

Order of Worship
April 28, 2024 – Eastertide Holy Communion

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – Matthew 11:25-30, Rest for the Weary

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and lean from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Hymn *Christ is Risen* #307

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Reading Through the Bible in 2024!

Search the Scriptures – Week 17, Psalms 101-150

Sunday – Psalms 103 & 107, “Praise the Lord, O my soul”

Monday – Psalms 116 & 118, “I love the Lord”

Tuesday – Psalms 121 & 127, “My help comes from the Lord”

Wednesday – Psalms 138 & 139, “O Lord, you have searched me”

Thursday – Psalms 145 & 146, “I will exalt you, my God”

Friday – Psalms 147-150, “Praise the Lord!”

Gloria Patri [#70] and **Apostles’ Creed** [#881]

Offering & Doxology – #95

Scripture Reading – John 21:1-14, The Miraculous Catch of Fish

²¹Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. ⁶He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon

Pastor Paul

Gone Fishing:
Lessons at the Shore

Jesus said to them,
“Come and have breakfast.”
John 21:12

Hymn *There's a Spirit in the Air [stanzas 1-3]* #192

Holy Communion

Hymn *Christ is Alive* #318

Benediction

Midweek Bible Study & Prayer – 10 am Wednesday at PV

Brian Wren (born 1936) is the author of today's three hymns. Born in Essex, England in 1936, he was ordained in 1965 in the United Reformed Church, and ministered in a variety of settings in England before becoming a Professor of Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, retiring in 2007.

Pray This Scripture Daily Over General Conference

April 23 – May 3, 2024

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:14-16

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These items are highlighted by Methodist Federation for Social Action

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Removing Restrictive Language Regarding Homosexuality

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