

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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ORDER OF WORSHIP ONLINE
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PRELUDE

Amazing Grace (arr. Joel Raney)

WELCOME FROM THE PULPIT

OPENING PRAYER

We are all asked to do more than we can do. Every hero and heroine of the Bible does more than they would have thought it possible to do, from Gideon to Esther to Mary, Jacob, one of my favourite characters, certainly wasn't qualified. He was a liar and a cheat; and yet he was given the extraordinary vision of angels and archangels ascending and descending a ladder which reached from earth to heaven.

In the first chapter of John's Gospel, Nathaniel is given a glimpse of what Jacob saw, or a promise of it, and he wasn't qualified either. He was narrow-minded and unimaginative, and when Philip told him that Jesus of Nazareth was the one they sought, his rather cynical response was, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' And yet it was to Nathaniel that Jesus promised the vision of angels and archangels ascending and descending upon the son of man.

Madeleine L'Engle, Walking on Water

HYMN

Precious Lord Take My Hand

UMH #474

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.*

Refrain: *Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Refrain*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:7-15

At the sea and on the mountain with his twelve students

Then Yeshua with his students withdrew to the sea. On hearing what he did, a great multitude from the Galil followed him, and they came also from Yehuda and from Yerushalayim and from Edom and from beyond the Yarden and the region around Tzor and Tzidon. And he told his students to have a boat ready for him, because of the crowd, and so they would not crush him. He had healed many, and those who were in torment pushed forward that he might touch them. When the unclean spirits saw him they fell down before him and cried out, saying, "You are the son of God!"

He warned them forcefully not to make him known.

Then he went up on the mountain and called to those whom he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve, whom he named messengers, to be with him so he might send them out to preach and have the right to cast out demons.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:18-22

Gathering the fishermen

And as he was walking by the Sea of the Galil, he saw two brothers, one called Shimon Kefa, and his brother Andreas, casting their net into the sea, for they were fishermen. He said to them,

Come, and I will make you fishers of people.

And they immediately dropped their nets and followed him.

Going on from there he saw two more brothers, Yaakov the son of Zavdai and Yohanan his brother, in the boat with Zavdai their father, mending their nets. He called out to them. And they left their boat and their father, and followed him.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

Calling his first students, who are fishermen

Now it happened that while the crowd pressed in around him to hear the word of God, Yeshua was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two ships there beside the lake. But the fishermen had got out of them and were washing their nets. He climbed into one of the ships, one that was Shimon's, and asked him to take him out a little away from the shore. Then he sat down and from the boat he taught the crowds.

When he stopped speaking, he said to Shimon,

Go out into the deep waters

And drop your nets and fish.

Shimon answered and said, "Rabbi, all through the night we worked hard and caught nothing. But on your word I will lower the nets."

And when they did this, they caught such an abundance of fish that their nets were breaking. They signaled their partners in the other ship to come help them. They came and they filled both ships so much it was sinking them.

Shimon Kefa fell down at Yeshua's knees and said, "Go away from me, lord. I am a sinful man."

He and all who were with him were amazed at the haul of fish they took in. And so were Yaakov and Yohanan, sons of Zavdai, who were partners with Shimon

Yeshua said to Shimon,

Do not be afraid. From now on

You will be catching people.

And they beached their boats and left everything and followed him.

SERMON

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our God 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.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Deep River (arr. Mark Hayes)

Ric Campero, Tenor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (first & last verse)

UMH #526

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ain't Got Time to Die (Sylvia Oines)

SERVING YOU TODAY

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