

**The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for January 24, 2021
Third Sunday After Epiphany**

Opening Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on Angel's Story
Melody for hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Healey Willan

Welcome

Call to Worship

We have lived in darkness and seen a great light.
We have been in the wilderness and long for home.
How great it is to follow the God who guides us by day and by night, who knows the destination,
and has prepared a place for us.
Sisters and brothers, beloved, let us worship God.

Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us"
Amy Finka, cantor

Call to Confession

And now, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

When you work among us, our eyes turn away.
When you call us to the work of reconciliation, we run to the ends of the earth.
When our enemies repent, we grieve our misbegotten anger at them.
As we eagerly await their judgment, you offer them forgiveness.
Forgive us, O Lord, and Grant that we, who have been baptized in your name,
may reach out in love to those in need
with the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
for ever and ever. Amen.

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

No one is too far gone for God's forgiveness.
The Lord who created light out of darkness and something out of nothing
can create in us clean hearts, and reconcile us to each other.
Sisters and brothers, you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit
and blessed with the Word of the Lord.
Look around you, and be thankful that in Christ reconciliation is possible and happening
among us.
In the name of Christ, know that you are forgiven,
and greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Children's Message

Suzie Lane

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

Rev. Stacy Rector

Hymn

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

Amy Finka, cantor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (people read **bold**)

Lord God, Almighty and Everlasting,
You have baptized us into your kingdom
With water and the Holy Spirit
Make us, we ask, faithful stewards of the earth
that all my prosper by its fruits
In your mercy, hear our prayer.
Make us, we ask, faithful agents of your mercy,
Delivering the good news to all who are forgotten, hungry and oppressed
that they may know your renewal and care
In your mercy, hear our prayer.
Make us, we ask, humble agents of reconciliation,
Finding a way to peace where rage and hate prevail
that our swords may turn to plowshares
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

[time for individual prayers]

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who taught us these words.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they name.
Thy kingdom come, they 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn

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Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*
Melody for hymn "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

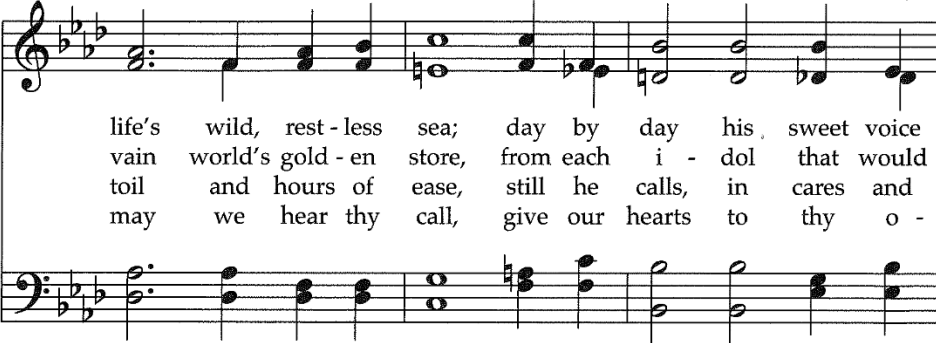
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Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

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You Walk along Our Shoreline 170

1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,

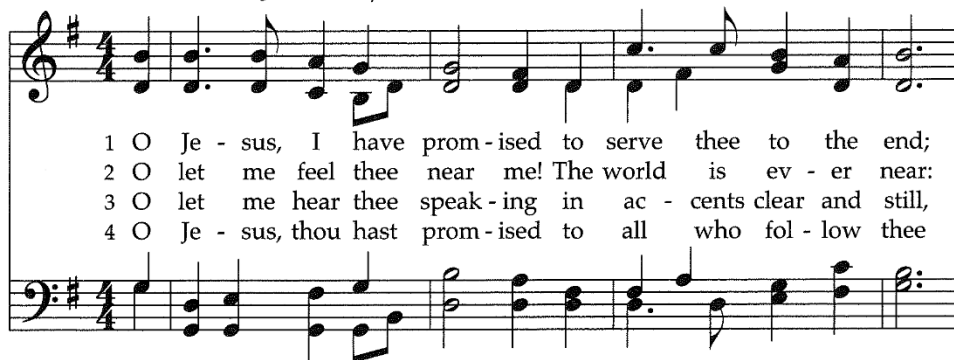
then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18-22/Mark 1:16-20/Luke 5:4-11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

