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## HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 21, 2018 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

"Gone Fishing?"

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**And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make  
you fish for people."**

Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany. Epiphany is the season, following Christmastide, in which we are introduced to the light of the world. In Epiphany, we hear of the calling of the disciples and we 'get to know Jesus' before the season of Lent.

Our music as we prepare ourselves, heart, mind, and spirit, for worship is "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" recorded by Rusty Bova in the 'Big Band' style of Benny Goodman.

Our Service begins with a **WELCOME** to all who are gathered to worship together.

We share news of our life together as a church in our service because what we do, outside of worship, is a very vital portion of our 'service to God'.

Our Gathering Hymn, "Christ Calls Us Now As Long Ago," sets the theme for today's service. Once again we hear words in scripture that challenge us to follow Christ in our everyday living.

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## A Celebration of Worship

January 21, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### "ENTER WITH REVERENCE TO WORSHIP GOD"

#### MUSIC AND TIME OF PREPARATION

*(Take this opportunity to pause for a moment and pray for God's presence among us today, our worship leaders, those who worship with you and for yourself.)*

#### WELCOME AS WE GATHER & SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH

#### PRELUDE AND BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Here, we come to worship.

**We could be off somewhere fishing today.**

Here, we are met by a savior walking along the beach.

**Maybe we're going to 'fish' for something else.**

Christ Jesus is in our midst reaching out to us today!

**Jesus is calling us to make a decision to follow him.**

In spite of doubts be confident! Place your trust in Jesus!

**It's a big step for us, but we know Jesus is with us!**

There's no turning back now!

**May God lead us to be faithful and useful witnesses.**

Let's get ready for a great opportunity to put our faith into action!

**We are ready! Lead us, Lord!**

Let us Worship together.

#### \*GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**"Lord, as you called the fishermen by the Galilean Sea,**

**you call us today to be willing to come and follow you,**

**bringing the good news of your healing love and hope.**

**Open our hearts to receive your call and make us ready for the**

**journey. For we ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray:**

**"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; 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

#### **"Christ Calls Us Now As Long Ago"**

(Tune: Ellacombe)

**"Christ calls us now as long ago, beside the Galilee,  
The call went out to common folk, "Come now; Come follow me!"  
So when we hear, respond, and go, We too must leave behind  
The trappings and encumbrances possessing life and mind.**

\*If comfortable, please stand

**Christ sends us out, as long ago Disciples, two by two,  
Proclaimed salvation's hope and joy creating all things new.  
So when we speak of God in Christ, Our grateful hearts afire,  
We pray the Holy Spirit will our thoughts and words inspire.**

**Christ walks with us, Christ dwells with us in resurrection power,  
As near as thought, as deep as breath, to bring our faith to flower.  
So now may we convey to all the zeal sustaining strength  
Supplying meaning, depth, and goal for all life's breadth and length."**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

(At this time you are invited to share a sign of peace:  
a hug, a handshake, a kiss...)

**\*Choral Response:**

**"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above."**

**"SEEK FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP "**

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON (Responsively)**

Even when we know that we have been given light to dispel the darkness of our living we choose to cling to things that would harm or even destroy us. God persistently calls us and bids us to leave behind that which robs us of life for that which gives us life. Let us pray:

Spirit of God, you wander along the shores of our life and you see the many things we cling to...

trinkets and toys, the need to succeed, careers that do harm.

**Release us, O Spirit, so we can follow Christ more faithfully.**

Spirit of God, you wander along the shores of our life and you see the many things we cling to...

deadly habits, destructive anger, anxiety and depression.

**Release us, O Spirit, so we can follow Christ more faithfully.**

Spirit of God, you wander along the shore of our life and you see the many things we cling to...

harmful relationships, bad attitudes, divisions and discord.

**Release us, O Spirit, so we can follow Christ more faithfully. Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us!  
Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us!  
Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us!**

In our final 'gathering act' we "**Pass the Peace**" as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love. Please remain standing as we sing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

We practice **Corporate Confession**. In the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition. We do not offer individual confession save for that which we offer in our silent prayers. We believe that we are a community of faith and as such share in the sins of all. We are "Called to Confession" as a reminder of our individual and communal sin. Our "Confession and Pardon" gives expression to our desire to know forgiveness. The "Kyrie Eleison" is a choral bridge between our prayers and the "**Assurance of Forgiveness**" which declares our forgiveness. Finally, we give praise to our triune God for the assurance that we are, by grace, forgiven.

