

First United Methodist Church of Elgin
July 19, 2020

Prelude

Dr. Mindy Pugh

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Felicia LaBoy

Opening Hymn “God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”

UMH 108

The Call to Worship

Cindy Palm, Liturgist

Come into the presence of the Holy One.

Bring your worries, your frustrations, your burdens, and lay them before the Lord.

Let Him give you rest.

Bring all the challenges that you are facing, all the fears that grip your soul and give them to God.

Allow Him to quiet your mind.

Breathe in...breathe out. Be at peace.

God’s got this and God’s got you.

Let us give thanks and praise to our Savior, our Lord, our God.

Opening Prayer

Cindy Palm, Liturgist

God of power and glory, open our hearts so that we can be renewed. Enable us to rise above the tide of worldly skepticism and indifference. Inspire us to demonstrate a kinder, gentler, more caring world. Heal us from disease, heal us from hate, and grant us the grace to be your people, sharing your love and goodness to everyone we meet. Live in us that we may approach each day as an opportunity to learn, to grow, and to serve in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH 374

Offertory

Doxology

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Scripture Reading

Acts:1-14 (Msg)

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¹⁻⁴ While Peter and John were addressing the people, the priests, the chief of the Temple police, and some Sadducees came up, indignant that these upstart apostles were instructing the people and proclaiming that the resurrection from the dead had taken place in Jesus. They arrested them and threw them in jail until morning, for by now it was late in the evening. But many of those who listened had already believed the Message—in round numbers about five thousand!

⁵⁻⁷ The next day a meeting was called in Jerusalem. The rulers, religious leaders, religion scholars, Annas the Chief Priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander—everybody who was anybody was there. They stood Peter and John in the middle of the room and grilled them: “Who put you in charge here? What business do you have doing this?”

⁸⁻¹² With that, Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, let loose: “Rulers and leaders of the people, if we have been brought to trial today for helping a sick man, put under investigation regarding this healing, I’ll be completely frank with you—we have nothing to hide. By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the One you killed on a cross, the One God raised from the dead, by means of his name this man stands before you healthy and whole. Jesus is ‘the stone you masons threw out, which is now the cornerstone.’ Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by which we can be saved, only this one.”

¹³⁻¹⁴ They couldn’t take their eyes off them—Peter and John standing there so confident, so sure of themselves! Their fascination deepened when they realized these two were laymen with no training in Scripture or formal education. They recognized them as companions of Jesus, but with the man right before them, seeing him standing there so upright—so healed!—what could they say against that?

Special Music

Sermon Series

Rev. Felicia LaBoy

Perceiving the New Thing God is Doing In This Season:
Perception Requires Going Beyond Our Comfort Zone

Sermon Text

Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.



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Sermon Text (continued)...

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH 381

Sending Forth

Rev. Felicia LaBoy

Postlude

Dr. Mindy Pugh

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