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Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Melissa Wilson

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader:	Come! Whoever you are, wherever you are, come! Now is	s 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



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/ChorusPraise 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;	

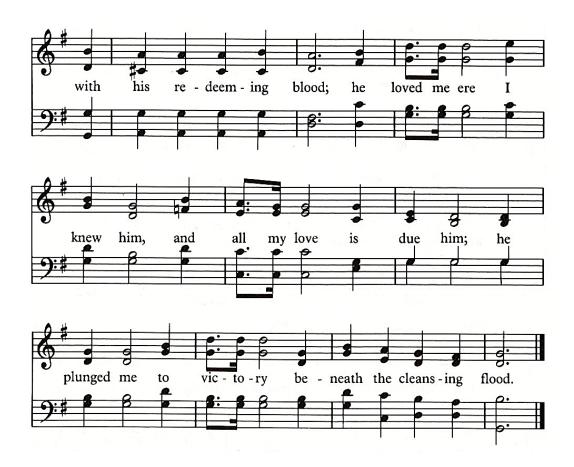
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

Victory in Jesus







Benediction

Postlude

Grand Choeur

Richard Purvis

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