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## "Called for Such a Time as This"

Esther 4:14, Mark 1:14-20

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All Are Welcome!

PRELUDE Esther Mino

#### WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

MINISTRY MOMENT

Renay Oberholtzer & Pat Moore

HYMN

**Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling** (#348)

Esther Mino

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

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: Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.

Let us worship You together.

#### **+OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen when the prophet John was taken away. Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own. Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom and newness of life. Help us to be faithful disciples, that we might inspire others to follow in your ways. Amen.

+GREETING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAISE & PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,

"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.

Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* (#349 x2)

**Esther Mino** 

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Esther 4:14-2 & Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Called For Such a Time as This" DS Rev. Evelyn Kent Clark

HYMN Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (#344) Esther Mino

#### +BENEDICTION

As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace, for the peace of Christ goes with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE Esther Mino

#### **SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

PASTOR Rev. Shauna K. Ridge WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore USHER 2 Cyndy Weiner
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Hannah Smith

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