

Jesus Announces the Good News

John 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.



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EPIPHANY:

The Great Invitation

CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018

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PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

PEOPLE: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

PEOPLE: We accept the invitation to discipleship.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

PEOPLE: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

Leader: As we worship together, let us also pray together:

ALL: Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen when the prophet John was taken away. Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own. Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom and newness of life. Help us to be faithful disciples, that we might inspire others to follow in your ways. Amen.

***HYMN - "The Summons" #2130 TFWS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE: "Cares Chorus" #2215 TFWS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY- "Praise God from Whom All Blessings" #95 UMH**

ANTHEM

***SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:14-20**

***HYMN - "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" #344 UMH**

SERMON – Utility Players

***HYMN - "Where He Leads Me" #338 UMH**

BENEDICTION

Leader: As you go out into the world, Jesus says:

PEOPLE: Follow me

Leader: At home with your household, Jesus says:

PEOPLE: Follow me

Leader: At school and work, Jesus says:

PEOPLE: Follow me

Leader: In everything you do this week, Jesus says:

PEOPLE: Follow me

Leader: Jesus says: And as you do, remember that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

POSTLUDE – "Forth In Thy Name, O Lord" #438 UMH

PASSING THE PEACE

Hymns can be found in the *TFWS – The Faith We Sing* and
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal

*Please stand as you are able.

If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!

We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.