



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

Loving God, you have called forth disciples and prophets to live and speak your word. Give us ears to hear, lives to respond, and voices to proclaim the good news of salvation, which we know in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: It is by grace that we are who we are:

Many: people who are called by Jesus, yet afraid to follow.

One: It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

Many: people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.

One: It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

Many: people who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.

Sermon

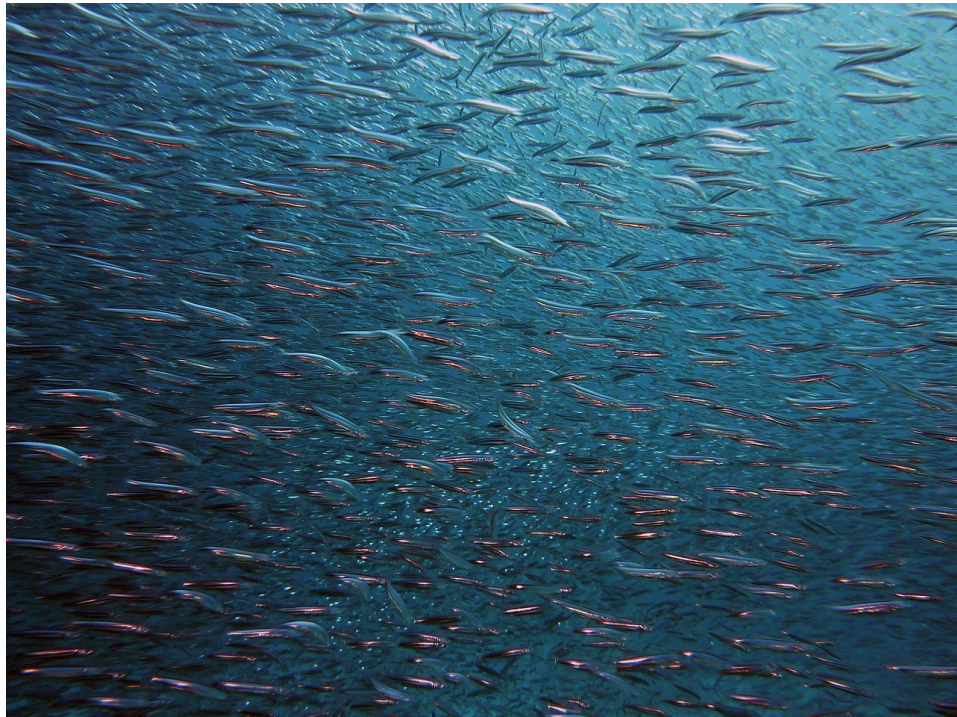
From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Luke 5:1-11

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

Imagine that you grew up in a family that had a long history of working as a _____ (fill in the blank: insurance salesman, banker, grocery clerk, automotive mechanic, etc). Your grandpa worked that job, your grandma worked that job, your parents worked that job ... and it was what you were raised to do as well. I imagine the fishermen Jesus encountered (Simon Peter, James and John -- and in some gospels Andrew as well) were probably in a similar situation. It was what they were raised doing and now they've taken over the family fishermen business. One day, as they're doing the work and minding their own business, along came Jesus, who performed a miracle and then he extended a simple invitation to these fishermen. And everything changed for them at that moment, because they said "yes." Join us for worship Sunday as we explore how this might be relevant for our lives today. Experience the joy of fellowship, be renewed by the Word and refreshed at the Lord's table. We'll see you at First!

Pastor Kara



Scripture Readings

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.



Luke 5:1-11

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

Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Cecilia Burkhart
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Wayne Duncan
- Ron Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. Both are struggling with a variety of health issues.

Praise for Joan Dietrich. Joan is out of rehab, settling into her “new” home with her daughter.

Friends:

- Gina Simpson, sister of Sara Lugn. Gina and Sara will be going to Mayo Clinic in MN where Gina will have brain surgery on February 12th for a benign mass.
- John Burkhart, recent scan shows he is cancer-free.
- Linda De Los Santos, sister of Vincent Ortega. Linda is in rehab in Scottsbluff.
- Maggie Schumacher, friend of Katelyn Long.
- Tammy Foral, healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX

In the Nebraska Region: Aurora First Christian Church - Penny Schulz

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Hungary

“Gracious God, whose redeeming love guides us through the wilderness and sustains us in times of trial, we lift our hearts to you. In a world that tests our resolve and compassion, may we find strength in your enduring presence. We remember the resilience of Christ in the wilderness, resisting temptation and choosing the path of love and justice. May his example inspire us to stand with those who are vulnerable and displaced, offering welcome and hope.”

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Will You Come and Follow Me

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.