

Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.

Discussion Questions

- Week Three: Urgent Message, Mark 1:14-20

Focus verse: *“And immediately, they left their nets and followed him.”* (vs. 18)

We live in a time of immediacy, sometimes referred to as instant gratification. When we want something, be it an answer to a history question or someone to deliver us lunch, we usually can find it pretty quickly. But how quickly do we react when God wants something from us? How quick are we to go when we are called? Have you ever left the beaten path before you to follow Jesus’ call? Where do you think Jesus might be calling you today? As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me at 256-353-6941 or email me at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com.



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What Do You See?

January 17, 2021

Musical Gift

“God is Our Refuge and Strength”

Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 419 “I Am Thine, O Lord” (v 1,2,3) Crosby & Doane

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

Refrain

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain

Prayers of the People

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Special Music “Be Thou My Vision” *Wagner*

Bible Reading — John 1:43-51

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

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The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph’s son, from Nazareth.”

Nathanael responded, “Can anything from Nazareth be good?”

Philip said, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are God’s Son. You are the king of Israel.”

Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the

fig tree? You will see greater things than these! I assure you that you will see heaven open and God’s angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Son of Man.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “What Do You See?”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #430 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (v 1,3,4)

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Benediction

Musical Gift

“A Song of Redemption”

Paxton

Organist: Virginia Paul

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