

Traditional Service
September 17, 2017

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

*Changing the world through Christ,
by caring for all people.*



Good News for Today's World
"On the Right Side"

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What's In a Miracle?

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8:15 and 9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PREPARATION

When the disciples trust not in themselves to catch fish, but throw their nets on the side that the voice from the shore says to do, they have success. They then see Jesus. When we release control and listen carefully for God's voice, and let him lead, great things happen outside of our control.

Scott Shelton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out your prayer request cards during this time. Pass only prayer requests that you wish to have read aloud to the center aisles at this time.

PRELUDE

"The Sanctuary of God"

Southbridge

INTROIT

"Your Love, O God, Has Called us Here"

Suiter and Schulz-Widmar

Chancel Choir (8:15)

"Jesus, Stand Among Us"

Celebration Singers (9:45)

***CALL TO WORSHIP †**

Leader: Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

All: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

Leader: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

All: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

Leader: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

**All: Christ is leading a dance of joy. Come here, sisters and brothers!
To give blessing and honor and glory to God!**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

United Methodist Hymnal

No. 140

OPENING PRAYER‡

Leader: Lord, save us from ourselves.

All: We continue to do the same things over and over, expecting different results.

Leader: Lord, save us from doing too much.

All: We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.

Leader: Lord, save us from doing too little.

All: We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep.

Leader: Lord, save us from ourselves.

All: Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me."

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(Sing first stanza of Jesus Loves Me, #191, as children gather.)

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-14

New Living Translation

OFFERING OF MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision" (8:15)

arr. Alice Parker

Kathy Deason, piano & Sondra Franks, organ

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee" (9:45)

arr. Lojeski

MESSAGE

"On the Right Side"

Rev. Tammy Hallam

(Sixth in the series, *What's In a Miracle?*)

CALL TO PRAYER

"Give Me Jesus"

Doug Bowers, acoustic solo

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Jesus, United By Thy Grace” (8:15) Dykes and Wesley
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (9:45)

OFFERING

Offertory “People Need the Lord” Nelson & McHugh/arr. Foss
Lilian Porter, flute

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *UMH*, No. 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN** “O How He Loves You and Me” *The Faith We Sing*
No 2108

***SUNG BENEDICTION** “Shalom to You” *UMH*, No. 666

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “How Firm a Foundation” arr. Mansfield

† Call to Worship from Feed My Lambs, written by Rev. Quentin Chin. Posted on the United Church of Christ website. <http://uccfiles.com/pdf/FeedmySheepEaster3April14.pdf>

‡ Opening Prayer written by Rev. Nathan Decker. Posted on the United Methodist Church’s General Board of Discipleship website. <http://www.gbod.org/>