

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

“Gathering in God’s presence...”

Prelude

Kingsfold

Irish Folk Tune

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: In the name of Christ, we accept the invitation to discipleship.

People: In the name of Christ, as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

Leader: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

People: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

*Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, Make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast.
To serve the poor and homeless first, Our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud That threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town To cleanse and to redeem.
For God is longing to restore An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for A harmony of peace.*

*May we in service to our God Act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod Till have all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.*

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future. Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord, and make us whole. (Silent Confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

May we hear again those simple words: “Come, follow me,” and may we come, just as we are, and know again the depth of God’s grace and love for us. For in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called anew. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world with end. Amen, Amen.***

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Each One Called

Rev. Ashley Sanders

Our Response

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

PW Blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

Postlude

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

...sending in God's name."

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