Worship Participants

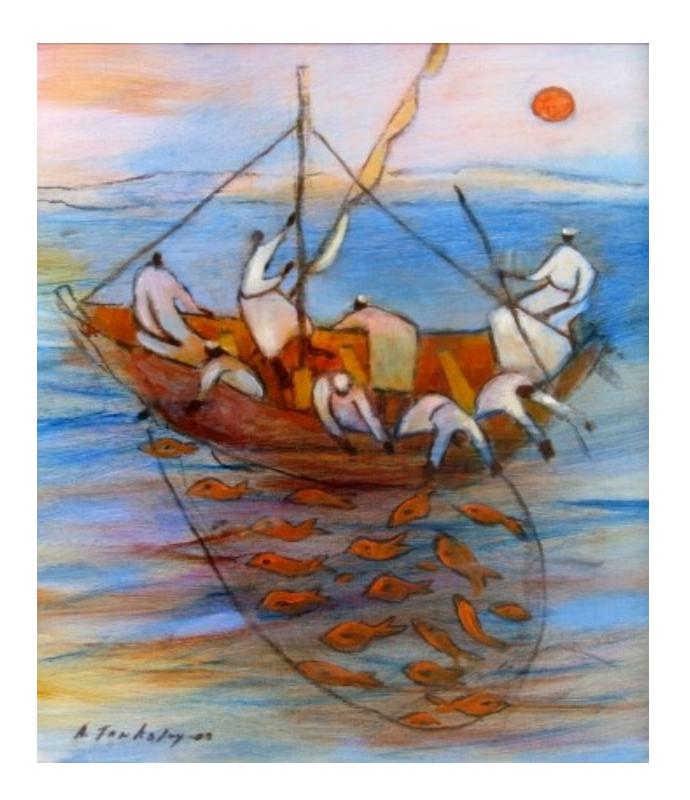
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Heather Perryman, Jackson Weller, Brenna Takata, David Clark, and John D. Parris

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

Help us to give you not only our finances but all we are, all we have and all we hold. We open our lives to you for the service of your Kingdom. Please work through our offering today, our lives this coming week and lead us to follow you Christ in all that we do and say. Amen.

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the Sanctuary as you enter or leave.



First Presbyterian Church

January 24, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. ***Please note: There will be no congregational singing.

Welcome and Invocation

Prelude "Lift High the Cross" arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship

The Word of the Lord came, hope for all people cradled in his arms. the Word of the Lord comes, calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most. The Word of the Lord will come, gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.

Hymn of Summons "Will You Come and Follow Me" GTG#726

Reflection:

We listen to the stories of the call of the disciples and find them interesting but unrealistic. When we look at our own lives, we believe that we could not leave everything to follow someone we didn't know. We have many responsibilities and ties which keep us from following. But God is persistent. God understands our confusion and doubts. And God continues to call us to be in ministry and mission in this world. It may not mean leaving everything behind, but it does mean being willing to serve wherever God calls us. That's hard. We want to place conditions on service, and usually those conditions are "if we have time", "if we have energy"; " if we can just try serving God for a little while to see how it all works out". Still God calls to each of us. Discipleship is difficult.

Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you and focus on our own comforts. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need. Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you. Gently move us into service in your name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Do not be afraid. God is with you! That is good news. You do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about you or knows your heart. God knows and God loves you. Rejoice for thus it is , has always been, and will continue to be. God's love for you is eternal. AMEN.

Young Disciples Jackson Weller

Prayers of the People "Hear The Prayers That Rise"

Hear the prayers that rise up like incense before you.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, God of compassion, listen to our prayer.

Anthem "No Higher Calling" by Ken Morrison

Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20

Sermon "Known as Fishers: Called To Cast a Wide Net"

Hymn of Response: "Jesus Calls Us" GTG#720

Postlude "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" Please remain seated)

arr. Virginia Halberg

Congregational Meeting Sending

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done. (Franciscan Blessing)

Will You Come and Follow Me

Will You Come And Follow Me If I But Call Your Name? Will You Go Where You Don't Know And Never Be The Same? Will You Let My Love Be Shown; Will You Let My Name Be Known; Will You Let My Life Be Grown In You And You In Me?

Will You Leave Yourself Behind If I But Call Your Name? Will You Care For Cruel and Kind And Never Be The Same? Will You Risk The Hostile Stare Should Your Life Attract Or Scare? Will You Let Me Answer Prayer In You And You In Me?

Will You Let The Blinded See If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Set The Prisoners Free And Never Be The Same?
Will You Kiss The Leper Clean, And Do Such As This Unseen,
And Admit To What I Mean In You And You In Me?

Will You Love The 'You' You Hide If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Quell The Fear Inside And Never Be The Same?
Will You Use The Faith You've Found To Reshape The World Around,
Through My Sight And Touch And Sound In You And You In Me?

Lord, Your Summons Echoes True When You But Call My Name. Let Me Turn And Follow You And Never Be The Same. In Your Company I'll Go Where Your Love And Footsteps Show. Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow In You And You In Me.

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us; by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.