



3rd Sunday of Epiphany

January 24, 2021

11:00 AM

Prelude *Bad, Bad World*

Guster

*I'm wide awake. It's the middle of the night. I'm standing in the dark, waiting up for the light.
And here I'll remain til the sun is in the sky, standing in the dark, waiting up for the light.*

*There is love. There is peace in this world. So take it back: Say it's not what you thought.
Grab a hold, take these melodies with your hands; write a song to sing.
It isn't such a bad, bad world And I say, "Woo hoo!"*

These times are strange. I can feel it in the night.

*I'm standing in the dark, holding up for the light.
And here I'll remain til the great sun shines, standing in the dark, waiting up for the light.*

Call to Worship

Psalms 62 Adapted

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

All: *Our hope is from him.*

One: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress.

All: *We shall not be shaken.*

One: On God rests my deliverance and my honor.

All: *Our mighty rock, our refuge is in God.*

One: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

All: *Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion.*

One: In the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

All: *Put no confidence in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery.*

One: If riches increase, we should not set our hearts on them.

*All: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.*

One: In this truth we find peace, as we proclaim to one another,
“The peace of God be with you.”

All: And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation (in unison; source unknown)

Gracious God, who in thy wisdom hast so ordered our earthly life that we needs must walk by faith and not by sight: grant us such faith in thee that, amidst all things that pass our understanding, we may believe in thy tender care, and ever be strengthened by the assurance that underneath are the everlasting arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading Mark 1:14-20

Hymn *You Walk Along Our Shoreline* See attached

Prayer for Illumination *Psalm 19:14*

One: May the words of my mouth

*All: and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,
our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.*

Sermon

Anthem *Be With Me*

River runs to the sea. Salmon runs to the sea.

If you need someone, you can run to me.

Flowers grow to the sun, which shines on everyone.

If you've lost the warmth, I will give you some.

Lay back on the starry night; feel as big and as small as you are.

Well, I see who you are, and I like what I see.

If you want to be you can be with me

Pastoral Prayer

Joys and Concerns

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us pray.

Spoken Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Please don't forget to make your offering! (55 Main Street, Lenox, 01240)

Announcements

- Monday Book Group, studying the Gospel of Mark.
- Wednesday Bible Study, 11 AM on Zoom.
- Warrant: Annual Meeting: In accordance with Article VIII of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given to the members of Church on the Hill, United Church of Christ, to assemble in the Church Chapel on Sunday, January 31, 2021. The meeting will be on Zoom, immediately following the 11AM worship service. To be voted on are the 2021 Operating Budget and the proposed Slate of Nominees for Election presented to the Church Council. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in the meeting. Only members and associate members may vote. Emily Johnson, Clerk

Closing Song Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Benediction

About the Church on the Hill, Lenox

First gathered in 1769, the Church on the Hill, UCC, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, welcomes all who seek to know God and invites everyone to join in our common life and mission through participation in this congregation. As Jesus Christ did before us, we affirm that each individual is a child of God, and recognize that we are called to be like one reconciled body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender identity and gender expression, sexual identity, and physical or mental ability, to journey together toward the promised realm of God. On the threshold of Christ's open door, the Holy Spirit leads us into a beloved world where we seek **to serve as Christ's disciples for the sake of God's good news which is for all.**



COME AS YOU ARE. RECEIVE AS YOU NEED. SERVE AS YOU CAN.

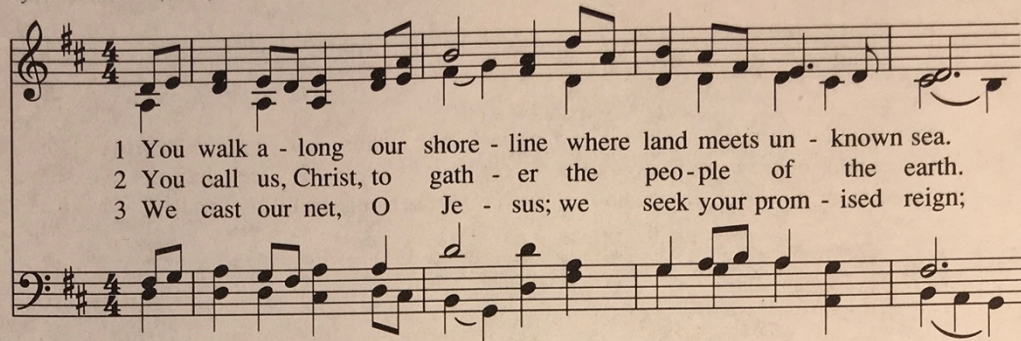
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You Walk along Our Shoreline

