

Bulletin – LUC - Sept 12 2021 New Beginnings

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Ken Ready

Territory Acknowledgment

Call to Community

On this the 16th Sunday in the season of Pentecost

we come seeking God.

In this time where there is still uncertainty in our lives

We come seeking God.

On this day in September, when we feel it is time to start some “new beginnings”

We come seeking God.

Quieting our minds, opening our hearts, and waiting for the divine mystery to make itself known,

We come to worship God. Amen

Opening Hymn: 395 Voices United, *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Opening Prayer (adapted from R Bott, Gatherings Pent 1 2021 p 45, Used with permission)

God, as we are gathered together in this sanctuary, or virtually in our various spaces,

We give you thanks and praise

For the beauty of the day, for those who love us, and for those whom we love

We give you thanks and praise

For the knowledge of your presence, and the gift of your love

We give you thanks and praise

Bless us in this time together,

That we might have open hearts, open spirits, and open lives.

In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Contemporary Reading: Mending Their Nets – by Andrew King

Prayer of Illumination

Come, listen to stories of our faith from long ago;

We are ready to listen.

Come with open hearts to hear God's Word;

We open our hearts to God.

Come, Spirit of God,

Bless us as we pray and listen to ancient stories from a different perspective,

So that we might learn and be inspired. Amen

Hymn: 562 Voices United, *Jesus Calls Us*

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 62: 5-12, Mark 1: 14-20

Music for Reflection: *Leave Your Fishing Nets*

Reflection: New Beginnings

Hymn: 113 More Voices, *Jesus Saw Them Fishing*

Our Offerings are Blessed

*Prayer of Dedication

*Offering Music: 516 Voices United, *Come, You Thankful People, Come* (verse 1)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn: *Seek the Lord*

Benediction & Commissioning

Christ within us, the hope of glory to come,
Let us go into the world with a daring, and a tender, love.
The world needs it, and so do we.
**Let us go in peace, and in all that we do,
let us do it for love, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**
And let us always remember this:
the peace of Christ holds us,
the love of the Creator enfolds us,
and wings of the Holy Spirit carry us,
this day, and forevermore. **Amen!**

Benediction Response: 969 Voices United, *Amen* (X2)

Postlude