

Church of Christ, Congregational
Sunday Worship, July 12, 2020 at 10:00am

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Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Introit: “Be Thou My Vision/Center”¹

Invocation² & Lord’s Prayer (Use the words most comfortable for you.)

Hymn: “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”³

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: *O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.*

You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. **Refrain.**

You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary—
A love that’s willing to go on loving. **Refrain.**

You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
As loving Friend, you have come to call me. **Refrain.**

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Sermon: *Miracle Grow*

Litany⁴:

Leader: Because Jesus looked people in the eye and saw them, for real, and had compassion,

People: I know that God takes notice, and knows my name, and loves us all.

Leader: Because Jesus ate with people who'd gone wrong, and said, "You are forgiven now,"
People: I know that God forgives me, and hears my name, and loves us all.
Leader: Because Jesus used stories to teach us about God and ourselves,
People: I know God cares about me, and speaks my name, and loves us all.
Leader: Because Jesus walked and talked and lived among us,
People: I know God thinks I'm lovely, and sings my name, and loves us all.
Leader: Because Jesus lived and died, and lives with God, and says, "I'm with you all the time,"
People: I know that God is near me, and calls my name, and loves us all. Alleluia!
Thank you God.

Sharing

Prayer and Offering

Hymn: "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"⁵

Almighty God, your Word is cast like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe this holy seed remove,
But give it root in every heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown, your quickening grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive its saving power may know.

Benediction

Postlude: "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (Naval Hymn)⁶

Announcements

Fellowship Hour

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³ *Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt. Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt. Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES. 8.10.10. with refrain. Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979. Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987. Copyright 1979, 1987, Cesáreo Gabaraín. Published by OCP Publications. Words and music Copyright ©1987 Oregon Catholic Press. Translation Copyright © 1989 Madeleine Forell Marshall. Harmonization Copyright ©1987 Skinner Chavez-Melo.*

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⁶ *William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt. MELITA. 8.8.8.8.8.8. John B. Dykes, 1823-1876.*