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WELCOME Rev. Carol Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease

Prelude in C# Minor BWV 849—J.S. Bach Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Lamentations) Elder Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

Leader: We gather to recall to mind and have hope.

People: The loving kindnesses of the Lord indeed never cease!

Leader: They are new every morning.

People: Great is God's faithfulness?

Leader: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul. "Therefore I have hope in God."

**People: The Lord is good to those who wait for God, who seek God, waiting silently
For the salvation of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship together in this hope and truth!

***Opening Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #276



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: Called to live as children of light, let us build one another up as we share signs of peace, and words of love. The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

From *Missa pro defunctis (Requiem)*-J. Ockeghem

Members of the UPC Quartet

Call to CONFESSION (Liturgist)

Worship begins each week with a communal acknowledgment that we have failed the task set before us. God calls us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved God and neighbor. We are called to set ourselves aside, to make the world a better place. Yet, because the salvation of the world is ongoing, we fall short. Let us confess our sins before our just and merciful Creator so that we may be free to live into our purpose again.

PRAYER of CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Gracious and merciful Lord, we admit our tendency toward being spiritually nearsighted. We often react to what we can see, and overact to what we cannot yet see. We can give up after our fifth attempt, when You have something coming on our tenth. Forgive our impatient faith. Remind us You are never finished. Hear now our silent confessions

DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)

Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved. We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God's kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Holy God, as we prepare to read your living Word, open our hearts, our ears and our eyes that we may encounter your Spirit.



The Old Testament Lesson *Jeremiah 17: 7-10. 14-15* – Liturgist Haddad

The New Testament Lesson *Luke 5:1-11* – Reverend Barrett

Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Astonish Me, Lord!* Reverend Carol Barret

Hymn *From the Nets of Our Labors* See Page 4

AFFIRMATION of FAITH (from Romans 8) – led by Reverend Carol Barrett We affirm together that “...we who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, the Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. The One who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

**Gloria Patri.* #579

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER – Elder Alejandra Haddad

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

Reverend Carol Barrett

**Closing Hymn* *Will You Come and Follow Me* See page 5

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Carol Barrett

POSTLUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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Bob Hammel Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie and Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine
Our military men and women stationed around the globe

First Presbyterian Church, pastored by Rev. John Erickson in Martinsville, is a 180-year-old congregation just a block off the town square. We have an average of 50 in worship on Sunday. Our Mission efforts are concentrated with Churches in Mission, a local organization that acts as a central hub to help meet people’s needs through food, clothing, education and some monetary needs. We’ve partnered with a local restaurant and hotel to provide folks meals and emergency housing. We are pleased with these efforts but are still seeking that neglected niche that we can fill. We’re excited for what God has in store for us!

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

From the Nets of Our Labors

We Will Rise Up and Follow



1 From the nets of our la - bors, through the noise and con -
 2 When we faint and grow wea - ry from the bear - ing of
 3 In the eyes of the strang - er— tear - ful, joy - ous, or
 4 When we hear words of ha - tred spread - ing fear or false
 5 In each mo - ment of cour - age, stead - fast e - ven through
 6 Like dis - ci - ples be - fore us, from the cit - y or



fu - sion, from the cit - y or sea - shore,
 bur - dens, with a mes - sage of com - fort,
 fright - ened— in the face of each neigh - bor,
 wit - ness, words that cry to be chal - lenged,
 trem - bling; in the year - ing for jus - tice,
 sea - shore, risk - ing self - less com - pas - sion:



Je - sus sum - mons us all. We will rise up and fol - low,



Christ be - fore and be - side us, lov - ing pat - tern to



guide us, as we an - swer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4.18–22/Mark 1 16–20/ Luke 5:1–11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3 (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 . Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show:

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.



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