Having Confessed our sin and realized God's forgiveness, the church gathered is prepared to hear the Word of God read and proclaimed.

**"The Proclamation of God's Word"** is central in the life of the worshipping community.

Our anthem for the day is the familiar and challenging, "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

In response to the Word read there is the 'preaching of the word for our living today'. This includes words for 'the young church' and all who gather.

## **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Receive this good news:

"When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. God's forgiveness came to our world in the person of Jesus Christ in whom the love of God was illumined fully.

Receive this love and follow the light of the world as the Spirit of God guides you in new paths of service.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

**"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen."**

## **"THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD"**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(OT: p. 860)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **ANTHEM**

**"The Call"**

**Smith**

"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife, Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast,  
Such a feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move,  
Such a love as none can part, Such a heart as joys in love."

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

\*Mark 1:14-20

(NT: p. 35)

### **TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**

#### **INTERLUDE**

(In the 10 a.m. service, all children, ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to attend "Children's Church" after "A Time with the Young Church." Their leader will meet them in the back of the Sanctuary. They may be picked up after worship in the Family Life Center, room #205.)

### **SERMON**

**"Gone Fishing?!"**

## "SHARING OUR RESPONSE TO GOD"

### \*HYMN

#### "Jesus Calls Us"

**"Jesus calls us over the tumult of our life's wild, restless, sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"**

**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!"**

**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 thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all."**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed    (*Ecumenical version*)

**"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day  
he rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the  
Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the  
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life  
everlasting. Amen."**

### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hope invites us on a journey today that seems elusive, beckoning onward  
but never in our grasp:

**God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.**

When dreams glimmer in the distance, fading, clouded and hidden or  
shining with new brightness:

**God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.**

When things we trust most collapse into the uncertainty of the unknown  
and security dissolves into a memory:

**God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.**

When the illusion of success offered by the world threatens to divert us  
and silence our souls' yearning:

**God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.**

When we think our journey has ended in the star-lit glow only to find the  
end is a new beginning:

**God of wisdom and promise give us courage to travel on.**

God who calls us and challenges us with new possibilities for our living be  
with us along the way.

**We thank you.**

God of the powerful and of the weak, of the proud and of the meek, of the  
self assured and of those who seek;

**Take us by the hand.**

Our Hymn of Parting is "Jesus Calls Us" which is an old and much loved hymn of the church. Few can write a hymn-to-order for their preacher husbands, even if they are famous poets in their own right. But Cecil Frances Alexander did just that for her husband who asked for a poem to go along with a sermon on the calling of the disciples. She did and we have the hymn "Jesus Calls Us" because of her efforts on his behalf.

In our prayers we ask for God's presence with and intervention for those we list each week on the back of the bulletin. We have many who are in ongoing situations of treatment, others who are saddened by loss, and still others who face uncertain futures. We keep these in our prayers today and every day.

With our blessings we are called by God to follow not simply the idea of Jesus, but the ideal of Jesus. Following Christ means sublimating our agenda for Christ's agenda which is the love and well being of all of God's people. When in our minds, hearts, or actions we acquiesce to the thinking of the world we fail to be true disciples of Jesus. Jesus calls us to follow him and not the winds that would foment isolationism.

Our Offertory today is the beautiful and haunting hymn, "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore." "Pescador de Hombres" ("Fisher of Men"), is the original Spanish title for the anthem, is the most popular and indeed, one of the more popular newer hymns in the hymnal. Written in 1979, "Tú has venido a la orilla" (the Spanish opening line) is based on the parallel passages found in the synoptic gospels on Jesus' calling of his first disciples (Matthew 4:18-20; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11). As found in the Scripture, Gabaráin captures the total obedience of disciples and their willingness to give up everything: "As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him." (Matthew 4:18-20, NIV) The hymn entreats us to follow Christ with the same obedience and commitment. The refrain is a call to surrender to Jesus in response to his command to follow him. The gentle melody, PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, is reminiscent of a rocking boat by the lakeshore.

Our Hymn of Parting, "Today We Are Called..." was written for a stewardship campaign around the theme "Called to Be Disciples" in 1986. The themes of justice, creation, stewardship and service are particularly appropriate in our current age.

We hope this Service of Worship has given you an opportunity to express your thanks and praise to God, to hear God's Word, to offer something of yourself, and to be challenged to go into the world refreshed and renewed as our 'service' continues in the world.

