



PLUM Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Fish for People
January 24, 2021
10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Here I Am, Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

- 1 *"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and 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?"*

Refrain

*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.*

- 2 *"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?" Refrain*
I will hold your people in my heart.

WELCOME and PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has been revealed to us.

We are the people of the Lord!

The master steps into our lives

And prospers the work of our hands.

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HYMN Gather Us In

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f44OvSt26TU>

- 1 *Here in this place a new light is streaming,
shadows of doubt are vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, our spirits in flame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*
- 2 *Here we receive new life in the waters,
here we receive the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt of the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*
- 3 *Not just in buildings small and confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the present and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of light,

You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don't believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.

Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah! **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PEACE

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Wondrous God, You turned fishermen into disciples, teachers, and healers. Transform us in the ways which serve you best, and lead us fearlessly forward in faith. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

PSALM

Psalm 90:14-17

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from Luke.

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 gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR SUE DEVINE

HYMN **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkd-sw5yPjw>

*1 You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.*

Refrain

*Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.*

*2 You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working.* Refrain

*3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving.* Refrain

*4 You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.* Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

You amaze us with how well you know us. You invite us to know ourselves more deeply through serving you. Give us the courage to follow where you are leading. Inviting God, **Hear our prayer.**

As a new presidential term begins we pray your blessing upon this land and all of its people, that everyone would find a way to contribute and flourish within the fabric of society, and that we would truly accept the gifts of those who differ from us. Inviting God, **Hear our prayer.**

As disciples gathered great multitudes of fish from the sea, so they in turn gathered the multitudes of people longing to hear the good news. May we capture hearts with your words of life, and demonstrate how your love embraces your whole creation. Inviting God, **Hear our prayer.**

Sometimes the unfamiliar is where we need to go to find our true home. Shake us out of inertia and disrupt our lives with your healing Spirit. Bless those who need it most today... Inviting God, **Hear our prayer.**

We may never know the kind of persecution which your saints and martyrs have suffered, yet their lives stand as beacons of faith to inspire and draw us forward. Join our songs of praise with theirs and bring us all together on the last day. Inviting God, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant confidence and zeal to members of our PLUM congregations that we may faithfully carry out your work which you have entrusted to us. Inviting God, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

At this time, we offer ourselves to God—our physical resources and our whole life—recognizing that all we are and all we have are God's given to us and for which we are stewards. If you have a monetary offering for your congregation, please send it or deliver it to the church.

Let us pray. You have given us much, O Lord, and so we give back. Bless these offerings of our lives and our livelihood. Use them for your good purposes in the world, and use our lives to serve your children. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the Lord taught us.

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

Take and eat the body of Christ given for you.

Take and drink the blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.
Amen.

HYMN Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiXnbOORTAU>

- 1 *"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?"*
- 2 *"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 pray'r
in you and you in me?"*
- 3 *"Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners 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?"*
- 4 *"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 reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"*
- 5 *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.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/TEAWTA_KWXW](https://youtu.be/TEAWTA_KWXW)

- 1 *The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.*
- 2 *We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.*

Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

- 3 *We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.*
- 4 *Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name. Refrain*

Repeat verse 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GOD SIGHTINGS

COFFEE HOUR

PLUM Board Meeting: This Monday, January 25, 7 PM via zoom.

PLUM Bible Studies: Tuesday at 1pm and Thursday at 7pm via zoom. Focus is on the book of Ruth.

The call in line for PLUM Worship Services and Bible Studies:
Zoom online: <https://zoom.us/j/401596541>
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