

.THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 10, 2019 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The First Sunday in Lent*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Lanie Byrum & Miss Sophia Byrd, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. L. Taylor Rose

Since the beginning, God has been relentlessly pursuing us in love.

Though our faithfulness ebbs and flows, God's love endures forever.

Taking on flesh like ours,

God became one with humanity in the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus lived, loved, and ministered in the margins of power.

God incarnate was not what was expected.

Many did not recognize God in Jesus.

Still, we struggle to recognize God with us.

**And yet, God continues to dwell in our midst,
loving us with a divine love that excels all other loves.**

INTROIT

Lost in Wonder
The Vocal Ensemble

Claude L. Bass

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of Heav'n to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive.

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory, till in Heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Rose

+HYMN OF PRAISE 601

O How I Love Jesus

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 138

Mrs. Eva Early

In Pew Bible, page 709 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN 184

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Early

OFFERTORY

+LENTEN DOXOLOGY – Hymn 377

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

Blessed Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 5:1-11 Dr. Gilliam
In Pew Bible, page 76 of New Testament
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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Dr. Gilliam

SERMON *An Object Lesson* Dr. Gilliam

INVITATION
It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE *You Walk Along Our Shoreline* AURIELA
See Insert

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+LENTEN RESPONSE arr. Mark Edwards
Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

+POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Associate Pastor Pastor

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas
Minister to Youth & Children

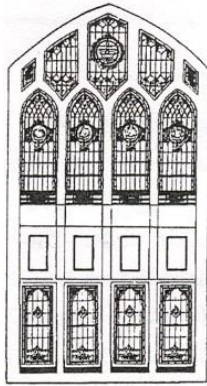
Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
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A Window on the Weeks Ahead

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Babies: Jean Parker & Debbie Rawls
Ages 1 & 2: Justin & Sarah Freeman
Age 3 – Kindergarten: Jessica Britton & Anna G. Dawson
Floater Needed

✦ Weekly Wednesday Night Meal & Ministries

5:00—6:30 pm Come and eat anytime between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. This week's menu: barbecue, Brunswick stew, cole slaw, honey bun cake.

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Children's Music & Missions:
Ages 3-Kindergarten, Room 105; Grades 1-5, Choir Room

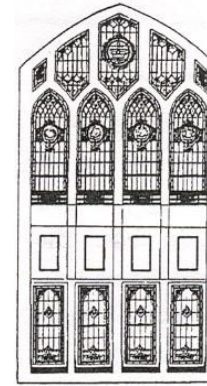
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Rev. Thompson will stay with children until Christ Kid's begins so that any parents who want to participate in the Adult Bible Study in the sanctuary may do so.

6:00—7:00 pm Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary
6:15 —7:00 pm Christ's Kids (Grades 1-5), Room 103
7:00—8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00—9:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

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March 26, 2019 ♦ 9:30 am—2:30 pm

