

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPHANY

January 21, 2024 (10:00 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: "Gavotte and Two Variations" Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord who calls us here.

People: We gather to listen and respond to the call.

Minister: Like the fishermen on the shores of Galilee, we are called to be fishers of people.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to cast our nets into the waters of life.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

♪↑ **Hymn:** "I Danced in the Morning" VU 352

Prayer

♪+ **Hymn:** "Hush! Hush!" MV 167

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14-20
Jesus calls the first disciples

Anthem: "Follow Me" South Carolina Spiritual
Arr.: John Carter

Sermon: Fishing in Shallow Waters: Finding Abundance in Scarcity

Meditative Music: "Organum" Denis Bedard

♪↑ **Offering Hymn:** "God Says" (*verses 3 and 4*)

MV 172

God says, "Come here! I need your voice.
Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are,
in what you do,
your life will show my love for you."

God says, "Reach out! The world's in need
and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth
to speak, to sing,
to act for Christ in everything."

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

♪+ **Lord's Prayer** (*together*)

VU 960

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

♪↑ **Hymn:** "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" ** VU 563

Commissioning and Benediction

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" (verse 4) MV 150

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us,
bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge,
we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.**

Postlude: "Fugue sur la Trompette" Francois Couperin

** Hymn Survey Favourite

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Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Title: "Fishing in Shallow Waters: Finding Abundance in Scarcity"

Synopsis: Jesus called fishermen to be fishers of people. This calling story is a metaphor and sign of new hope even in the shallows of decline. We are called to be fishers of people, finding abundance in unexpected places.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. Can you think of a time when you or your community found abundance in an unexpected place or situation?
2. How can we, as a church, adapt our methods of outreach to better connect with our changing community?
3. In what ways can our congregation be a source of spiritual nourishment and growth, even in times of scarcity?

Worship Leaders:

Minister: Rev. Richard Chung
Scripture Reader: Richard Dunsterville
Music Director: Colleen Coulter
Organist: Madelene Klassen
Choir Leader: Victor Burke
Pianist: Patrick Zhu
Ministry of Music: Knox Choir
Usher/**Greeters:** Dave Cass
Live-Streaming: Kevin Wong
Webminder: Debra Danny



KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.

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