



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

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

⁷So 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. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and 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.” ¹¹When 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.**

