Jesus Chooses Some Followers Matthew 4:18-23

¹⁸As Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and Simon's brother Andrew. These brothers were fishermen, and they were fishing in the lake with a net. ¹⁹Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you a different kind of fishermen. You will bring in people, not fish." 20 Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Jesus continued walking by Lake Galilee. He saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee. They were preparing their nets to catch fish. Jesus told the brothers to come with him. ²²So they immediately left the boat and their father, and they followed Jesus.

²³ Jesus went everywhere in the country of Galilee. He taught in the synagogues and told the Good News about God's kingdom. And he healed all the people's diseases and sicknesses.





CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

20th Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2017

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PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God called Israel to be his servant, but not until Jesus came did anyone fulfill the mission God assigned to his servant.

People: We believe Jesus was anointed with God's Spirit to establish his justice on earth.

Pastor: That mission is to be continued by Christ's church, which also is called to be God's essential personnel.

People: We worship our Lord Jesus, anointed as God's Servant; and we are essential in fulfilling God's mission on earth.

Leader: Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession: Gracious Lord, your love for our world is so great! You anointed your promised Servant, Jesus, to redeem our society from sin and injustice. But so many of us believe we are non-essential personnel. Forgive us for any failure on our part to be responsive to Christ's mission, or to accept the mission as your servants. Anoint us with your Spirit to be effective in sharing Christ's redemption. In his name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN - "Here I Am, Lord" #593 UMHANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER SUNG RESPONSE: "Kum Ba Yah" #494 vs 2

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

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 4:18-23

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

SERMON - "Essential Personnel"

*HYMN - "Pass It On" #572 UMH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – *"Go, Make of All Disciples"* #571 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.

