

## “TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, February 10, 2019)

Share: God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth,  
Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.  
We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.  
In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

### Read these words from a hymn today      *Jesus Calls Us*

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea;  
day by day his voice still calls us, saying, 'Christian, follow me.'

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, 'Christian, love me more than these.'

Jesus calls us: by your mercies, Saviour, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts in glad obedience, serve and love you best of all.

### Read this scripture from worship:      Luke 5:1-11 (The Message)

5<sup>1-3</sup> Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

4 When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch."

5-7 Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets." It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

8-10 Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. "Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself." When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, coworkers with Simon.

10-11 Jesus said to Simon, "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women." They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

Talk together, responding to these questions:

- When someone asks me to do something, what might the person say? What might I say?
- How did Simon-Peter react when Jesus told him to push out into the deep water and let down the nets? How might we react?
- What characteristic of Peter might have motivated him to try again? What characteristic within us might motivate us to try again?
- When have you heard a difficult call from God?
- How did you finally come to say, "Here I am, Lord; send me"?
- How will I follow Jesus today?

Pray together:

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day as I watch the beauty of the newborn light, listen to the first stirrings of a new day in creation, and ponder the miracle of my own breathing and your presence in it all. Like the fisher folk who became disciples, I will follow you and serve today. Increase my strength of heart, mind, and will. And whenever I see a need, help me to respond, "Here I am, Lord; send me!" Through Christ my Savior. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."