

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
February 9, 2025 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Lena Medeiros

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING SONG: Come Touch Our Hearts MVU #12

GATHERING PRAYER: Psalm 138: 7 – 8

You call,

we answer.

You come close,

we are enfolded in love.

You go deep,

we are caught by the surprise of your grace.

Though we face many troubles,

you shelter us in your steady love.

You are the keeper of promises

and your steadfast love endures forever.

Be mindful of us, the works of your hands; enfold us in your love always.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve and deliver us.

Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure,

you call us.

Forgive us, we pray,

when we wander away from you, lost and at risk.

Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend.

Help us to understand your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace.

In you alone we can be healed and transformed.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

When we call, One who is all love answers
and gives us strength for our weariness.

Though we fall short,

Love draws near to us again and again,

bringing us out of our fear and resistance

and into our calling as reflections of Christ.

We have strength for the task and love for the journey!

Thanks be to God!

HYMN: O World of God

VU #258

SPIRIT SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God,

your Word is a lamp to our feet,

and a light to our path.

Give us grace to receive your truth

in faith and love. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Carol Goff

SCRIPTURE READING 1: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11

SCRIPTURE READING 2: Luke 5: 1 – 11

Reader: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Celebrate God's Love

Don Besig / Nancy Price

REFLECTION: "The Last Word"

HYMN: Deep in Our Hearts

MVU #154

PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

SUNG DEDICATION: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

SENDING FORTH

Don't be afraid to put out into the deep water.

**We are not alone. We have partners in other boats beside us,
and Christ has gone before us.**

Let down your nets, and expect God's abundance.

CLOSING HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU #575

BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSE: Go Now in Peace

Don Besig / Nancy Price

Go now in peace, never be afraid,

God will go with you each hour of every day,

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,

Know God will guide you in all you do.

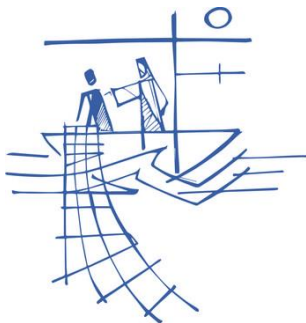
Go now in love, and show you believe

Reach out to others so all the world can see,

God will be there watching from above,

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE



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Worship Leader: Rev. Lena Medeiros

Music: Chris Savory



I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

Luke 5: 1 - 11

**The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome
regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual
orientation.**

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