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* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading Psalm 40: 1 - 11

LEADER: Unyielding, I called to you, O God,
now at last you have stooped to me
and answered my cry for help.

PEOPLE: **You have pulled me out of the Pit of Destruction
out of its mud and quicksand;
you set my feet on a rock and made my steps firm.**

LEADER: You put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to you.
Many will look on in wonder
and so will put their trust in you too.

PEOPLE: **Happiness comes to those who put their trust in God,
instead of in human egos or people blind to the truth!**

LEADER: How many wonders you've worked for us, O God!
How many plans you've made for us; you have no equal!
I want to recount them again and again,
but their number is too great.

PEOPLE: **You don't desire sacrifice or oblation,
instead, you made my ears receptive to you;
you asked no burnt offering
or sacrifice for sins from me.**

LEADER: And so I declared, "Here I am! I have come!
In the scroll of the book, it is written about me."

PEOPLE: **I desire to do your will, my God,
and your law is written in my heart.
I'll proclaim your justice in the Great Assembly,
and I won't keep my mouth shut, as you well know.**

LEADER: I have never kept your generosity to myself,
but announced your faithfulness and saving action;
I have made no secret of your love and faithfulness
in the Great Assembly.

**ALL: Do not, O God, withhold your love from us!
Let your kindness and faithfulness
constantly surround us! Amen.**

A Gift of Song "One Tiny Babe" (Raymond Gould) Malcolm

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

* Offering Hymn "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" 721 - GG

1. *Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.*

*REFRAIN: O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.*

2. *You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labour. [REFRAIN]*

3. *You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labours to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. [REFRAIN]*

4. *You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: [REFRAIN]*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Lisa

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 12 - 23

Sermon: "Gone Fishin'"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response "You Walk Along Our Shoreline" 170 - GG

- 1. You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now, come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."*
- 2. You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.*
- 3. We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
We work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
To let your judgement heal us so that all may be one.*

NOTE: This hymn was written by Canadian Sylvia Dunstan, who died in 1993 at the age of 38 after a brief, arduous battle with liver cancer. For thirteen years, Dunstan served the United Church of Canada as a parish minister and prison chaplain. She is remembered for her passion for those in need, her gift of writing, and her love of liturgy.

* **Benediction**

Postlude

"He Is Born" ("Il est né"; arr. Sandra Eithun)

Bells of Praise