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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Toccata in D Minor

Girolamo Frescobaldi
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Introit

Be Joyful in the Lord

Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Two Fisherman

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1. Two fishermen, who lived along the Sea of Galilee,
stood by the shore to cast their nets into an ageless sea.
Now Jesus watched them from afar, then called them each by name.
It changed their lives, these simple men; they'd never be the same.

Refrain

“Leave all things you have,
and come and follow me,
and come and follow me.”

2. And as he walked along the shore 'twas James and John he'd find,
and these two sons of Zebedee would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear they left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called; they came without regret.

Refrain

“Leave all things you have,
and come and follow me,
and come and follow me.”

3. O Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John beloved one,
you heard Christ's call to speak good news revealed to God's own Son.
Susanna, Mary, Magalene who traveled with your Lord,
you ministered to him with joy for he is God adored.

Refrain

“Leave all things you have,
and come and follow me,
and come and follow me.”

4. And you, good Christians, one and all who'd follow Jesus' way,
come leave behind what keeps you bound, to trappings of our day.
and listen as he calls your name to come and follow near;
for still he speaks in varied ways to those his call will hear.

Refrain

“Leave all things you have,
and come and follow me,
and come and follow me.”

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

The 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. Amen.

Prayer Response

Amen

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scriptures

Matthew 14:22-33 (CEB)

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, “It’s a ghost!” They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.”

And Jesus said, “Come.”

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!”

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* Craig Courtney
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Message *Inspired: Fish Stories* Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Prelude Op. 87 No. 3* Simon Sechter
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† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

Prayer of Confession

All: God of the lost and forsaken, without your aid we are powerless and are quickly beaten by the storms of life; without your grace we fall to our injuries and are soon imprisoned by our resentments; without your intervention we quickly submerge and gasp for breath in our misery and despair. Reacquaint us with your saving grace, that we may know that anything is possible, even when everything is falling apart. Renew our dreams and hopes for the future, that we may be instruments of your promise, even when the whole world seems against us. Amen.

One: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Everyone who risks the uncertain walk of faith, receives aid from the one who calms the waters. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

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1. Let us plead for faith alone,
faith which by our works is shown;
God it is who justifies,
only faith the grace applies.
2. Active faith that lives within,
conquers hell and death and sin,
hallows whom it first made whole,
forms the Savior in the soul.
3. Let us for this faith contend,
sure salvation is the end;
heaven already is begun,
everlasting life is won.
4. Only let us persevere,
till we see our Lord appear,
never from the Rock remove,
saved by faith which works by love.

† Benediction

Postlude

March in D

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