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Jesus and the Fishermen

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WELCOME, CHECK IN, AND CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: VU509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R

OPENING PRAYER: read by Julianna Shaw

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that God is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#21 "Open Our Hearts"

Open our hearts. Open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God. Open our hearts.

THEME CONVERSATION: Being a LEARNER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: MV221

"I Am Walking a Path of Peace"

I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home

SCRIPTURE: Luke 5:1-11

HYMN: VU371 "Open My Eyes"

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key

that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

SERMON: When We Are Discouraged

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS and SPECIAL MUSIC: "I Will Lift Up My Eyes"

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#136 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" (verses 1, 5)

1. When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
5. Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise. When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

read by Julianna Shaw

CLOSING HYMN: MV209 "Go Make A Difference"

**Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence
Go make a diff'rence in the world ...X 2**

1

We are the salt in the earth, called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen
Go make a diff'rence in the world **Chorus**

2

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace
Go make a diff'rence in the world **Chorus**

3.

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **Chorus**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: "Go In Love"

Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near. Go in love; take God's hand. God will hear you, God will understand. May God's light forever shine upon you; may God's peace be always in your heart. Go in love; face each day. God will lead you, God will show the way. Go in love and live in faith. Amen. **POSTLUDE:**