

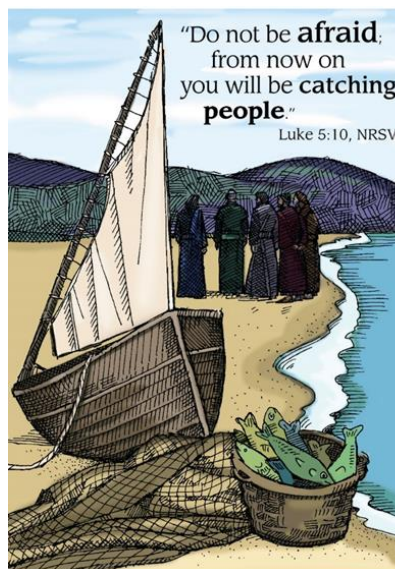
The Irondequoit United Church of Christ



*The Fifth Sunday
After Epiphany*

*6 February 2022
10:03 a.m. Worship*

*Ministers: The Worshipping Congregation
Bridge Pastor: The Rev. Marvin W. Krieger
Liturgist: Brenda Campbell*



What We're About: Uniting a Community Together in Christ's Love

Meditation: What does Jesus know about fishing? After all, Peter and his partners toiled all night and caught nothing, and Peter made his living as a fisher. "Let down your nets," Jesus insists, and soon they are breaking with the catch that was taken. The story is told to make a point: henceforth they will follow Jesus, and their catch will be men and women.

✦ ✦ THE APPROACH TO GOD ✦ ✦

PRELUDE

Music helps us praise and pray. May you reflect, as the Prelude is played.

WELCOME

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey
All are welcome here!

SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138

Pastor: I bow down and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: *On the day called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.*

Pastor: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you stretch out your hand and deliver me.

People: *Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Pastor: Let us worship, our Creator.

*OPENING HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin

My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Brenda Campbell

O God, who hold us in his hands, help us bring peace to all the lands. Enable us to be alive to truth and love. So may we strive for purity that sees you light shining in the darkest night. So may we be a holy band of followers, who never stand for cruelty, who never seek for gain that harms the poor or weak. Help us be forever true, content to live our lives for you. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠ ✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (In Unison)

Brenda

You are high and lifted up, O God of hosts; the seraphim sing of your glory. Holy, holy, holy, you are the one we adore. The whole earth is full of your splendor; we see all about us signs of your grace. We come into your temple chanting your praises. You are God of steadfast love and faithfulness; hear us as with our hearts we give you thanks. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING

[NRSV] I CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

* HYMN

"When Peace Like a River"

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When peace like a river, uphold me each day, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come, let this blessed assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

*GOSPEL LESSON [NRSV]

LUKE 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He 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.

⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this,

they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So 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. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

THE SERMON *"You May Have To Do It One More Time"* Pastor Marvin W. Krieger

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Brenda Campbell

Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and he said, "Here am I; send me!"

If your heart echoes with those words, want to cry out, "Her I am!" now is the time to listen.

If your soul is lifted up, seeming to send, "Send me!" Now is the time to follow! ***Amen.***

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

Praise Band

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

The Invitation *(The Pastor)*

The God of justice and righteousness calls us to account for the ways we invest our hours and our resources. Amid the oppression and violence that many endure, God listens for our voices and watches for our works. What have we done with the commission entrusted to us by God's grace?

Beloved in Christ, the Gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the same day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples in the place where they were gathered, and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come then to the joyful feast of the Lord. Let us prepare his table with the offerings of our life and labor.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused you entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we never get around to changing; good things we have left undone; and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves,

and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be known among us now and forever! Amen.

Moments of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon *(Pastor)*

This is the good news in Jesus Christ. We can stand before God, not through our own goodness, but through God's great kindness to us.

Rejoice and be glad, for God comes to you! *Amen.*

***Hymn of Preparation**

"I Come With Joy"

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I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me , in love laid down for me

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord our God,

Creator and Sovereign of the universe,
our light and our salvation.

Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting you alone are God.

Therefore, with your people in all ages
and the whole company of heaven,
we join in the song of unending praise, singing:

People:

*Holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Pastor: Truly holy are you, God. In the fullness of time
you revealed yourself in your blessed Son Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Through him we are saved
and baptized into your service.

You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born;
and your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world,
have led persons from far distances to him.

In his baptism and in his table fellowship he identified with sinners.
He preached good news to the poor, proclaimed release to the captives,
and recovery of sight to the blind, set free the oppressed,
and announced that the time had come when you would save your people.

On the night his disciples betrayed and deserted him
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church.
His presence has continued
with his people, as they have been baptized into him,
and in the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup,
in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria
and to the ends of the earth.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread
and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ;
be one body in him, cleansed by his blood;
and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

Now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Blessing of the Cup

Receiving the Gift of Love

Prayer After Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord; now we give ourselves for others. Your love has made us a new people; as a people of love we will serve you with joy. Your glory has filled our hearts; help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

✠ ✠ THE SENDING FORTH ✠ ✠

***CLOSING HYMN**

Bind Us Together Lord

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.

There is only one God, there is only one King, there is only one Body, that is why we can sing:

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

****All who are able are invited to stand in body or spirit.***

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