

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 24, 2021

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship** – God of the prophets, you have called us to repentance; therefore, we turn to you. You have called us to follow you; therefore, we lay down our nets and come. You have challenged us to fish for people; therefore, we lift heart and voice to you in praise, open our arms unto the world, and wait.

### Prelude

### Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time

**Song #158** “Blessed Be the God of Israel” *MERLE’S TUNE*

### \*Call to Worship

Trust in God at all times, O People; In all things, pour out your hearts to the Lord!

**God is our rock! The Lord alone is our mighty refuge!**

The lowly are but a breath, the proud a delusion. Trust not in the things of this world.

**To the Lord alone belong power and glory! To God alone belongs steadfast love!**

Let us wait, O People, let us wait for the Lord.

**God repays all according to their works. Therefore, let us worship our righteous God!**

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship.” Cascade Books: 2013. All rights reserved.

### \*Invocation Prayer

**Songs of Faith** “Cry of the Heart” **Worship Team**

**The Prayer of God’s People and the Lord’s Prayer – 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Old Testament Reading**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**A Reading from the Psalter**

**Psalms 62:5-12**

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

**For you repay to all according to their work.**

**New Testament Reading**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

**\*Gospel Reading**

**Mark 1:14-20**

**Song #458** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” *ANGEL’S STORY*

**Children’s Message** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**Invitation to the Offerings, Prayer, and Offertory Special**

**Message** “Called to Serve”

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## RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

**\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song #344**      “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”      ASSAM

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Please stand if able

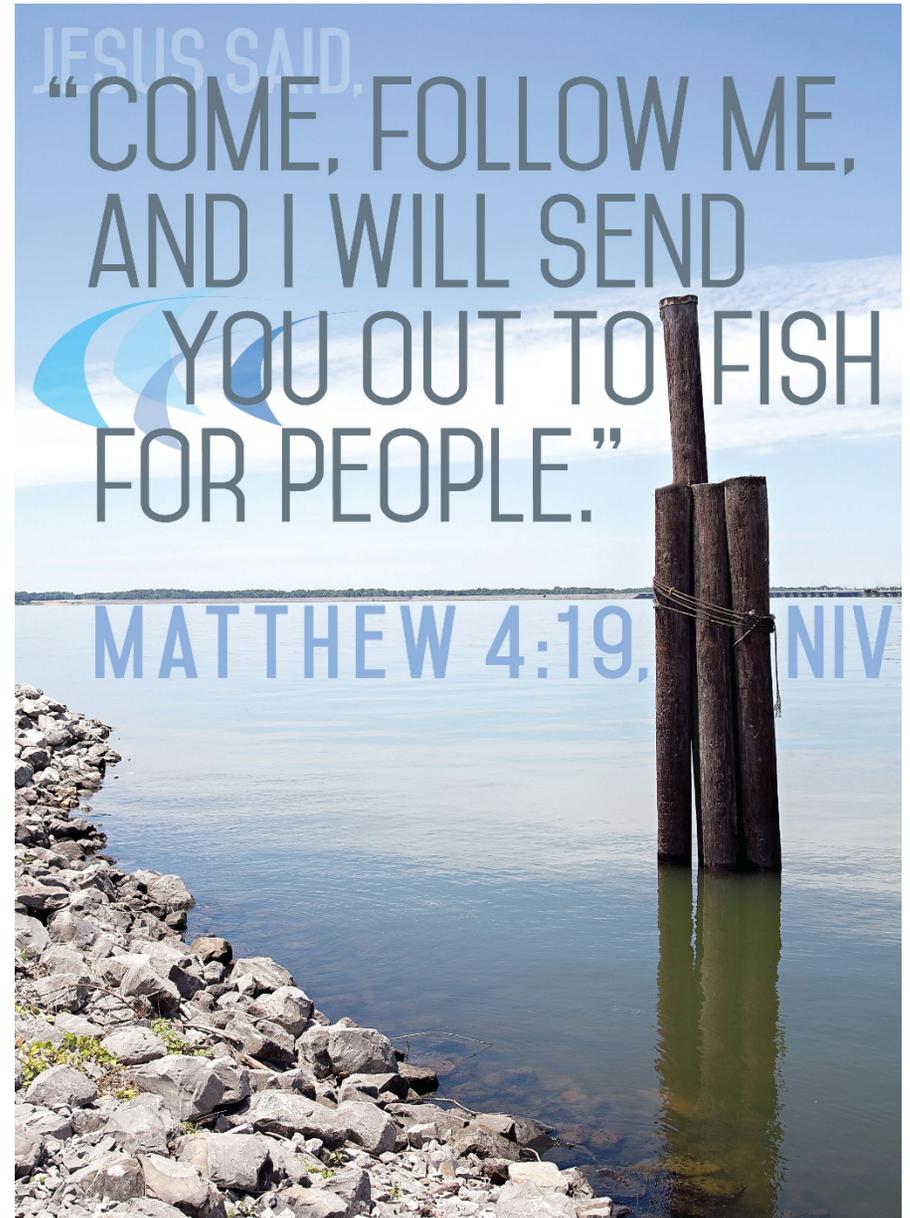
### PLEASE WELCOME

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