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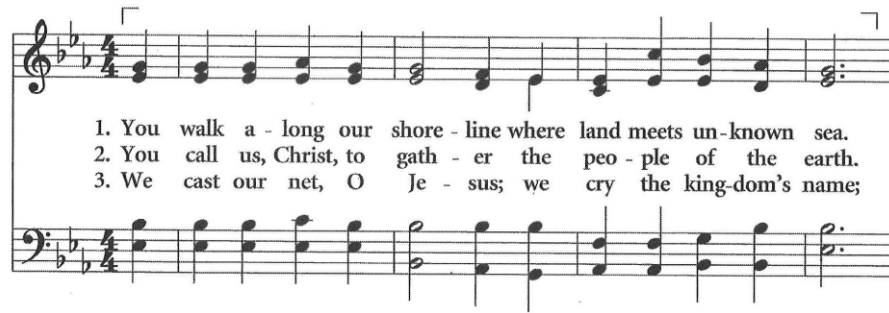
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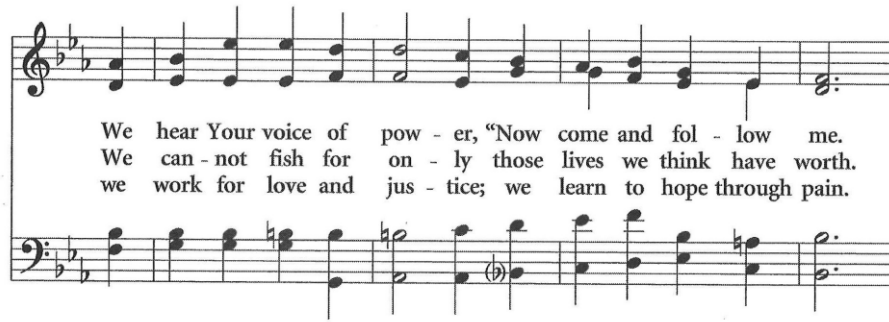
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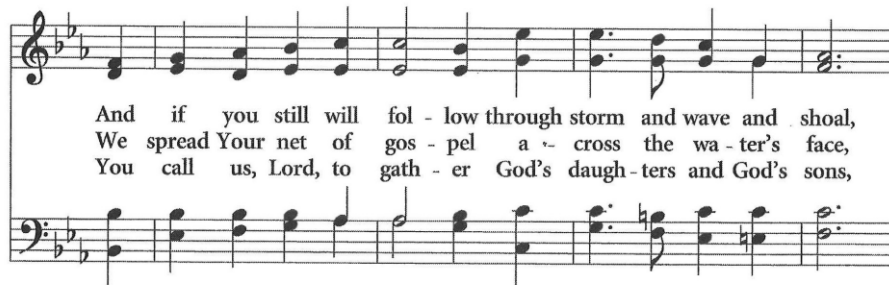
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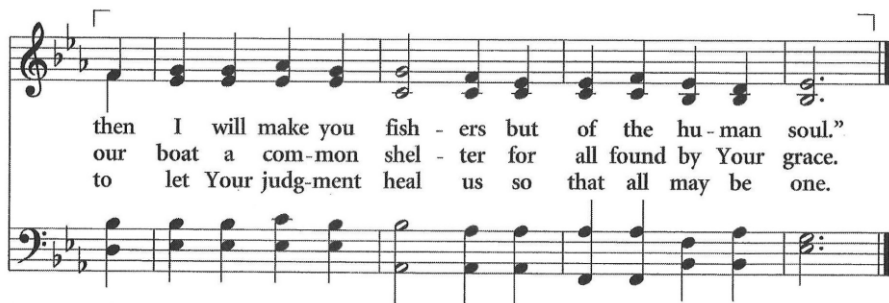
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We hear Your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
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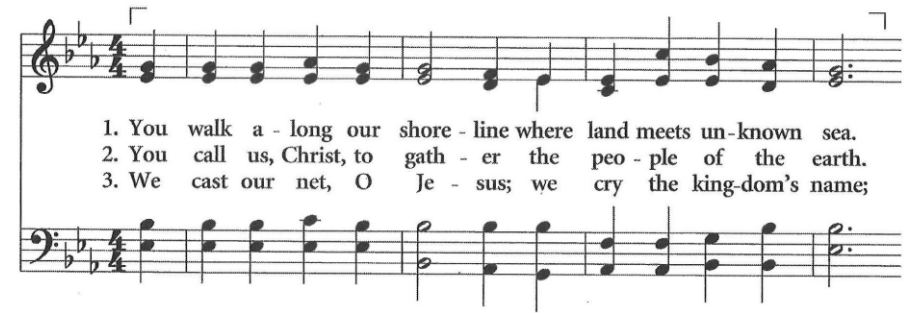


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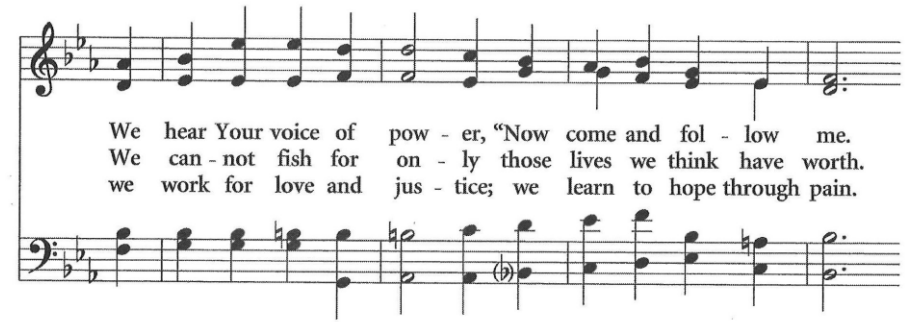
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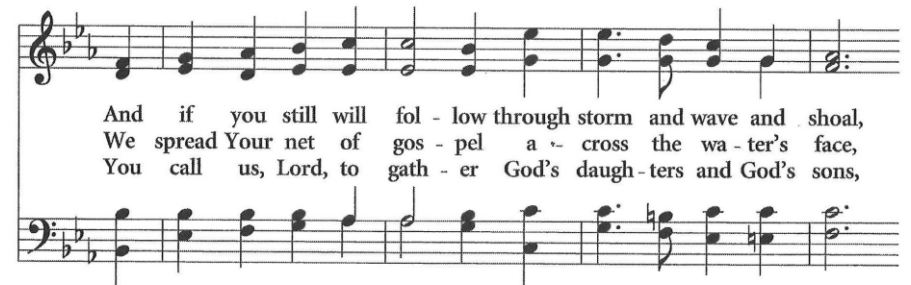
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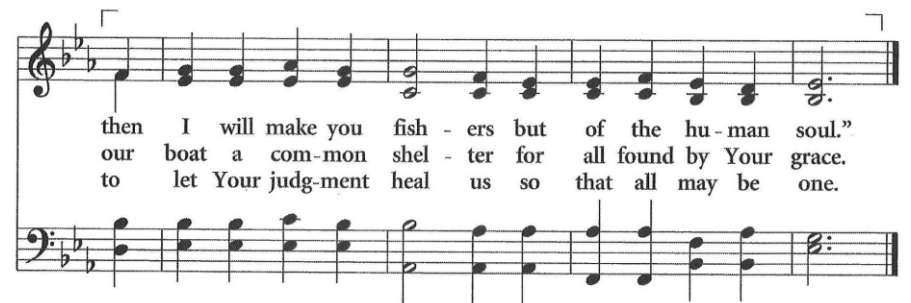
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