

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022

“From now
on you will



be catching
people.”

LUKE 5:10, NRSV



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10:30 A.M.

The Family of God Gathers

Gathering Music

“He Leadeth Me”

Arr. Lorie Line

Please let the prelude be a signal to prepare for worship.

Greeting

Call to Worship †§

L: In the sanctuary and in our homes, the Holy One whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

P: **Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our living rooms, in our daily work, God calls us.**

L: We respond with our whole heart, singing God’s praise and giving thanks.

P: **In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.**

Opening Hymn 173 Verses 1–2 Page 8 “You Have Come down to the Lakeshore”

Prayer of Confession †§

Forgive us, God. You long to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your realm, so we might show the others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might become your children once again. Yet we are too quick to judge those who are different, we fail to invite our neighbors into the joy of your realm, we are timid and hesitant in our discipleship. Forgive us and renew our spirits. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

L: With God, there is no shame or guilt. In Jesus’ name, you are forgiven!

P: **You are forgiven!**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: **And also with you!**

The Sign of Peace

Now please take a moment and share the peace with those in your household and/or offer a moment to send prayers of peace to those you love who are not with you.

Centering Song Verse 3 Bulletin page 9

“Christ Be Our Light”

The Service of the Word

Psalm 138

- L: 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.
- P: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.**
- L: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- P: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.**
- L: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- P: 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.**
- L: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
- P: Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Gospel

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.

Sermon

Offering “Jesus, Savior, Blessed Friend”

Lorin Divine

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self †

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them for the sake of those in need around us. Amen.

Communion

Hymn 337 Verses 2–3 Bulletin page 10

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Prayer †§

L: May God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Beloved of God, lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the One who knows us and loves us.

L: Beloved of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: Our praise is continually offered to our Hope, our Trust, our God.

L: In that time when there was only you, you walked in the midst of chaos shaping all that is good and beautiful. You stretched out your hands scooping up the dirt off earth’s floors, shaping us in your image, breathing Spirit into our lungs. In that silence where there was only your Hope, you called us to be your people. But the world sang its seductions, calling us to follow despair; death blinded us

to the life you offered; mistrust and impatience led us to the idols of easy answers and power.

And so, believing that you have reached out and called us to service with you, and touched our lips with songs of hope, we join our voices with those who, in every time and in every place sing of your ways forever.

P: Holy are you, Sanctuary of our hearts, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Word of joyous grace. In that time when we had lost our way, he called to us, so we could follow him into your joy. In that time when all hope had died, he touched our lips with the bright fire of your love. In that time when death's cold grip wrapped tightly around our hearts, he came to surround us with your love.

L: In this time of silence, Spirit of God, may this bread which is broken become our wholeness. In this time of grace, may this cup which is poured touch our lips with healing. In this time when we feel the brush of your fingertips caressing us, may we believe that your justice and peace are to be shared with all people; that our hearts can bear the burdens of others; that we may bring joy to the lonely and suffering.

P: Then, when our journey is ended, and we have followed you into eternity, we will gather around your Table in that silence, which is your grace; in that place, which is your heart; in that time, which is your love, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

The Story

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution "Here I Am, Lord"

Lorin Divine, Lynn McFadyen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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Benediction †§

L: Filled with God’s grace, we will go,

P: **to share hope with those in despair, to befriend the lonely and afraid.**

L: Filled with God’s grace, we will follow Jesus,

P: **to offer justice to those forgotten by the world, to embrace those filled with grief and loss.**

L: Filled with God’s grace, we are empowered by the Spirit,

P: **to bring peace into all the brokenness around us. Amen!**

Postlude

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Arr. Melody Bober



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We of Plymouth extend to you our hand of fellowship and an invitation to become a member. If you are interested, or have any questions, please speak with or send a note to Pastor David or our Moderator, Barb Kleist. Our table always has room for more.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, February 6

Community Table offering

10:30 A.M. Communion Worship

Tuesday, February 8

10:00 A.M. Quilters

7:00 P.M. Dartball

Plymouth at St Mark

Sunday, February 13

Prayers for the People

10:30 A.M. Worship

11:30 A.M. Leadership Team

We pray for:

- The leadership and staff of Plymouth United Church of Christ

Tú has venido a la orilla (You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; alt.
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

(Refrain)
ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
fish - nets and will for work - ing.

Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;
kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.

On the sand I have a-ban-doned my small boat;
now with you I will seek oth-er seas.

3. You need my hands, my ex-haus-tion,
work-ing love for the rest of the
wea-ry—
A love that's will-ing to go on lov-ing.
Refrain

4. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters;
you, the long-ing of souls that are
yearn-ing;
As lov-ing Friend, you have come
to call me.
Refrain

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Percy Dearmer, 1925; alt.

Matt. 18:20

Unison

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

British hymnal editor Percy Dearmer originally wrote these stanzas under a pseudonym as part of a postcommunion hymn by George H. Bourne. The tune was adapted from an anthem by Harold Friedell and is named for Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Tune: UNION SEMINARY 8.7.8.7.4.4.7.
 Harold Friedell, 1957
 Adapt. Jet Turner, 1967

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Who we are...

Plymouth UCC is an Open and Affirming congregation, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, since we are all created in God's image. We welcome into full membership and participation in the Body of Christ persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status and background. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, humor, and blessings of participation in our congregation.

Spiritual Care Package

Questions for Reflection

Sometimes we are afraid to tell others about our experiences of the holy and about God's call in our lives, because we don't want to annoy or oppress others. There is a difference between witnessing through indoctrination and witnessing through acts of compassion. How do you witness to others about your faith? The disciples had already fished all night without catching anything; what quality or characteristic in Peter might have helped him "give it another try" when Jesus invited him to cast his net again? What quality or characteristic within you helps you to keep trying, to start again, after disappointment or even failure?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, I give you thanks this morning I watch the beauty of the newborn light, listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature, and ponder the miracle of my own breathing and your presence in it all. Holy, Holy, Holy! Increase my strength of soul today. And whenever I see a need, help me to respond, "Send me!" Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Like the fisher folk who became disciples, I have put in a day of work. As evening comes, it is time to rest. If, as I review my day, I am tempted to say, "I am not worthy of your presence, God," reassure me with the calming words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid, come be with me." Amen.

God is still speaking,