



The Gift Keeps Giving—January 22, 2023

“The Gift of Bold Action”

Matthew 4:12-23

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All Are Welcome!

*“But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea,
the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the
harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.”*

Isaiah 9:1-4

+Stand as you're able.

PRELUDE Esther Mino

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Shauna

CENTERING **Sweet, Sweet Spirit** (#334) Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

+CALL TO WORSHIP Holly Orr

Leader: The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

People: Call us into your way of life, O God

Leader: The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

People: Lead us into your vision of life, O God

Leader: The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts

People: Guide us in your example of living for others, O God

Leader: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with your love, O God

People: And let us be Your hands and feet in the world.

+OPENING PRAYER Holly Orr

Holy God, your faithful love toward us never ends! It is as sure and dependable as the sky over our heads. Know how grateful we are as we've gathered together in this place to offer you our worship and our thanksgiving; to declare to any who will listen that you are our God, and we are your people. May your Spirit be at work among us as we worship, opening our eyes to the light of your presence in this place. Make us bold to share your light and your love with those around us. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN **This is My Song** (#437) Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Shauna

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Pastor Shauna

OFFERTORY **On Eagle's Wings** (#143) Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holly Orr

O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard your call to follow you, we offer not only our gifts, we offer you our lives and our service as well. Amen.

SCRIPTURE— **Matthew 4:12-23**

Holly Orr

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"The Gift of Bold Action"

Pastor Shauna

+CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory (#577)

Esther Mino & Audrey Walls

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Shauna

POSTLUDE

Esther Mino

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

PASTOR

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

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Josh Dwyer

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Terry Moore

LITURGIST

Cheryl Faust

USHER:

Chuck Moore

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore