

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 16, 2025

INCLUDING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Theme: Moral Compass



“Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”
Luke 5:4

GATHERING

Prelude: “He Leadeth Me” Bradbury, arr. Mercer

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, the Savior calls to us. Will we follow?

People: God, help us commit our all and follow.

Leader: Christ’s call persists through clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will we follow?

People: Jesus calls us to shift our priorities to leave behind the baggage of judgment and narrow thinking, so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will we follow?

Leader: God, help us leave everything and follow.

People: And if we leave everything and follow, God help us.

Leader: Beloved, receive this good news: we are not alone! Today we answer Christ’s call together!

Hymn: #459 “O Word of God Incarnate”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

O Lord, we come together today as your disciples. Often enough we fail to respond to your call with faith sufficient to sustain us. Sometimes we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship or hindered by a clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back into patterns that no longer serve us or others well. Through your Spirit, enable us to rest in the assurance of your acceptance. Enable us to face

the demand of our calling with renewed energy. In so doing let us be drawn into the illumination of your empowering love as we trust our future to you. Through Jesus who goes before us, we pray. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Meditation: “The Haven of Rest” Moore, arr. Auld

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11 Jesus Beckons toward a New Calling

Sermon: “Stepping Into New Waters”

Hymn: #834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever-faithful God, who calls us into the deep waters of faith and trust, we offer our gifts with open hearts. Transform our offerings into acts of love and service, so that we may catch glimpses of your kingdom and draw others into your embrace. Guide us to live deeply and follow Christ's call to be fishers of people in your abundant grace. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: A Song of Commitment - “Footsteps of Jesus” (please see insert)

Benediction

Leader: As we go into the coming days, remember: We do not go alone. God's faithful love goes with us.

People: No matter what we are facing, God will not abandon us. For we belong to our God, and God will fulfill the plans necessary for the lives we lead.

Leader: So we go from here, strong in the knowledge that God's loving presence is with us.

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Tracy Wettig

Announcements

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** follows worship today.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES for Conversation, Reflection, and Study

With choir on hiatus, immediately following today's Annual Meeting and Fellowship Time, we are inviting those willing to stay to join a discussion of a new opportunity Session has approved. Together we will shape our agenda and the time participants are willing to commit to this venture. Options include a 30 to 45 minute session for Bible study, or reflection on the scripture and message of the day, or conversation about our witness as individuals and as a church in our current times. Please join in today!

DURING THE UPCOMING LENTEN SEASON, we will gather Sunday morning following the Fellowship Time for a Lenten Study on three occasions: Sunday, March 9, March 23, and April 6. The theme is in process and will be announced. There will be NO evening Soup and Bread Study this year.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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