

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Fairmount Avenue  
United Methodist Church



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# Prelude

*Antiphon III*

Marcel Dupré

# **Words of welcome**

# Call to Worship

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**Adult Choir**

Wolfgang A. Mozart

# Prayer of Invitation

UM Worship and Song No. 187:  
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*God of new beginnings,  
you wipe away our tears  
and call us to care for one another.  
Give us eyes to see your gifts,  
hearts to embrace all creation,  
and hands to serve you every day of our lives.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

# **Passing of the Peace**

Let us greet each other  
in the name of the Risen Christ.

Peace be with you.

***And also with you.***

# **“Creator of the Earth and Skies”**

## **Hymn No. 450**

**WORDS:** Donald Hughes, 1964, 1969 alt.

**MUSIC:** Jeremiah Clark, 1707

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*Creator of the earth and skies,  
to whom all truth and power belong,  
grant us your truth to make us wise;  
grant us your power to make us strong.*

*We have not known you: to the skies  
our monuments of folly soar;  
and all our self-wrought miseries  
have made us trust ourselves the more.*

*We have not loved you: far and wide  
the wreckage of our hatred spreads;  
and evils wrought by human pride  
recoil on unrepentant heads.*

*We long to end this worldwide strife:  
How shall we follow in your way?  
Speak to us all your words of life,  
until our darkness turn to day.*

# **Children's Time**

Children are invited to come forward  
as parents are comfortable.

Please note that those who come forward may be visible on the livestream.

# **Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness**

Adapt. from UM Book of Worship No. 487:  
Traditional Sioux,  
translated by Chief Yellow Lark, 19th cent.

*O Great Spirit,  
whose voice we hear in the winds,  
and whose breath gives life to all the  
world, hear us.*

*We come before you as your children.  
We are small and weak; we need your  
strength and wisdom.*

*Let us walk in beauty  
and make our eyes ever behold the red  
and purple sunset.*

*May our hands respect the things you  
have made,  
our ears be sharp to hear your voice.*

*Make us wise,  
so that we may know the things you  
have taught your people,  
the lessons you have hidden in every  
leaf and rock.*

*We seek strength not to be superior  
to our neighbors,  
but to live in harmony with ourselves  
and all of your creation.  
Help us to be ever ready to come to you,  
so when life fades as a fading sunset,  
our spirits may come to you  
without shame. Amen.*

# **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

# Offertory Anthem

*Procession*

**Joyful Ringers**

17th cent. Serbian melody  
arranged by Kevin McChesney

# Offertory Response

For the Beauty of the Earth – vs 1

*For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

# **“Two Fishermen”**

## **TFWS No. 2101**

WORDS and MUSIC: Suzanne Toolan  
(Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; 8:1-3)  
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*Two fishermen,  
who lived along  
the Sea of Galilee,  
stood by the shore  
to cast their nets  
into an ageless sea.*

*Now Jesus watched  
them from afar,  
then called them each by name.  
It changed their lives,  
these simple men;  
they'd never be the same.*

*Refrain*

***“Leave all things you have  
and come and follow me,  
and come and follow me.”***

*And as he walked  
along the shore  
'twas James and John he'd find,  
and these two sons  
of Zebedee  
would leave their boats behind.*

*Their work and all  
they held so dear  
they left beside their nets.  
Their names they'd heard  
as Jesus called;  
they came without regret.*

*Refrain*

***“Leave all things you have  
and come and follow me,  
and come and follow me.”***

*O Simon Peter,  
Andrew, James,  
and John beloved one,  
you heard Christ's call  
to speak good news  
revealed to God's own Son.*

*Susanna, Mary,  
Magdalene  
who traveled with your Lord,  
you ministered to  
him with joy  
for he is God adored.*

*Refrain*

***“Leave all things you have  
and come and follow me,  
and come and follow me.”***

*And you, good Christians,  
one and all  
who'd follow Jesus' way,  
come leave behind  
what keeps you bound  
to trappings of our day,*

*and listen as  
he calls your name  
to come and follow near;  
for still he speaks  
in varied ways  
to those his call will hear.*

*Refrain*

***“Leave all things you have  
and come and follow me,  
and come and follow me.”***

# Congregational Prayer

We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.

Lord in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*

In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... *hear our prayer.*

Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain, a group of individuals who have covenanted to be in prayer with and for our congregation.

# 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

# **Scripture Reading**

## **Matthew 4:12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> 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.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> 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.

# Sermon

*By the Lake*

# **“You Have Come to the Lakeshore”**

## **Hymn No. 344**

**WORDS:** Cesareo Gabaraín; trans. by Gertrude C. Suppe, George Lockwood,  
and Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon, 1987 (Mt. 4:18-22; Mk. 1:16-20; Lk. 5:1-11)

**MUSIC:** Cesareo Gabaraín; harm. by Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

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*Lord, you have come  
to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy  
nor wise ones;  
you only asked me  
to follow humbly.*

*Refrain*

*O Lord, with your eyes  
you have searched me,  
and while smiling  
have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left  
on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.*

*You know so well  
my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold  
and no weapons;  
you will find there  
my nets and labor.*

*Refrain*

*O Lord, with your eyes  
you have searched me,  
and while smiling  
have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left  
on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.*

*You need my hands,  
full of caring  
through my labors  
to give others rest,  
and constant love  
that keeps on loving.*

*Refrain*

*O Lord, with your eyes  
you have searched me,  
and while smiling  
have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left  
on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.*

*You, who have fished  
other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls  
who are waiting,  
my loving friend,  
as thus you call me.*

*Refrain*

*O Lord, with your eyes  
you have searched me,  
and while smiling  
have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left  
on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.*

# Benediction

# **Choral Response**

*Amen*

**Adult Choir**

John Stainer

# Postlude

*Canzone dopo l'Epistola*

Girolamo Frescobaldi

# Go in Peace.

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