

**commit your work to the LORD and
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

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3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 22, 2023



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*In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing.
~ Norman Maclean, *A River Runs Through It**

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Matthew 4)*

And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”
Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 27)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

I seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

To behold the beauty of God, and to seek in God’s sanctuary.

Now my head is lifted up, and I will make offerings and shouts of joy.

In the household of God, we will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

JESUS CALLS US
by Cecil Frances Alexander

GTG #720
GALILEE

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(continued on next page)*

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

Many of us would probably be better fisherman if we didn't spend so much time watching and waiting for the world to become perfect. ~ Norman Maclean

***HYMN**

YOU WALK ALONG OUR SHORELINE

GTG #170

by Sylvia G. Dunstan WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING**

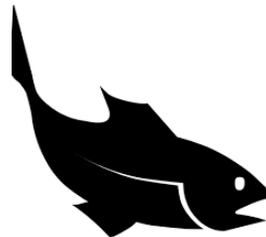
GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1

POSTLUDE



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