

**POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Topeka, Kansas**

**Sunday February 9, 2025**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Liturgical color: green

**PRELUDE**

**CHIMES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gathering**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*Leader: We may be comfortable here in our pews, but our purpose in being here is to hear the call to become fishers of men.*

**People: We know we are to be fishers of men, but sometimes we feel discouraged when our work does not produce results.**

*Leader: When Peter felt that way, he still followed Jesus' advice to let the nets down, and the catch was almost more than two boats could handle!*

**People: May we be just as persistent with our mission as Christ leads us in our ministry.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison):**

Our God and Creator, we rejoice that you have created each one with the capacity to love you and to love one another. Awaken such love for you that we may know you better than our own flesh. Quicken our love for others so that our capacity to care, to understand and to share, may increase greatly. We pray all this through the Spirit of Christ who moves among us now and always. Amen

**\*OPENING HYMN: "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"** (#162 Blue Hymnal)

**Praise, Prayers, and Petitions**

**SILENT PRAYERS OR CONFESSION:**

**CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: (Unison)**

Lord, where else but in your church can fish become fishermen! Right now, we are torn between the two. We hear you calling us to be fishers of men; but we feel like we need to be caught a little better ourselves. Forgive us for our slow conversion to being fishers of men. Remove all sinful characteristics so that our transformation can take place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

*Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news!*

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Leader: As God has forgiven us so let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**Unison: And also with you!**

*Leader: Please share the love and peace of Christ with each other as you feel comfortable.*

**\*HYMN: “This is My Father’s World”**

(#293 Blue Hymnal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(pg 16 in the Hymnal, Traditional version)

**\*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #577**

**The Word:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Illumination (Sung x2)**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 138**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 5:1-11**

**MESSAGE: “Let Down Your Nets”**

*Kay Hull*

**MEDITATION ON THE MESSAGE:**

*Gwen Jones*

**Response to the Word**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:**

*Gwen Jones*

**DOXOLOGY:**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” (#592 Blue Hymnal)

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Leader) O God of faith, we put our trust in you.**

*Use our gifts so that others may be assured of new life and enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE: Blessed be God forever.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** “Hear the Good News of Salvation” (#355 Blue Hymnal)

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father

Siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other

In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live

Each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me