God who cares for the sick, the estranged, the confused, the sad, the lonely, the mentally troubled, the victim and the perpetrator;

**Make us whole.**

God of the church;

**Make us bold in casting your Word on the waters of life so that others might be caught up in your mercy, grace and love.**

God of peace;

**Come to us once again on the shores of our living, bringing light to our darkness and hope into our existence as your children.  
Amen.**

## **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

(Text: Hymn No. 377)

### **\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn No. 592)**

**"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."**

### **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Christ says to us, "Come and follow me!"

**May we joyfully follow, never being the same;**

**Letting our love be shown, Letting his name be known!**

Christ says to us, "Come and follow me!"

**Our response is how we live when we leave this place.**

**Amen.**

### **\*HYMN NO. 434 "Today We Are Called to Be Disciples"**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*CHORAL RESPONSE NO. 432**

**"May the God of Hope"**

**"May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call."**

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\*- If comfortable, please stand

**HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS**  
This Week at Highlands  
Week of January 21 – January 27, 2018

**This Week's Calendar of Events:**

<b>Today:</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday School</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Quilting and Sewing Group</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Wellness (Yoga at 10 and Adult Logos at 11)</b>
	4:00 p.m.	<b>Logos is celebrating 25 years at HUPC</b>
	7:15 p.m.	<b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	5:30 p.m.	<b>Packing for Micah's Backpack</b>
	7:30 p.m.	<b>Handbell Rehearsal</b>

**"WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST WELCOMES US!"**

**HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!** We are so glad that you are here and worshipping with us this morning. We are privileged to have you with us and would invite you to a time of Fellowship in our Dining Hall after worship. Please do us a favor by signing the Friendship Register and mark appropriate boxes. There are also visitor cards in the pew racks. **FIRST TIME VISITORS – WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU!** Thanks!

**MEMBERSHIP AT HIGHLANDS** is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives and who wish to join in the worship and ministry of this church. The pastor or any member of the Session would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

**A NURSERY IS PROVIDED IN THE FAMILY LIFE** building for those who wish to have their children cared for during worship. Parents receive a 'silent pager' for peace of mind and will be paged in case of any need. Highlands takes great care in caring for your children.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 1<sup>ST</sup>** grade is in the Family Life building after "A Time with the Young Church," except on Communion Sundays. A nursery is provided for infants through two years of age in the Family Life Center. Worship folders for young Highlands' worshipers can be found at the usher's stand. PARENTS please help your children with their worship experience. **WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN AT HIGHLANDS** and want to keep them safe! Please help us with this goal by ensuring that **all children are supervised by an adult while on the playground at all times.**

**DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEARING ASSISTANCE AT THE USHER'S STAND.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU!** On this third Sunday in Epiphany the theme is once again 'calling.' We are glad to welcome to our worship today a group who are answering Christ call to go in the world and serve from the Fayette Presbyterian Church or Fayetteville, Ga. They are in Jacksonville this week working with and thru the Daily Manna Serving Center doing light home repair and rehab. The Daily Manna Serving Center operates a large food pantry serving the North Riverside area of Jacksonville and is looking to expand into home repair and rehab in their community. Let's keep these folks in our prayers this week! **Welcome Fayette Presbyterians!**

**WELLNESS IN ON WEDNESDAYS:** Our program begins with seated yoga at 10:00 a.m. and Adult LOGOS follows around 11:00 am. Seated yoga can easily be adapted to anyone's physical interest and we are looking forward to John Smith's usual presentation making Bible study amusing and informative.

**WE'RE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF LOGOS AT HUPC!!** We're back this Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. We're having a great time at logos – learning a little and laughing a lot; children of all ages are welcome to come and join us! The theme for this week is "Hey Teacher! (Don't) Leave Those Kids Alone" and you are invited to dress like a teacher.

**THANKS!** Once again, the people of HUPC have responded to Christ's call. We have reached and also surpassed our goal of sponsoring 30 children in Haiti this year. It's a good thing because there are some new children who have recently arrived. Once again, thanks, for providing food, clothing, medical care, shelter, schooling and a better life for these children. On behalf of Grace of Mercy Outreach Ministries, Inc. and the children in Haiti – **THANKS AND GOD BLESS HUPC!**

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Our guests will be returning to Highlands February 4 - 11, and sign up for volunteers continues today. Please consider helping two to three homeless families by volunteering to be a day, evening or overnight host. Volunteers are also needed for meal preparation and laundry. To sign up to volunteer, or just get more information, stop by the Family Promise board in the Dining Hall after worship today. A board with food and other items needed for the week will also be at the table. Thanks!

