

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Gavotte*

Matthew Camidge

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**People: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

Liturgist: In the name of Christ,

**People: we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

Liturgist: In the name of Christ,

**People: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

Liturgist: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**People: we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

Liturgist: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

**People: we proclaim the God of Hope.**

Liturgist: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**People: we proclaim the God of Love.**

**All: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.**

\*HYMN

*Jesus Calls Us*

No. 398

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Gracious Christ, in the fullness of time, you came to the fishermen beside the Sea of Galilee. You called them to leave their livelihood and follow you. Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own. Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom and newness of life. Help us to be faithful disciples, that we might inspire others to follow in your ways. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Philippians 3:7-14*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

No. 236 vs 6

**All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth  
begin and never cease begin and never cease!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Unison: **We believe in God the Father, who reveals his love to us in Christ.**

**We believe in God the Son, who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who teaches us God's truth.**

**We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*The Lord Is My Light*

arr. Vaughn E. Wright

GOSPEL READING

MESSAGE

*"What's in Your Net?"*

*Matthew 4:12-23*

*Pastor Janet Saddel*

\*HYMN

*Two Fisherman*

No. 2101

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **Lord, you call us to follow you. But we seem to have so many "legitimate" reasons not to drop whatever we're doing. We tell you, "just wait, we're too busy, our nets are too full right now." Forgive us, we pray. Thank you for your patience with us as we ask you to continue to call us again . . . and again. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

No. 349

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

Robert Lau  
No. 160 vs 5

\*Congregational Response *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

**Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

\*HYMN *O Jesus, I have Promised*

No. 396

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Fix your eyes on Jesus, look into the Master's eyes and feel compelled to stop what you're doing and drop your heavy load. Leave your burdens in His capable hands.

**People: Thanks be to God and Christ. Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

No. 2129 vs. 1

**I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back  
I have decided to follow Jesus.**

\*ORGAN RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Rondo from Abdelazer's Suite*

Henry Purcell

\*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

*The altar flowers for this morning are presented by  
Ed & Linda Levengood in honor of their anniversary.*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.  
Liturgist: Patti Olson



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# TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

## *Celebration of Faith*



## WHAT'S IN YOUR NET?

January 22, 2023

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11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042  
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

“What's in Your Net?”  
Matthew 4:12-23; Philippians 3:7-14  
Pastor Janet Sadel

Jesus calls us, just as he called the disciples. But we don't always follow immediately. When we do respond to him, we want to bring our stuff with us.

We think that it's our responsibility to carry this burden and so we continue to drag this burden along in our net, despite how heavy it may be. Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow me." He also said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." It's not his burdens that weigh us down - it's ours.

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly!"

The disciples reacted to the call of Jesus: "**Right away** they left their nets and followed him." The Greek word means: immediately, instantly, at once.

They were free to follow Jesus because they left *everything behind*. And because they did drop their nets, they experienced *life* with Christ and we have an incredible witness of the great things they did.

Jesus said, "Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it!" When we drop our nets and the burden that's in them, we don't lose out. We actually *win!* And that's because the life that we get in return is far, far better than what we've been dragging around, bringing us down, making our backs, and our souls, ache. We must lose our load in order to be free.

Paul writes in Philippians: *I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me.*

Paul also says that "*whatever was to my profit, I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him.*"

In order to be free to follow Jesus we need to look in the Master's eyes.  
Hebrews chapter 12:1-3

Calendar for Week of 1/22/2023

**SUNDAY**

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - ASP Mission Meeting [Hall]

2:00 - CR Training [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Group Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

**MONDAY**

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

**TUESDAY**

7:00 - Book Study [Lounge]

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

**THURSDAY**

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

6-8 - Open Art Night [Hall]

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