

A person is silhouetted against a sunset over a body of water. They are holding a large net that is filled with numerous jellyfish. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent pattern of jellyfish, suggesting the catch. The text "A SURPRISING CATCH" is centered over the image.

**A SURPRISING CATCH**

YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE AT  
**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

February 6, 2022

**\*Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING MUSIC**

#448 Take My Life, God, Let it Be

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: *It is by grace that we are who we are:*

Many: **people who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.**

One: *It is by God's grace that we can become followers:*

Many: **people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.**

One: *It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:*

Many: **people who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

Love-filled God, beyond all explanation or deserving, we have received from you grace upon grace upon grace. Though many come disguised, each one blesses, challenges, bewilders, supports, stretches, comforts us, though none protect us from the struggles of life and that, too, is cause for thanksgiving, for neither do they quarantine us from courage, compassion, creativity. We ask you to bless us, keeping us in your fierce love as we strive for your kingdom and receive from you the things we need, knowing that you are able to provide for us far beyond what we can think or ask.

Amen.

(adapted from a prayer by Ted Loder)

**\*HYMN**

#277 Holy, Holy, Holy

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 138, Page 714 New Century Hymnal

**SUNG RESPONSE** #13 O My Soul, Bless Your Creator

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### **BIBLICAL TESTIMONY:** Luke 5:1-11

*Once 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 gone 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 break. 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' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9For he and all who were with him were amazed 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.*

#### **CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY:** an excerpt from *Come as You Are*

by Peter Woods found at "The Listening Hermit"

*Peter might have been a hardened, ruffian of a man. He probably was not shortlisted for nomination to the synagogue council of ministries. This did not mean that he was unworthy of having full nets of blessing.*

*Don't you love the irony in Jesus' call? He doesn't tell Peter to clean up his act, go for vocabulary re-alignment, and then come and become a rabbi, like Jesus. No, Peter is called to bring all he is, and the way he is, and be a rough-neck ruffian fisherman for people. The people Jesus needs for his Kingdom. People, many of whom will be like Peter. Tax collectors, terrorists, prostitutes and other people who the church says should be called sinful.*

**SERMON**            Casting Your Nets

**OFFERING: OFFERTORY - \* DOXOLOGY**

(see insert)

**\* DEDICATION OF GIFTS**

Exalted Lord, we offer these gifts from thankful hands and from rejoicing lips. When we are surrounded by trouble, you cradle us in your constant love. Through these gifts, help our hurting and needful neighbors so they feel secure in your abiding grace. Amen.

\*HYMN #330 Let Us Break Bread Together

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
THE STORY REMEMBERED  
THE BANQUET SHARED**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Satisfying God, may this table ever feed us when we are starving for justice, when we crave a sense of belonging and community, when the journey seems too far and too long and we long for respite and relief. Amen.

(adapted from A Worship Resource for African Canadian Heritage Month)

\*HYMN #207 Just As I Am

**\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE CHURCH. Beginning at 9:30.**

**CONFIRMATION to follow worship.**

**MELANIE WILL BE ORDERING AMY-JILL LEVINE'S BOOK "ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS" FOR OUR LENTEN BOOK STUDY. If you'd like a book please let her know.**

**RISEN MOTHERHOOD BOOK READING GROUP will meet each Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. It will also be available through zoom if unable to attend in person. For more information please contact Maggie at 402-525-1765.**

Linda Evans and Jolene Larson will have a SIGN UP FOR MEMBERS TO GET THEIR PICTURES TAKEN FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY today starting at noon into the afternoon and Sunday February 13th! We will probably schedule some evening sessions maybe even on a Wednesday also! We will have to discuss it with Boyd who is going to be taking the photos for us! We will schedule appointment times in 10 minute increments! Contact Linda Evans or Jolene Larson either text, call, or messenger, or sign up on the list at the church! Jolene 402-640-5271 or Linda 402-368-8042 we will do our best to accommodate! Thanks

PASTOR MELANIE'S OFFICE HOURS are Sundays 1:30-3:30. Call or text if you'd like to meet with her. She can be reached at (402)841-1450 or (402)500-3412 or [revdocmel@gmail.com](mailto:revdocmel@gmail.com)

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**NURSING CENTER/HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:**

Deloris Ashburn                      Clara Ritter                      Diann Larson

**CONCERNS**

Pierce family who lost 3 children in house fire.

"Hate-full" and Divided America

Mass Shootings at schools and public places

Members of Tilden Church of Christ

Graham Sayers, infant son of Lisa (Henseleit) and Jay Sayers

Diann Larson	Ciera Nygren	Bill Rittscher
Clara Ritter	Gene Fields	Jesse Johnson
Dustin Meyer	Eric Heithoff	McCoy Backer
Laura Rutjens	Fr. Pat Nields	Deloris Mozer
Michelle Dittmer	Kandi Hart	Deloris Ashburn
Dave Carstens	Carter Brown	John Johnson
Holli Perez	Theresa Sullivan Meyer	

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