

**January 24, 2021**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**PRELUDE**

*How Beautifully the Morning Light Shines*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 5)**

L: Jesus said: “You are the light of the world.”

**P: Let our light shine, giving glory to God.**

**WELCOMING SONG #757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

Kingsfold

(verse one)

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

(verse four)

May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

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**CALL TO CONFESSION (from 1 Timothy 1)**

“The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners.” Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world:

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where everyone will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves pre-occupied with our own desires. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and division. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 5)**

L: “God’s love has been poured onto our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Beloved, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE #288*****Spirit of the Living God***

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy Spirit, let your truth live in us, let your beauty shine in us, let your goodness grow in us, and let the Word nourish us in body, mind, and soul. AMEN.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 90:1-2, 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup>Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. <sup>17</sup>Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

**CHORAL ANTHEM***We Bow Down*

Harlan / Paris

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 5:1-11**

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***“Letting Down the Nets”*

Rev. John Wahl

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD’S PRAYER****CALL TO OFFERING****OFFERTORY****Fugue in G Major**

Dietrich Buxtehude

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING SONG #743**

***O God, You Are My God***

Step By Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.  
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***Allegro Energico***

Christian Cappelen