

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers for the People

### Sending Out Into the World

\*Sending Hymn #726

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #541 (v.1)

\*Postlude

<u>Sanctuary Flowers</u> – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by contributor in honor/celebration of person or event.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Sandee Cribbs, Lay Leader



"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Kenneth Jones

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Luke 5:27-28