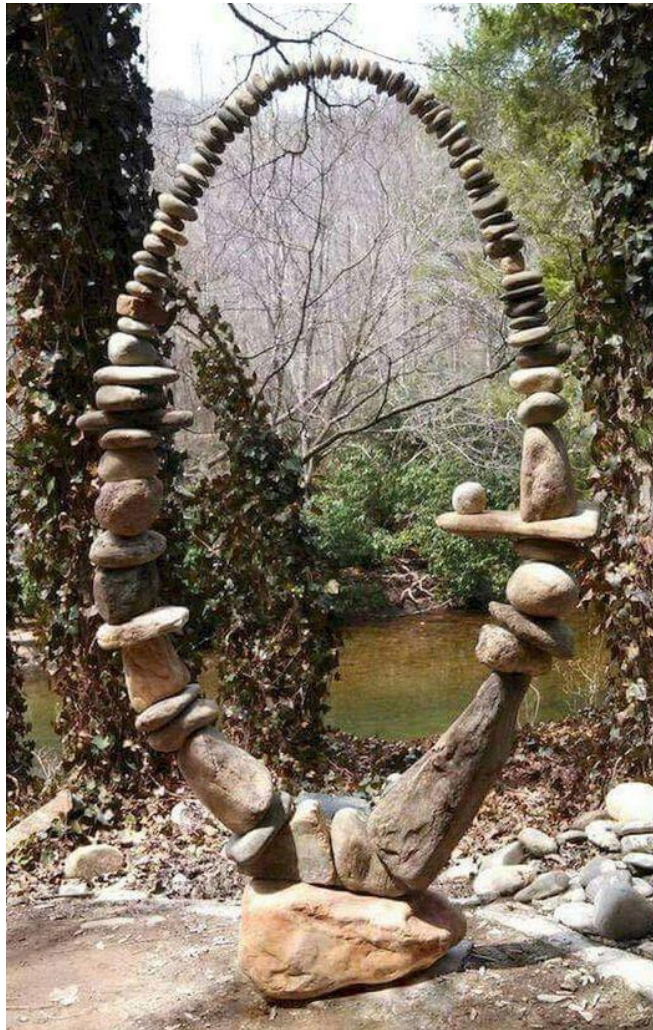


Living Out God's Call to Joy and to Justice

First Presbyterian Church, McAllen
Sunday Worship -- January 22, 2023



Carl Peverall
The Gift
balanced stone sculpture

Opening Sentences

- “Come,” our hearts say, “seek God’s face.” Your face, Lord, do we seek.
- Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

from Psalm 27

Please rise in body or in spirit for the Call to Worship.

The Lord is my light and salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that I will seek after:

**to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

Opening Hymn

The Lord Is God

GG #63

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!
Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God the maker of all things
and giver of our days.

At night or day, at home, away,
together and apart,
O children, take these holy words
and keep them in your heart.

With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God,
the source of truth and light.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!
Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things
and giver of our days.

Prayer of the Day

God of all people,
you sent your Son
into the shrouded world
into the borderlands;
may his dawning light
give hope to the broken,
the persecuted,
the alien and the excluded,
that we might feel the kingdom drawing near
and turn to follow him;
through Jesus Christ, the morning star.
Amen.



James Tissot
*The Calling of Saint Peter
and Saint Andrew*

Call to Confession

The God we know as Emmanuel is our light and our salvation.
Therefore, we need not fear that darkness will consume us.
Trusting in the mercy of our Lord, let us offer our confession.

Prayer of Confession

**Christ, our Messiah,
you call us to fish for people,
but we are hesitant to leave our boats.
We are afraid to let go
of the things we hoard,
believing they make us secure.
We are afraid to put our trust in you,
afraid to follow, afraid we will fail.
Forgive us.
Transform our fear into faithfulness,
and enable us to walk with you,
that we may be part of your work in the world.
*A moment of silent prayer.***



Declaration of Forgiveness

Just as Jesus called the disciples,
so Christ calls us.
Forgiven of our sin
and freed to serve,
let us answer Christ's call.
**Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.
Thanks be to God!**

Act of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, v. 1

GG #119

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

Introduction of New Member: Tanya Moes

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord be with you all. / **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
our eyes may see your kingdom,
our ears may hear the call of Jesus,
and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.

Anthem

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time, Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea -- for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left



Duccio di Buoninsegna
Calling of Peter and Andrew

their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of 1967

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humanity, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort.

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission in the world.

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry, and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation. (9.35-9.38)

Hymn

You Walk along Our Shoreline

GG #170

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather, God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.



Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your light reveals the needs of our world
and your salvation offers hope to the lost.

Therefore, we pray for our world and our community.

For your holy church,
that all the baptized may live in harmony with one another,
and our pastors and teachers may be wise and gracious ministers of the gospel;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For the world and for all who suffer the rod of oppression:
break the yoke of violence,
and free all people from the burden of war and domestic strife;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may be just and faithful in their duty
and serve the good of all creation;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer disease of body and mind,
that they may know the power of your healing grace;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died
and for those who will die this day,
that they may find eternal rest;
and for those who care for the dying
that they may find peace and comfort.
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For other concerns we offer now in silence ...
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O Lord, the cries of your people.
Be gracious to us and answer us,
for you are our salvation;
through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And now, let us pray as Christ has taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Invitation to the Offering

God, the source of all good things,
has given us what we need.

In joyful response, let us offer our gifts,
the fruit of our labors, and the dedication of our hearts
for loving service in the name of Christ.

Offertory

Act of Dedication

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, v. 3

GG #119

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

Offertory Prayer

God of our salvation,
receive these gifts we offer
and bless them for the work of your kingdom,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me, v. 1-4

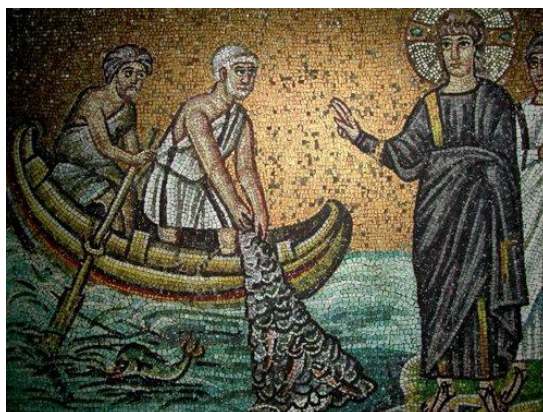
GG #543

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.



The Life of the Church

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me, v. 5

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.



He Qi
Jesus Calls His Disciples

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