THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 24, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE
“Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)”
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
Gerre Hancock

OPENING WORDS
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SHARING GOD’S PEACE
The Rev. Dr. Bush
Leader: La paz de Cristo está con ustedes.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: Y también contigo.
And also with you.

ACOLYTE VIDEO
Kevin Lee

CALL TO WORSHIP
Adrianna Cleveland
Leader: Come, with undivided attention, to meet God, who is our rock and our salvation.
People: Come and hear Christ’s voice, as he calls us away from old routines.
Leader: Come, without anxiety or fear, for God cares for you.
People: Come and follow as Christ leads, stepping forth by faith into new places and restored relationships.
Leader: Come, during this time of worship, to offer our praise and thanksgiving to the God who was, who is, and who is to come!

HYMN #410
“God Is Calling”
W ŻLOBIE LEZY
God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,
Through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
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God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
The Rev. Schoenewolf
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!
¡Alaben a Dios! ¡Aleluya!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God! Alleluia!
HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  Isaiah 49:1-4, 6  Kathryn Ophardt
Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.”

He says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Leader:  This is the word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC  “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. Deanna Witkowski

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES  The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #721 (vs. 1, 2, 4)  “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for Wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:  O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no Gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by Souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION  The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON  Mark 1:14-20  The Rev. Dr. Bush
Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON  “New Beginnings: Answering The Spoken Call”  The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER  The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

SPECIAL MUSIC  Improvisation on “Jesus Calls Us” Deanna Witkowski
OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER

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HYMN #720 (vs. 1, 3, 4)  “Jesus Calls Us”  GALILEE

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

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Blessing

POSTLUDE

“Fugue on the Carillon of Soissons Cathedral”

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LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE (vs. 1, 2, 4)

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking
2 You know so well my possessions; my boat
3 You need my hands, full of caring, through my
4 You, who have fished other oceans, ever

neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only
carries no gold and no weapons; you will
labors to give others rest and constant
longed for by souls who are waiting, my loving

asked me to follow humbly.
find there my nets and labor.
love that keeps on loving.
friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Señor, has mirado los ojos, sonriendo

smiling have spoken my name; now my
mando ha dicho mi nombre, en la g-

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

MUSIC: Cesáreo Cabarán, 1979; harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987
Text, English Trans., and Music © 1979, 1987, 1989 Cesáreo Cabarán (Published by OCP)
Music Harm. © 1987 OCP

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES 8.10.10 with refrain

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boat's left on the shore-line behind me. By your
side I will seek other seas.

SPANISH
1 Tú has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo

2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo

3 Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo

4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos,
ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo
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This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003
MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1938
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YOU WALK ALONG OUR SHORELINE

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 acts 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. Frimlow, 1964
MUSIC: Johann Steuerlein, 1575

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JESUS CALLS US (vs. 1, 3, 4)

1 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

2 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

3 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

4 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, 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