



“Go Away God! I'm a Hot Mess!”

Luke 5:1-11

Saturday, February 9 & Sunday, February 10, 2019

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Thought for Today

“God doesn’t wait for us to get ourselves polished, shined, proper, and without blemish— God comes to us and meets us and blesses us while we are still in the middle of the mess we created.” — Rob Bell, *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory (#569)

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We go through life thinking that church is the place where we go when we've got things just right in our lives.

People: In reality, the church is a place for sinners, saints, sojourners, and seekers joining together to follow Christ.

Leader: This does not give us license to abandon following the ways of Jesus, but it allows us to receive grace and love, especially when our lives get messy.

People: Let us be people who walk alongside our fellow disciples of Jesus when they are down and out, struggling, and fumbling through life.

Leader: Hear the Good News: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:17)

People: Thanks be to God for loving us!

*Unison Prayer:

Holy God, just as Your Son called Peter by the sea in the middle of his messy life, You call us into a deeper relationship with You. God of Grace, help us to see that You call imperfect people to do the most amazing and perfect things. May we be a people not of fear, but of faith in how You work in the midst of the mess and clutter of our lives. Amen.

Greeting & Announcements

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Time of Song

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (#446)
“Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer” by Keith and Kristyn Getty

[Verse 1]

Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage,
and I'll follow, though I'm worn.

[Chorus]

May this journey bring a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith;
And at the end of my heart's testing,
With Your likeness let me wake.

[Verse 2]

Jesus guide me through the tempest;
Keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning,
Let me love You even more.

[Verse 3]

Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go -
And at the end of this long passage,
Let me leave them at Your throne.

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1-11 (NIV) (pp. 1047-8)

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

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Rev. Alan R. Rudnick

*Closing Hymn

Here I Am Lord (#559)

*Blessing

Postlude

Worship Assistant: Bruce Paulsen/Rev. Cindy Mapstone

*Please stand as you are able

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