



**February 7, 2024**

**\*Invitation to Praise**

The Praise Team

**Praise Him**

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him!  
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

From the rising of the sun  
Until the going down of the same,  
He's worthy, Jesus is worthy,  
He's worthy to be praised.

Glory! Glory! In all things give Him glory.  
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

For God is our rock,  
Hope of salvation;  
A strong deliverer,  
In Him I will always trust.

**Down By the Riverside**

Gonna' lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside;  
Gonna' lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
To study war no more. [Chorus]

Chorus:

I ain't gonna' study war no more,  
Study war no more,  
Study war no more  
I ain't gonna' study war no more,  
Study war no more,  
Study war no more

Gonna' lay down my sword and shield,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside;  
Gonna' lay down my sword and shield,  
Down by the riverside,  
To study war no more. [Chorus]

Gonna' meet my loving Jesus,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside;  
Gonna' meet my loving Jesus,  
Down by the riverside,  
To study war no more. [Chorus]

**His Name is Wonderful**

His Name is wonderful  
His Name is wonderful  
His Name is wonderful  
Jesus, our Lord

He is the mighty King  
Master of everything  
His Name is wonderful  
Jesus, our Lord

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

*Please stand (in body or spirit, as you are able) and join in our Call to Worship.*

- One:** We come to worship today determined to follow the Christ,
- All:** **Who calls us to a new understanding of fishing.**
- One:** We come to worship with open hearts and minds,
- All:** **And a soul ablaze for justice and equality.**
- One:** We come to meet God and each other.
- All:** **Let us worship in love and understanding.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Welcome One Another**

**Life of the Community** Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

**Call for the Offering** Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

**Offertory Hymn**

**The Lord is Blessing Me Right Now**

The Lord is blessing me right now, Oh right now  
The Lord is blessing me right now, Oh right now  
God woke me up this morning and started me on my way  
The Lord is blessing me right now, Oh right now

**Gospel Scripture Lesson** Alexa Donaphin  
Luke 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst.

<sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**One:** This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermonic Selection** Pastor Terrance L. Kennedy

**Sermon** Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper  
*“Working All Night and Catching Nothing”  
Finding Hope Among Empty Nets*

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

**Holy Communion** Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

**Great Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

**One:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**  
**One:** Lift up your hearts.  
**All:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**One:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Prayer** Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

**\*Benediction** Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

**\*Closing Song** I Feel Like Goin’ On

**Today’s Musical Leader:** Pastor Terrance L. Kennedy

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

