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**HOLY VESSELS: A Season of Recovery
“Restoration”**

Matthew 8:18-27

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All Are Welcome!

*People gather around Jesus as his reputation
becomes known from town to town.
As we gather virtually or physically,
we too are yearning for presence, for peace, for help, and for healing.*

+ Stand as you are able.

WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRELUDE

Are Ye Able

Lawrence Rappoldt

THRESHOLD

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Life-giving God, In the beginning, you created this universe with a phrase, "Let it be..." and the waters and dry land, the sky and the creatures were formed. You set humanity among these wonders and invited us to care and honor all things.

**People: We have not successfully answered that call.
Seeing the abundance as a feast that would never end,
we gorged ourselves, taking more than we could replenish at a rate
that could not be sustained.**

Leader: We are beginning to comprehend the magnitude, and we're beginning to see that things cannot just keep going "as usual" and not have dire consequences.

People: We are frightened, which is partly why we are slow to accept it.

Leader: But we now are witnesses to the forces of a world more broken than when we inherited it: water, wind, and wave, fire, drought, and earthquake that signal it is time to pay attention and to make real change.

People: Too often we think there is nothing we can do—that the change required is too great. It all feels overwhelming and so we look away, sometimes even from the small things that could make a difference for our own community.

**ALL: Help us, Healer. Show us our ability to chart a different course.
Forgive our inaction.**

**Move us to move one step at a time
toward greater care for one another.**

Leader: In this moment of silence,
we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

+MOMENT OF SILENCE

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Shauna

Leader: The peace of Christ is with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAISE

Wake Up Sleeper

Dave Kurtz

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** (Hymn #92, vv. 1-2, 4-5) Lawrence Rappoldt

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart. You have provided everything we need in your steadfast love. Receive these offerings as our response to your great faithfulness, may they bring healing to this hurting world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE—Matthew 8:18-27

Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹ A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ²¹ Another of his disciples said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ²² But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Restoration"

Pastor Shauna

CLOSING HYMN

One Thing Remains

Dave Kurtz

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Shauna

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Lawrence Rappoldt

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

PASTOR
MUSIC

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge
Lawrence Rappoldt

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

LITURGIST
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
TECH TEAM

Dave Kurtz
Pat Moore
Pat Moore
Josh Dwyer
Terry Moore
Jamie Ridge

DOOR GREETER
USHER 1
USHER 2
TEMP TAKER
ATTENDANCE
FLOATER

Hannah Smith
Wayne Barrows
Chuck Moore
Laura Arndt
Kris Wade
Hannah Smith