



# Christ's Hope & Light Revealed

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2020

## ***Fish for People***

*Peter recognized almost immediately that Jesus was special.  
His willingness to see and believe earned him a front row seat to the world's greatest story.*

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

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Prelude

*"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

Announcements

Call to Worship

Holy God—in this precious hour, we pause  
and gather to hear your word—  
to do so, we break from our work responsibilities  
from our play fantasies;  
we move from our fears that overwhelm  
and from our ambitions that are too strong.  
Free us in these moments from every distraction,  
that we may focus to listen,  
that we may hear, that we may change. Amen.

*- Walter Brueggemann*

Confession & 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**

## Opening Song

*Here I Am, Lord*

Red ELW 574

**"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.**

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

**"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***

# Prayer of the Day

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.**

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*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song*

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*Peter was weary after a long night of fishing with nothing to show for it.  
But when a traveling preacher stepped into his boat, he would never be the same.*

## Invitation to the Word

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

**Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

## Scripture Reading

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, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

# Message

## Special Music

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

- arr. Chung

## 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

*Sung before all prayers*

**Let my prayer rise up, like incense before me,  
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

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.**

*Other petitions may be offered.*

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.**

## 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 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.**

## Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

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

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## Blessing

May God fill you with hope and illumine the darkness, with the light of Christ. Amen.

## Sending Song

### Oceans

**You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand**

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour  
*(repeat 2x's)*

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

## Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

– arr. Mary McDonald



## *Hope & Light*: A Community Art Project

*“The time after Epiphany celebrates God’s incarnation and Jesus’ revealing glory. In this time, we discover Christ’s presence in our lives and share that good news with the world.”*

As the season of Epiphany approaches – January 10 thru February 14 - you are invited to participate in creating a piece of artwork that symbolizes God’s revealing of hope and light in our lives, community & world.

### *Here is how it will work:*

- Each week you will be directed at the end of worship to reflect on a question that the pastors will present. You will then design, on your own time, 2 pieces of the puzzle that represents your thoughts – a scene, color schemes, abstract designs, words etc. – however you are moved.
  - You can use markers, pens, crayons, collage, glitter etc. – whatever medium you would like.
    - ***If you would to participate, please call the church office and we will make arrangements to deliver a bag of supplies (puzzle pieces) to you.***
- At the end of the season, during the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> we ask that you bring back your designed puzzle and place them in the basket in front of the church office.
  - *If you are unable to return your puzzle, please call the church office and we will make arrangements to pick up your puzzle.*
- Some puzzles will be given to those who are homebound as a symbol - a reminder - of God’s hope. All other puzzles will then be created to make a collective piece of art that reflects, as a community, our hope and light. **When all of these individual lights come together as one we can rest in what is and will be revealed in Christ for all of us. Our hope and light becomes even brighter!**
- The finished artwork will be displayed in the Narthex to welcome us back when the time comes when we gather together in-person.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Novess [knovess@holyshepherd.com](mailto:knovess@holyshepherd.com) or 720.854.5365.



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