

Sunday, January 21st, 2024,  
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome  
Family Life and Work  
Family Celebrations  
Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Acknowledging the Land

Introit: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

MV 115

**Behold, behold, I make all things new  
beginning with you and starting from today  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true for I am Christ the way.**

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**Call to Worship** - from Psalm 62

One: God is my rock and my salvation.

ALL: **I SHALL NOT BE MOVED.**

One: I trust in God at all times.

ALL: **GOD IS MY REFUGE AND MY STRENGTH**

Opening Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord Is King

VU 213

**1 Rejoice the Lord is King!  
Your risen Lord adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

**2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our sins,  
he took his seat above. R**

**3 God's kingdom cannot fail;  
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;**

**the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given. R**

**4 Rejoice in glorious hope,  
for Christ, the judge, shall come  
to glorify the saints  
for their eternal home.**

**We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Loving God, you call us to reflect on your Word and our life in your world. Be with us now as we sing and pray together, that we may hear your voice and understand your way. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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 trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

We Listen

First Lesson: Mark 1 : 14 - 20

Children's Time:

Second Lesson: Jonah 1: 1-3

Gradual Hymn: Jesus Saw Them Fishing

MV 113

**Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee  
casting out their nets into the sea  
Simon Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee  
Waiting in their boats so patiently.**

**And Jesus said,**

**"Oh\_\_\_come and follow me  
Oh, leave behind your nets, I call you.  
Oh, come and fish with me,  
And your life will never be the same again."**

**A rich young person came to Jesus looking for advice  
"How can I obtain eternal life?"  
Jesus told him, "Honour the commandments of the Lord.  
Then sell off all your riches for the poor."  
And Jesus said,**

**"Oh\_\_\_come and follow me  
Oh, leave behind your nets, I call you.  
Oh, come and fish with me,  
And your life will never be the same again."**

**"If you want to follow me, deny your very self.  
Take up your cross and walk the walk with me.  
This might seem a hardship, an impossibility,  
But nothing is impossible with God."  
And Jesus said,**

**"Oh\_\_\_come and follow me  
Oh, leave behind your nets, I call you.  
Oh, come and fish with me,  
And your life will never be the same again."**

Sermon:

We Respond

Musical Offering: One Song

Offertory - Tis the Gift to Be Simple

VU 353

**'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.**

**When true simplicity is gained,  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;**

**to turn, turn will be our delight  
'til by turning, turning, we come round right.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Waiting

VU 117 vs 1,3,5

**Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**

**3 Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.  
Let my care be active, healing just like you.**

**5 Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'  
\*Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

Blessings and Sending Forth

Choral Benediction: May the God of Hope Go with Us

VU 424

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R**

