

Sunday Worship

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Third Sunday After Epiphany

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Scripture Readings

Jonah 3:1-10
Mark 1:14-20

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

Time for Discovery

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.**

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The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is 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,
the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Sermon

"Too Much and Not Enough."

Rev. Daniel Ross-Jones

Hymn

"You Have Come down to the Lakeshore"

Receiving a New Member

Rebecca Snyder

All: We, the body of Christ, in the Big Red Church, promise to love and support you unconditionally. We give thanks for the journey that brought us together here and now. We celebrate your life, your uniqueness, and our future together. We pledge to embrace you fully as

we serve in ministry to Fresno and the world, expressing the love of Jesus. Thanks be to God, Amen.

All: *“We covenant with Christ and one with another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of the Spirit to walk together in all God's ways, according as God is pleased to be revealed to us in the word and experience of truth.”*

Sung Call to Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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Prayers of the Church

Invitation to Generosity

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Blessing and Sung Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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Postlude

**“Sortie, from Messe Basse, Op. 30”
- L. Vierne**

Scott Horton, organ

We Would Be Building

Purd E. Deitz, 1935; alt.

1 We would be build - ing; tem - ples still un - done o'er crum - bling
2 Teach us to build; up - on the sol - id rock we set the
3 O keep us build - ing, Sav - ior; may our hands ne'er fal - ter

walls their cross - es scarce - ly lift, wait - ing till love can
dream that hard - ens in - to deed, ribbed with fine steel, both
when the dream is in our hearts, when to our ears there

raise the bro - ken stone, and hearts cre - a - tive
time and change to mock, the un - fail - ing pur - pose
come di - vine com - mands and all the pride of

bridge the hu - man rift. We would be build - ing.
of our no - blest creed. Teach us to build; O
sin - ful will de - parts. We build with you; O

Ar - chi - tect Di - vine, re - veal the shape of life in your de - sign.
Mak - er, lend us sight to see the tow - ers gleam - ing in the light.
grant en - dur - ing worth un - til your prom - ised realm shall come on earth.

Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabarín, 1979; alt.
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

D A7 D

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

G A7

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo
bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

Estrillo (Refrain)
D A7 D D7

quie - res que yo te si - ga. Je -
re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
fish - nets and will for work - ing.

G D

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;
Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

THIRD SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

Directions: Read the scripture selected from the Revised Common Lectionary, perhaps before bed, in the morning, or during a family meal. Move through the discussion questions in one sitting or answer one a day to help reflect on the scripture throughout the week. End your time in prayer. This could be a simple ritual to incorporate into the week.

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 fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for 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.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you heard someone proclaim good news? What was the news?
2. What do you think Jesus means when he says, “I will make you fish for people?”
3. When have you followed someone else’s lead?
4. Why do you think all these people stopped what they were doing to follow Jesus?
5. What qualities does a good leader have?

FOLLOWING JESUS JOURNEY

Following Jesus in our daily lives can look like a lot of different things. Jesus said and did a lot of things we can also do. Here's a short, prayerful activity you can do around your living space:

1. Start off in your favorite place. Get into a comfortable position. Think about how you are connected to Jesus. Out loud or in your head, say this Bible verse: "Abide in me as I abide in you." (John 15:4)
2. Move to a place where you work/learn. Get into a comfortable position. Think about how we are taught by Jesus and called to teach others. Out loud or in your head, say this Bible verse: "Every day he was teaching in the temple." (Luke 21:37)
3. Move to a place where you eat/drink. Get into a comfortable position. Think about how we are fed by Jesus and called to feed others. Out loud or in your head, say this Bible verse: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)
4. Move to a place where you pray. Get into a comfortable position. Think about how Jesus made time to pray and we can too. Out loud or in your head, say this Bible verse: "While it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed." (Mark 1:35)
5. Finally, move to a place where you rest. Get into a comfortable position. Think about how Jesus often rested and we can too. Out loud or in your head, say this Bible verse: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

PRAYER

God of Good News, you bring us out of the ordinary into the extraordinary. You call us to be a part of your work and share your love. Help us follow your lead and bring good news to all those around us.

Amen.

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