

January 21, 2024, 9:30 a.m.  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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**Welcome Guests!** It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today!

We welcome you to this service of celebration. May you feel  
Christ's presence, hear his Word proclaimed, and be blessed, and renewed.

*The asterisk (\*) Indicates to please stand, if you are able.*

**Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.**

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Gathering

Donations for 2024 to be determined  
at the Church Council Mtg. today.  
Contributions as of 1/14/24: \$ 54.00



TBD...

**Finding Our Quiet Center - Prelude**

**Hymn: Surely the Presence of the Lord #328 (UMH)**

**Opening Prayer**

Lay Leader

God of all times, this time feels to us so urgent. You offer joy to all, and instead we accept what this world has to offer. You offer peace to all, the peace that passes understanding, and we settle for the distractions of material things. Today, we have the chance to step beyond worship into discipleship. Today, we resolve, with your help, to recognize that this is the day that you have made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

**\* Call to Worship**

Lay Leader

One: Christ calls: Drop your nets and come to God.

**Many: We will follow with love.**

One: Christ calls: Lay your worries down and rest in the Lord.

**Many: We will follow with hope.**

One: Christ calls: Release your sorrows and the burdens of your guilt.

**Many: We will follow with faith.**

**One: The God of grace, the Christ of love, welcome and call us here and then send us beyond here, out into the world to shine light.**

**\*Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (vv. 1,2,4) #358 (UMH)**

**Recognition of Service**

**Our Time of Prayer**

Pastor Eleanor

*We come with prayers for ourselves, for others, and with prayer for our homes, and the world around us.*

**The Lord's Prayer:** (Will be recited during our Thanksgiving and Communion Service)

**Responding to God's Grace and the Proclamation of the Word**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Doxology**

Hymn #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Our Prayer of Dedication** (Shared together)

Lay Leader

**God, our rock and our fortress, we celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving to your glory a portion of what has already been given to us. Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people. Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**Scripture:**

OT Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 NRSV p. 860

Alice VanDerwerken

NT Reading: Mark 1:14-20 NRSV p. 35

Pastor Eleanor

May God Bless the reading and hearing of this holy word.

**Response: Amen**

**Morning Message "A Sudden Change in Direction"**

Pastor Eleanor

**Service of Thanksgiving and Communion**  
(See Bulletin Insert)

Pastor Eleanor  
and Carol Johnson

\*Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #2129 (TFWS)

**Time of Joys & Celebrations**

**Benediction**

Postlude – “Let There Be Peace on Earth” #431 (UMH)  
Please remain seated.

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- Current and Past Union Rider Newsletters.
- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

**Pastor:** Rev. Eleanor Collinsworth

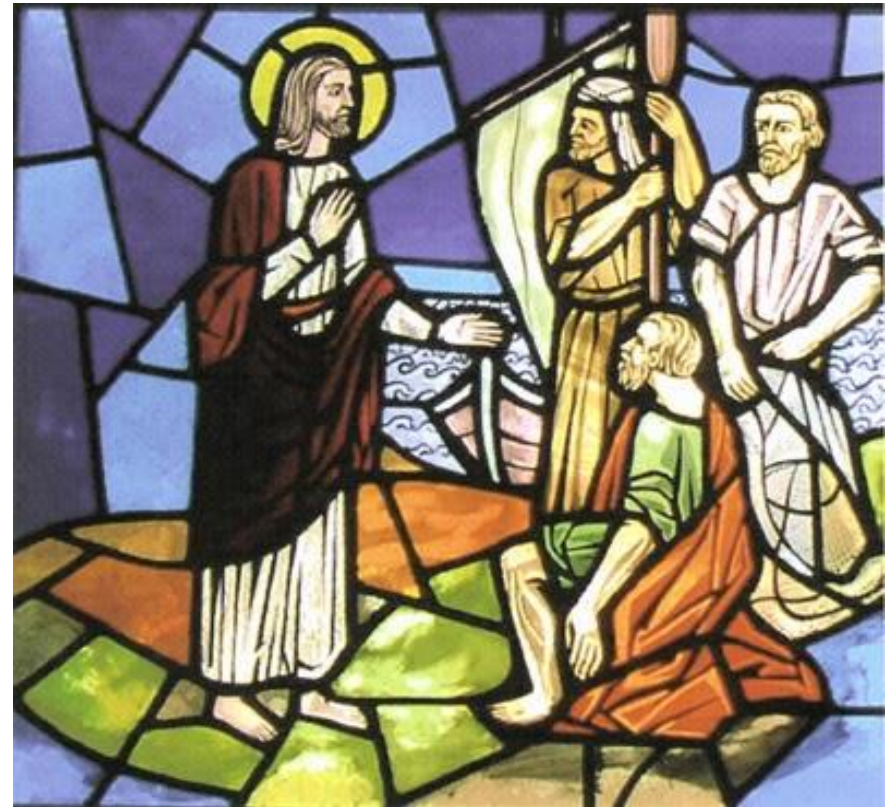
**Lay Leader:** Carol Johnson

**Choir Director:** Don Petersen

**Pianist/Organist:** Gwen Chase **Sexton:** Ernie Merckens

**Office Support Ministry:** Seeking...stay tuned!

*Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God*



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Union Church of Belgrade Lakes  
a United Methodist Church

**Our Mission** is to live our experience of God's  
love in all that we say and do...

**Our Vision** is to be a growing spiritual faith community  
in the manner of Christ, where all are  
welcome and cared for...