

The United Methodist Church at Absecon

100 Pitney Rd // Absecon, NJ 08201

609.641.1265 // abseconumc.com

abseconumc@comcast.net

The Reverend David L. Ledford III, Pastor

ReverendDaveLedford@gmail.com

**Priscilla Cunningham,
Director of Music and Organist**



Come and Worship the Lord

January 22, 2023

Today's Lay Reader: Melissa Wilson

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Whoever you are, wherever you are, come! Now is the time to worship.

People: **We come, ready to become disciples of Jesus Christ!**

Leader: Making disciples isn't just about bringing new people into the church. It's also about deepening the faith of those who are already here.

People: **How do we become disciples? How do we follow Christ? We can learn a lot from the first 12 disciples.**

Prelude

One Thing's Needful

Max Reger

Hymn

God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us (verses 1, 3, and 5)

1. God, whose love is reign-ing o'er us, source of all, the
 2. Word of God from na-ture bring - ing spring-time green and
 3. Ho - ly God of an-cient glo - ry, choos-ing man and
 4. Cove-nant, new a - gain in Je - sus, Star-child born to
 5. Lift we then our hu - man voic - es in the songs that

end - ing true; hear the u - ni - ver - sal cho - rus
 au - tumn gold; moun-tain streams like chil - dren sing - ing,
 wom - an, too; A - br'am's faith and Sa - rah's sto - ry
 set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us
 faith would bring; live we then in hu - man choic - es

raised in joy - ful praise to you: Al - le - lu - ia,
 o - cean waves like thun - der bold: Al - le - lu - ia,
 formed a peo - ple bound to you. Al - le - lu - ia,
 how love's chil - dren we might be. Al - le - lu - ia,
 lives that, like our mu - sic, sing: Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, wor - ship an - cient, wor - ship new.
 Al - le - lu - ia, as cre - a - tion's tale is told.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to your cove - nant keep us true.
 Al - le - lu - ia, ris - en Christ, our Sav - ior he!
 Al - le - lu - ia, joined in love our prais - es ring!

Opening Prayer

Christ our Lord, you told us to go and make disciples of all nations. Not just people to sit in pews, but disciples. You told us discipleship requires giving up everything we have. You told us that being your disciples means picking up our cross every day. Most importantly, you told us that being a disciple means following you. Pour out the Holy Spirit on us today as we discern how to do all of those things. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn/Chorus

Praise the Name of Jesus

(sing twice)

Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus,
He's my rock, He's my fortress, He's my deliverer, in Him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

Senior Choir

Sing Out a Song

Don Besig

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets,

and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message *Jesus Calls Disciples*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Prelude on "Tunbridge" Healey Willan

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn Victory in Jesus

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Victory in Jesus". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came
2. I heard a - bout his heal - ing, of his cleans - ing power
3. I heard a - bout a man - sion he has built for me

from glo - ry, how he gave his life on Cal - va - ry
re - veal - ing, how he made the lame to walk a - gain
in glo - ry, and I heard a - bout the streets of gold

to save a wretch like me; I heard a-bout his
and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear
be - yond the crys - tal sea; a - bout the an - gels

groan - ing, of his pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the
and some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of

vic - to - ry.
vic - to - ry. O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my
vic - to - ry.

Sav - ior for - ev - er! He sought me and bought me

with his re - deem - ing blood; he loved me ere I

knew him, and all my love is due him; he

plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

Benediction

Postlude

Grand Choeur

Richard Purvis