



ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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EPIPHANY SEASON



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Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Michael Mann

Call to Worship

One: Have you heard the good news?

All: The Kingdom of God is drawing near.

One: Is this news you can trust?

All: We place our trust in Jesus, the one who calls us to follow him.

One: Do you have the courage to follow, even if it means leaving some things behind?

All: Though it may bring discomfort or change,

we put our faith in the One who is bringing salvation for all people.

One: Will you come and follow Jesus?

All: We will come and follow Jesus, the one who continues to call us.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,

Teach us anew, rock of our salvation,
how your kingdom is drawing near.

As you called Simon and Andrew long ago,
call us to be your disciples this day,
that we might find refuge and strength
as we face the greatest challenges of our time.

Grant us the strength to see ourselves
and all creation anew,
that we might see your vision for all humanity,
a kingdom that is now here.

Finally, we pray for courage to leave behind what has held us,
that we may walk this way as true Disciples.

Through Christ, our Lord, amen.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Time

Pastor Michael

Choir

Two Fishermen

Suzanne Toolan

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

Discipleship: The Drum Major Instinct in us all

OUR RESPONSE

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Doxology and Blessing of Gifts

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Eternal God,
out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being,
we humbly confess that we have not loved you with our hearts, souls and minds,
and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us.

We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second.

But you, O God, have mercy upon us.
Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be.
Give us the intelligence to know your will.
Give us the courage to do your will.
Give us the devotion to love your will.
In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

from Martin Luther King, Jr. From *"Thou, Dear God": Prayers That Open Hearts and Spirits*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us pray together for all prayer requests and for the needs of our world.

We'll end this time with this prayer:

The 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, amen.**

BENEDICTION

The realm of God has come near.
Go as God's people, following the invitation of Jesus.
Go in the refuge of our rock and our salvation.
Go in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,
and mother of us all. Amen.