

January 17th, 2021

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture for Meditation:

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. When he got there, he ran across Philip and said, "Come, follow me." (Philip's hometown was Bethsaida, the same as Andrew and Peter.) Philip went and found Nathanael and told him, "We've found the One Moses wrote of in the Law, the One preached by the prophets. It's *Jesus*, Joseph's son, the one from Nazareth!" Nathanael said, "Nazareth? You've got to be kidding." But Philip said, "Come, see for yourself." When Jesus saw him coming he said, "There's a real Israelite, not a false bone in his body." Nathanael said, "Where did you get that idea? You don't know me." Jesus answered, "One day, long before Philip called you here, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi! You are the Son of God, the King of Israel!" Jesus said, "You've become a believer simply because I say I saw you one day sitting under the fig tree? You haven't seen anything yet! Before this is over, you're going to see heaven open and God's angels descending to the Son of Man and ascending again." --John 1:43-51 (The Message)

Prelude

We Gather for Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: A simple call. A hard call.

Many: Because following requires leaving.

One: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

Many: And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

One: It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

Many: But we have come this far, to this place.

All: Where we can listen and be transformed. Amen!

***HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

We Attune Our Hearts for Prayer and Praise

MORNING PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

One: Give ear to the words of the Psalmist. **Many: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN:

"I Am Yours, O Lord"

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

We Offer Our Prayers

One: Beloved God, you know us inside and out and you still call us to serve you.

Many: Lord, honestly, we are often hesitant, afraid, and wish to remain hidden.

One: Empower us to listen for and to hear your call

Many: Empower us to answer your call with "Here I am Lord."

One: Lord of mercy and justice,

Many: Many have gone before us working for justice and peace.

One: Their footsteps seem too big for us.

Many: Help us take one step at a time,

One: To bring your seeds of hope, justice and peace

Many: In a world desperate for them.

One: Lord of hope,

Many: We pray for our country, our leaders and especially our new president as he is inaugurated into leading our country in tumultuous times.

One: We pray for the healing of our country.

Many: We pray that reconciliation, forgiveness and peace may abound.

One: Lord of peace,

Many: We pray for your compassion and healing for those in our congregation who need it.

One: We pray for your comfort and presence for those who are grieving lonely and oppressed.

Many: We pray for warmth, shelter, clothing and food for those who are without.

One: Lord we say to you this day,

Many: Here we are your servants willing to preach your word,

One: To offer care where it is needed,

Many: To be your presence where presence is needed,

One: To offer your love where love is needed."

Many: Lord, strengthen us for our ministry today and every day.

All: In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy spirit. Amen.

(Adapted)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Attend to the Word

SERMON: "Wake-up Call"

Dr. Bill Ireland

1 Samuel 3:1-10

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

