

**January 26, 2020 – 10:00 am**  
**Third Sunday After the Epiphany**



**Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me  
and I will show you how to fish for people."**

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- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT
- LITURGY BY REV ELIZABETH DILLEY
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- \*PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“Here I Am to Worship”** Tim Hughes

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: *(inspired by Psalm 27)*

One: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we  
fear?

**Many: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of  
trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of  
celebration!**

One: Day after day, we seek God’s face and the  
assurance of God’s holy love:

**Many: God, do not turn from us or hide your face  
from us! Be our guide and our light instead!**

One: One thing we ask of God:

**MANY: That we may live in God’s dwelling place all  
the days of our life, and never cease to behold  
the beauty of God’s home.**

One: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanks-  
giving, for God is among and within us!

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 465**

**“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way”**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Gracious Light-Bearer, Into the shadows of our  
isolation you speak words of life and community.**

**Challenger of our lives, you call us from places we call  
home to lead us more deeply into the world you love.**

**With your gentle, healing touch you redeem the broken  
places of our lives and you heal the wounded places of  
the earth.**

Inspire our worship here this day, so that we may receive liberation in your word, and be filled to overflowing to share your reconciling love throughout the earth. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:1-4 Lay Liturgist**

**EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Lay Liturgist**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "I Have Decided Medley"**

David Culross

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**SERMON: "Jesus as Teacher and Preacher"**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 469 "O Grant Us Light"**

**\*UNISON READING OF OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH:**

**NCH 885** and on screen

**PASTORAL PRAYER:** Beginning with silent, personal prayer

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver**

**us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769**

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

**INVITATION TO SHARE:**

**OFFERTORY: "Jesus Is Calling" Franklin Ritter**

**\*DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done.  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**God, to you we dedicate these gifts this day. May this  
act of giving inspire other ways that we may "fish for"  
your people, seeking out those who need your  
nourishing spirit. And we pray that you will multiply  
them and the gifts of all your faithful people like loaves  
and fishes, that your love may be revealed on earth as  
it is in heaven. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 575 "O for a World"**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: TUNE: "Amazing Grace"**

**Depart in peace to do God's will;  
Walk ever in the light,  
For Christ is with you ever more,  
To guide you day and night. *(Written by Ruth Duck)***

**\*POSTLUDE: "Joyous Postlude" Chester Nordman**