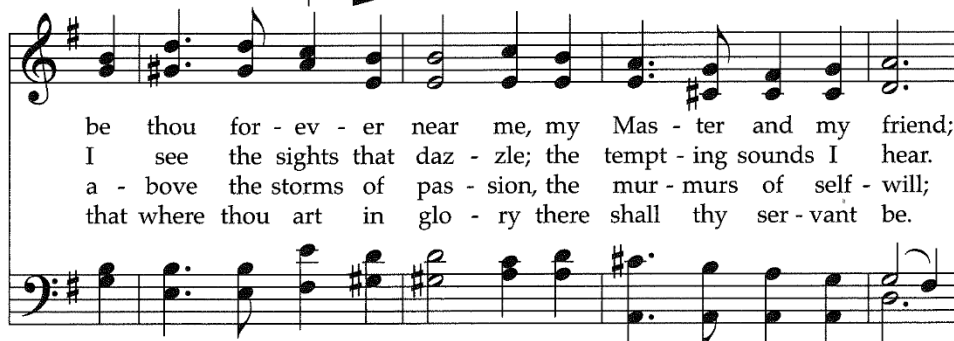
TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
 MUSIC: Johann Steurlein, 1575
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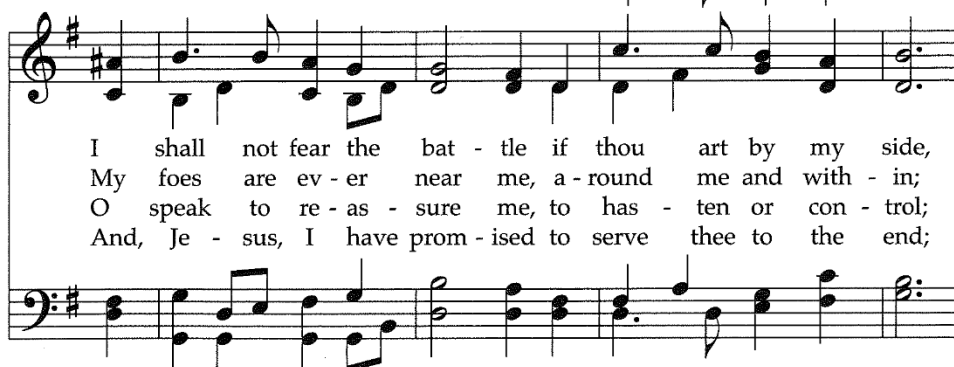
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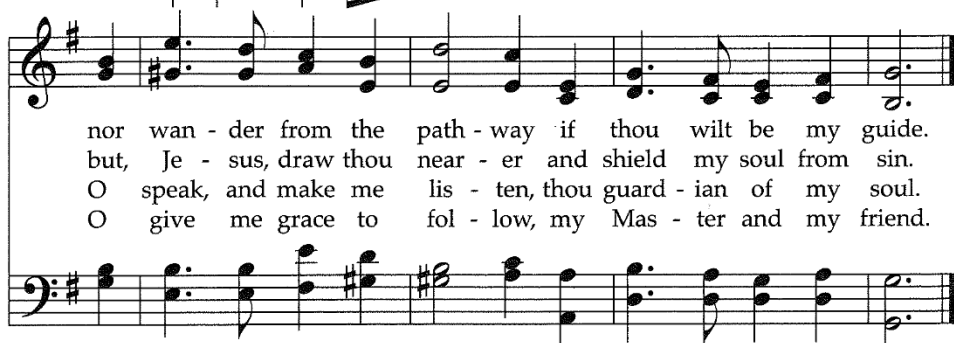
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.
 MUSIC: Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

ANGEL'S STORY
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 (alternate tune: NYLAND, 725)