

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30AM, February 9th, 2025

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Great is the grace and glory of God.

We give thanks with hearts of joy.

Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.

We give thanks with hearts of hope.

Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

We give thanks with hearts of faith.

Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.

We give thanks with hearts of love.

***HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" **UMH # 64**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed **UMH # 881**

OPENING PRAYER Unison

**Divine Deliverer of compassion, you call us to follow your voice.
"Whom shall I send?" you asked us. With hearts of hope and souls
filled with courage, we respond, "Here I am. Send me." You evaporate
our shame, and joyously embrace our authentic selves. May we
continue to open ourselves to you, and may we embrace our full
humanity as you do. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

**Too often, we have clung to thoughts that we are too sinful for you.
Too often, we have fused our shameful pasts with a closed future.
From these beliefs, we condemn ourselves to an outlook without hope.
"Go away from me!" we exclaim like Peter. "I am way too lost," we**

**think like Isaiah. But you have something different in mind. You see us
as so much more. You see our divine image, and our creator-bestowed
gifts. Save us from our negative self-talk, that we may embrace your
calling for our lives. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The grace of God has molded us throughout our lives and will continue to
do so until our final breath. God's grace is never in vain. Even as God
embraces our past, God moves us into the future— a future filled with hope,
and the fulfillment of dreams. **Thanks be to God.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)**

- 1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,
- 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.
- 3 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.
- 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."
- 5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."
- 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst.
- 7 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.
- 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

9 For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken,
10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."
11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

MESSAGE "God Is Calling Us to Fish for People" Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" **UMH # 344**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH # 95**

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Loving God, Deliverer of compassion, you call us to share our treasures and talents, and the work of our hands. With hearts filled with hope, we praise you for our bounty. Forever shall we sing of your generous ways, Holy One. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "Where He Leads Me" **UMH # 593**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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