**HEY HIGHLANDS?! HOW WAS THAT CUP OF COFFEE? How about that brownie? Oh, you had some fruit and a cookie too?** Your Fellowship Committee and friends loves providing but could use some help. How about a contribution that's financial or from your oven? Want to help, speak to your Sunday morning servers. And most of all, say, **"THANKS!!"**

**THE CHILI COOKOFF WAS A "HEART WARMING" GOOD TIME!** ☺ THANKS TO FELLOWSHIP for our "Chili Cook-Off" and Jags pep rally!

### OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

**THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN CLASS** will study "Was America Founded as a Christian Nation?" next Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please join us for this interesting and informative class.

**MICAH'S BACKPACK** will be packing weekend food for 86 children on Thursday's at 5:30 PM in Harris Hall. Everyone is welcome...We have volunteers from many churches and organizations and all ages...from 4 years old to Great Grandparents! The Micah's "Food of the Month/Fill a Tummy Club" selection for January is Chef Boy-R-Dee Pasta in the 15-ounces can or 7.5-ounces microwaveable bowl. Thanks for your help and support.

**HIGHLAND'S BABY SHOWER:** In December, your donations of 20 blankets and 42 outfits became much appreciated gifts for 20 newborns here in Jacksonville. Your love and care for these precious babies is a blessing to their families and friends. Many thanks from your Highlands Mission Committee – for more information contact Susan Lee at 887-4661

**THERE ARE STILL SOME OPEN DATES** on the flower calendar for 2018. Please take a moment to look over the chart in the dining hall and see if you would like to provide flowers for the communion table for any of the remaining dates. Thanks!

**ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACS needs the following items:** toothpaste, powdered milk, canned milk, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, peanut butter, jelly- HUPC's specialty, and toilet tissue. Five jars of jelly were collected this week. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly. **Don't forget your jelly next Sunday!**

**UPDATE FROM YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE.** We need 15 more 16 X 26-inch hand towels, and especially fingernail clippers without files or tweezers in order to have another "batch" of kits ready to go. Thanks for your help!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAITI.** Please make sure your payments are marked **"HAITI CHILDREN"** to ensure the money goes into the right account.

### PRAYER CONCERNS AND TODAY'S SERVICE –

**SPECIAL AND ONGOING PRAYERS: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**IN THE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK:** Marilyn Reed has come home after a 10 day stay at Baptist Beaches.

**OUR FRIENDS IN CARE FACILITIES:** *At Brookdale Southside:* (9601 Southbrook Dr., Jax, FL 32256); *Hank Green (N-122); At Clare Bridge:* Louise Keen; *At the Atrium (9960 Atrium Way, 32225):* Boyd and Doreen Harris (#528) , Doris Ruby (#219), *Others:* Fay Sweeney (# E10 A) at Cypress Village, 4600 Middleton Park Circle East , Jacksonville, FL 32224).

**AT HOME:** Kit Fink, Don Hall, Jo and Hoagy Carmichael, Nancy Hoot, Kinzey Reeves, Patty Strader, Marilyn Reed, JoAn Ewing, Bruce and Annette Marley, Gwen Brown, Barbara Ash and Carolyn Starkweather.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Debbie Douget's dad, Don Seay, Justin Marley (Bruce and Annette's grandson), Kenneth Moon (Barbara's son), Lenwood Lee (Dr. Dave's father), Ashley Parsons (DCE at Orange Park PC), Ed Mallard.

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**PRAYER BEARS:** Prayer Bears and Caring Critters are available in the Fellowship Hall after each service.

**MEMBER CARE:** **Bev Connell** is our **Prayer Ministry Coordinator**. Bev's number is **(904) 868-9659**. Her email address is [bevconn2016@gmail.com](mailto:bevconn2016@gmail.com). Please contact Bev with your prayer request. As always, prayer requests can be made as well by calling the church office, completing the gray slips in the church pews, using the church website ([hupcjax.org](http://hupcjax.org) under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

**FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK:** Joe and Libby McJunkin, Kevin and Patt McNorton and Helen Middaugh.

**OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE:** Greeters: Pete and Michele Loerop. Children's Church Leader: Chad Sambito.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given to the glory of God by Dennis Kleppen.