



3rd SUNDAY after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

All: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

All: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

All: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: Let us heed the call of Christ.

All: Let us worship together with joy.

*HYMN

The Summons

see insert

OPENING PRAYER

God of life, Jesus called to the fishermen and they heard something in that voice, something compelling—and they followed him. Call to us now. Let us hear your voice; let it touch something deep in us; and move us to respond. We are hungry to hear and to follow. We open our hearts to your word. Amen.

THE BASKET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How hard we make things, O God, how heavy the yoke we place on ourselves through our insecurity and pride, through our fear and unbelief, through our denial and stagnation;

How threatening our world becomes when we make life and joy depend on our own ability. But, you have invited us to a different life, a deeper joy, you have offered us a lighter yoke if we will just stop for a moment and follow you.

(Silence as we listen for God's invitation)

With relief and hope we respond to your invitation, gladly taking up your yoke, joyfully lifting your burden, and freely giving ourselves to you in love, in praise and in service.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 1: 14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

MESSAGE

When the Lord of the Dance Calls

HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

see insert

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2***

***And now let the weak say “I am strong;” let the poor say, “I am rich”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2***

Doxology

***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.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow without looking back and we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore and leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Lord of the Dance

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Book Club

Confirmation Class

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ANNOUNCEMENTS January 21, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 22 - 28

Monday January 22nd

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday January 23rd

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday January 24th

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday January 25th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Friday January 26th

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

Sunday January 28th

Worship with Parish Drive @ 10am

Administrative Council Meeting after Worship

Prayer and Devotion on Friday Mornings
at 7am on Facebook.

Our Facebook page is: UMC.Wayne

Join Pastor Ninabeth for this 30 minute gathering.
You do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

Call to Worship: Joanna Harader

Opening Prayer is written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Prayer of Confession is written by John van der Laar

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Community, Glasgow, Scotland

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Domain; Music: 1986 Curb Word Music

Lord of the Dance. Sydney Bertram Carter CCLI Song #78529 Words: Stainer & Bell Ltd; Music:
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SAVE THE DATE

First Friday Fellowship is for fostering Friendships and Fun!

The next gathering will be on Friday, February 2, at noon, when we will have a Valentine theme- crafts, games, and sharing our love for one another.

All are welcome to join for lunch (BYO)
and a special dessert, provided by Barbara Lehner.

Lent begins on February 14th
Ash Wednesday Service 12pm & 7pm in the Sanctuary

