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Service for the Lord's Day

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist, Jimmy Chapman

We gather around the words of Christ:

“Come, and follow me.”

We gather around the voice of the Spirit:

“Come, and follow me.”

Let us worship God together

and follow Christ into the world.

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

O Holy God,

you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you,

yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives.

We distract ourselves from your call

with busyness, stress, and worry.

We tangle ourselves in webs of racism, sexism,

and hatred that disguises itself as fear.

Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness,

open our ears to hear your voice saying to us,

“Follow me.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God.***

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jimmy Chapman

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Our first reading for today is from the prophet Jonah chapter 3, verses 1 through 10. Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Our gospel reading is from the gospel according to Mark chapter 1, verses 14 through 20. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

A new teaching, with authority! ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

“God's New Thing”

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— Response —

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jimmy Chapman

Mindful of the many needs around us, we turn to God for help and healing, saying:

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the church . . .

Teach us to follow Jesus, fishing for people,

proclaiming the good news of your realm and calling all to turn and trust in you.

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the world . . .

Send messengers of truth and grace

who will condemn destructive ways and announce your saving love.

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for this community . . .

Be a place of refuge and safety for all who are in danger or need.

Surround them with your steadfast love.

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for loved ones . . .

Help our sisters and brothers who are suffering.

Give healing to those who are sick and comfort to those who mourn.

To you, O God, we cry; ***be gracious to us.***

Gracious God, turn our mourning into dancing and change our sorrow into joy, so that we may give you thanks and praise forever; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. ***Amen.***