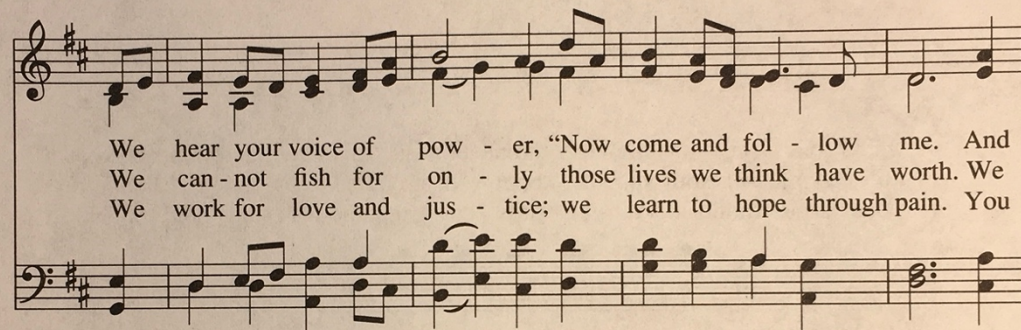
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Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984; alt.

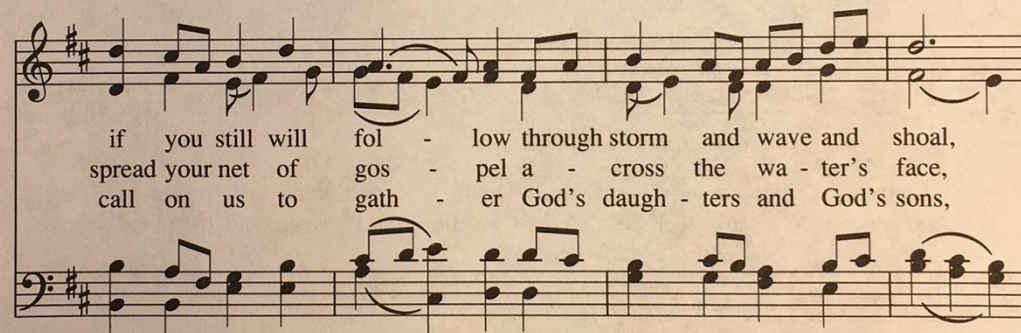
Mark 1:16-20; John 17:20-26



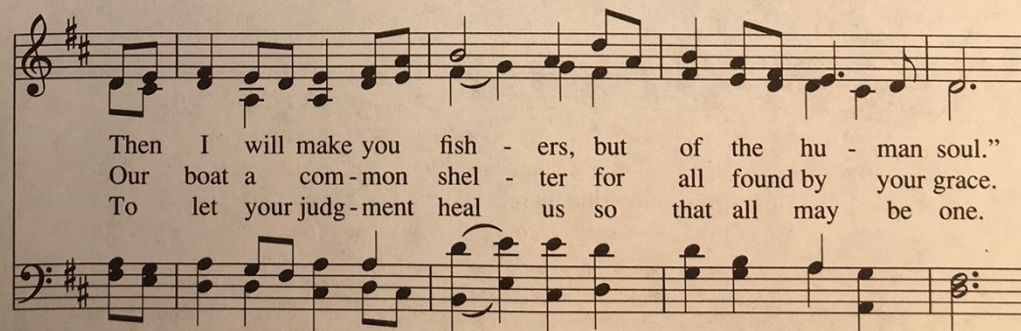
1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your prom - ised reign;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me. And
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth. We
 We work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain. You



if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
 spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 call on us to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



Then I will make you fish - ers, but of the hu - man soul."
 Our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 To let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan credited an article by Michael Steinhauser in the March 1984 issue of Practice of Ministry in Canada entitled "Fishing: A Metaphor for Ministry" as the inspiration for her text. Dunstan was an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada.

Tune: SALLEY GARDENS 7.6.7.6.D.
 Traditional Irish melody
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1994