

WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday February 18th

Lent: Sanctified Art, Wandering Heart

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (pub dom) UMH 400

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in.

Feel your feet on the floor.

Settle your worries.

Take a deep breath.

Dust the cobwebs from your ears.

Relax the tension in your jaw,

for Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.

We have been found.

Let us find God in return.

Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Jesus crawls into Peter's boat. He tells him to head toward deep water. Together, they let the nets down. And it is only when the boat threatens to sink, due to the extreme abundance of fish, that Peter turns to Jesus and truly sees who's in his boat.

Sometimes we miss what's right in front of us. Fortunately, Christ keeps crawling into our boats anyhow. So join me in the prayer of

confession, not out of fear, but out of a desire to finally see who's right in front of us. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.

Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.

Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy.

And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.

Church family, hear and believe this good news: You can make a thousand bad impressions. You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better. And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart. That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER

CHILDRENS MOMENT

HYMN

The Summons (CCLI)

TFWS 2130

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pastor)

LESSON 1 Psalm 25:1-10 CEB

I offer my life to you, Lord.

2 My God, I trust you.

Please don't let me be put to shame!

Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!

3 For that matter,

don't let anyone who hopes in you

be put to shame;

instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

4 Make your ways known to me, Lord;

teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—

because you are the God who saves me.

I put my hope in you all day long.

6 Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love—

they are forever!

7 But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing.

Remember me only according to your faithful love

for the sake of your goodness, Lord.

8 The Lord is good and does the right thing;

he teaches sinners which way they should go.

9 God guides the weak to justice,

teaching them his way.

10 All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful

for those who keep his covenant and laws.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

***LESSON 2: Luke 5:1-11 CEB**

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. ² Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. ³ Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

⁶ So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. ⁷ They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" ⁹ Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. ¹⁰ James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." ¹¹ As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Jesus Sought Me

*HYMN Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore (OneL) UMH 344

TIME OF PRAYER

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

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
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever.
Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN I Sought the Lord (pub dom) vs. 1,2 only UMH 341

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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.

*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you not with our words only,
but with our whole lives. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of abundance—

**a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds
onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

I believe in a God who comforts—

**a God who says, “Do not be afraid;” a God who joins me in
life’s deep waters.**

I believe in a God who invites—

a God who says, “Follow me,” and, “You will be fishers of people.”

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—
a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.

**We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray.
Amen.**

***BENEDICTION and RESPONSE**

Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes TFWWS 2138
(first half of third verse and second half of second verse)

POSTLUDE