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**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**



ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.  
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,  
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

## WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

\*HYMN # 173 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The soul is kissed by God in its innermost regions.

**MANY: With interior yearning, grace and blessing are bestowed.**

ONE: It is a yearning to take on God's gentle yoke,

**MANY: It is a yearning to give one's self to God's way.**

-Hildegard of Bingen 1098-1179

\*INVOCATION (unison)

**God of love, source of mercy and compassion, we desire to give ourselves to your way; to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We yearn to feel our soul kissed by your gentle touch. Be with us this morning. Disciple us that we might embody your teaching in ways that make a real difference in the world.**

(You may be seated.)

\***SONG OF PRAISE # 2 vs 1- Glory, Glory Hallelujah**

## WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

*At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**In our hearts these gifts we bring; for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you; in all we say and all we do. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Debbie Gline-Allen

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

Children are excused as we sing: **"Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go."**

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 6: 1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivotson the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>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.” <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON: The Making of a Disciple

\*HYMN: # 504 You Walk along Our Shoreline

## **WE RESPOND WITH SILENCE AND PRAYER**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Peter left his boat, nets and catch on the shore. We practice our discipleship this morning by letting go of a portion of what you have so generously given to us. Let us give as we are able.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**\*DOXOLOGY #760 - Masithi**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God, you are our great joy! You are our peace and our hope. Guide this church as it receives these tithes and offerings. May they be used to share the warmth and good news of your love in all of its ministries. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

## **WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD**

\*HYMN: The Summons (see insert)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated during the Postlude)

*\*Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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