

# FLOCKING TO JESUS



CHRIST  
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January 15, 2023

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Silent Meditation**    Ezekiel 47:6, 9-10

And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. . . . “Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea.”

G O D   C A L L S   U S   T O   W O R S H I P

**Call to worship**    Revelation 5:12b

Elder Jerry Stutzman

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

\* *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

Trinity Hymnal 535

\* **Invocation**

## New Testament Reading

Luke 5:1-11

*Six readers are needed for the following scripture passage and have not been assigned.*

*Please use one of the microphones provided. Anyone is welcome to read.*

- Reader 1      On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.
- Reader 2      Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.
- Reader 3      And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."
- Reader 4      And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.
- Reader 5      But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.
- Reader 6      And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

**Call to confession**                      Jeremiah 16:14-18

### **The Lord Will Restore Israel**

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.

“Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the Lord, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations.”

**Prayer of confession** followed by a time of silent confession

**Declaration of Forgiveness**                      I John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

8:30 service:        During the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service:     Church bags are available in the foyer.

### **Ordination and Installation of Officers**

*Ordained*

*Installed*

David Dodds

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\* *The King of Glory Comes*                      Trinity Hymnal 240

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### \* Scripture reading

Matthew 4:12-25

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

<sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup> News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. <sup>25</sup> Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \* Prayer

**Sermon**      Of Fish, Hope, and a Compelling Invitation

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

One Ancient Story ...

With Renewed Hope ...

Poses an Enduring Question.

Further discussion/questions?      [andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org](mailto:andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org)  
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# DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

\* Lord Most High

Don Harris & Gary Sadler  
c 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI #332344

WOMEN  
From the ends of the earth,  
MEN  
From the ends of the earth, from the

from the depths of the sea, from the  
depths of the sea, from the heights of the heav - ens

heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised; from the  
Your name be praised; from the hearts of the weak,

hearts of the weak, from the shouts of the strong,  
from the shouts of the strong, from the

from the lips of all people this song we raise, Lord. Throughout the  
lips of all people this song we raise, Lord.

end-less ag-es You will be crowned with prais-es, Lord Most High;

Ex-alt-ed in ev-'ry na-tion, sov-'reign of all cre-a-tion,

Lord Most High, be mag-ni-fied, be mag-ni-fied.



## Reception, Baptism of New Members (11:15 service)

David and Sarah Fitch

### Prayers of the People

*Please pass the red friendship registries down the row during the offertory.*

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### Offertory *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

by Cesáreo Gabaraín  
tr. Madeline Forell Marshall

Tú has venido a la orilla,  
no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos;  
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.

Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,  
sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,  
en la arena he dejado mi barca,  
junto a ti buscaré otro mar.

Tú sabes bien lo que tengo;  
en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,  
Tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.

Tú necesitas mis manos,  
mi cansancio que a otros descansa,  
Amor que quiera seguir amando.

Tú, pescador de otros lagos,  
ansia eterna de almas que esperan,  
amigo bueno, que así me llamas.

You have come down to the lakeshore  
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
But only asking for me to follow.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,  
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord;  
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
Just these my fishnets, and will for working.

You'll use my hands, my exhaustion,  
Working love for the rest of the weary,  
A love that's willing to go on loving.

You who have fished other waters;  
You, the longing of souls that are yearning;  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.

**\* New Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ings \_\_\_\_\_ flow;  
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;  
praise him a - bove, ye \_\_\_\_\_ heav'n - ly \_\_\_\_\_ host;  
praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.  
A - men. A - men.

**\* Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward  
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

\* All That We Can Say Is Amen

by Steven Curtis Chapman & Rend Collective

A - men, your word is true. A -  
men, we trust in you. You say we are  
loved. You say we be-long to You. Your grace is e -  
nough, no-thing more that we can do. You say we've been bought by Your  
blood, by Your blood. And all that we can say is a - men.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words connected by a long horizontal line (e.g., 'A - men'). The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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\* Postlude

**Worship musicians**

Sara Hopson, Sarina Sharp, song  
leaders  
Steve Fisk, guitar  
Susan Guerra, piano and guitar



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