



George Garawun (Djinang [Aboriginal Australian], 1945–1993), *Calling the Disciples*, natural earth pigments on eucalyptus bark, Maningrida Church, Arnhem Land, Northern Territory, Australia.

Sunday, January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday After Epiphany
Deacon Installation

Welcome to worship with the First Baptist Church of Christ.

Whatever road has brought you here and wherever you should go once we depart, know that you are welcome in this space fully and completely, and that the image of God we all bear together this hour is more complete because you are here as a part of it.

Things to Know

Restrooms can be found through the double doors on the side near the elevator, one flight of stairs up or one flight down.

Participate in the service as much or as little as you like. Stand when others stand, or remain seated. Sing when others sing, or enjoy the way this old sanctuary fills with sound. Invitations to stand as you are able are marked with an asterisk (*). Invitations to respond in word or song are noted in bold.

For Those With Children

Thank you for bringing a child to worship! Take a deep breath and know they are welcome here. Parents with infants are more than welcome to remain in the sanctuary, or ushers can direct you down the back stairs to a comfortable room with sound from the sanctuary so all can still hear the service. A nursery is provided for children younger than 3. Preschoolers (age 3-Kindergarten) are invited to leave after “Let the Children Come” for our W.O.W. (Working on Worship) experience.

For Those with Special Needs

Thank you for joining us for worship! We love our historic buildings, but know they can be a challenge for those with mobility needs. Know that we are committed to doing all we can to make this space welcoming to everyone. Reserved seating for those in wheel chairs and those sitting with them is found near the elevator, and is marked with signs on the walls and on the back of the pews. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher for assistance. If you have special hearing needs, please ask one of the ushers to bring you a hearing assistance device from the sound booth in the back, or feel free to go back there and get one. An accessible restroom is located up one floor across from the office. If you, or someone with you, requires special assistance for any reason, please find a minister or an usher.

THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Sounding of the Hour

Anne Armstrong

Rowan Huston, acolyte

The Prelude

"Trumpet Tune in B-flat"

Phil Lehenbauer

Anne Armstrong, organ

The Call to Worship

Allie Ford

You are my light and my salvation

Whom then shall I fear?

You are the strength of my life

of what shall I be afraid?

Trials, enemies, changes, difficulties—

they rise up and they resolve

Therefore,

I will trust you

I will wait for you

I will seek you.

*The Hymn of Praise 471

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;

If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. (Refrain)

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;

All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him. [Refrain]

*The Invocation

Rebecca Pursiful

**Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.**

The Welcome

Scott Dickison

“Let the Children Come”

Allie Ford

Children in 3K-K are invited to W.O.W., a preschool worship experience! We will meet with the W.O.W. Shepherds at the end of “Let the Children Come.” Pick up your children there after worship. The W.O.W. leader this week is Rebecca Pursiful and the shepherds this week are Sonya Milam and Merrill Long.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

*The Hymn of Offertory 473 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

**Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?
Lord, your summons echos true when You but call ny name.
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.**

*The Offertory Prayer

Eric Spears
Deacon of the week

The Offertory

“Lord, Here Am I”
The Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;
only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me,
what is my labor, and where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
willing to suffer reproaches and loss.
Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead;
only support me with grace in my need.

Living, or dying, I still would be Thine;
yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;
pity, and bring me again to the light.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1877)

*The Offertory Response 1

Holy, Holy, Holy
(stanza 4)

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

THE OFFERING OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

Rachel Huston

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep

darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For the Word of God in Holy Scripture,

Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kelsey Stillwell

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 and ever, Amen.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

Scott Dickson

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

For the Good News of God,

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

“Dropping Our Nets”

Scott Dickson

INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

The Presentation of Deacons to be Installed

Eric Spears

Amy Alderman
Douglas Barnes
Foy Boie
Sandé Day
Hunter Godsey
David Johansen
Mary Jane Johnson
Suzy McCullough
Jonathan Simpson

The Covenant of Commitment

Eric Spears

Deacon Chair: To you who have been called by God through this congregation to the office of deacon, do you promise, with God as your helper, to faithfully serve God and this congregation? If so, will you answer, We do?

Deacons: We do.

Deacon Chair: To you who have called them, do you promise, as God as your helper, to faithfully support these whom have accepted the call to serve our congregation? If so, will you answer, We will?

Congregation: We will.

The Prayer of Ordination

Eric Spears

To you, O God, we offer these chosen to serve as deacons. By your Holy Spirit give them that grace whereby they may fulfill with devotion the duties and opportunities of their calling. Grant them wisdom to administer with integrity the ministries of this congregation. May they be open to all human need, especially the needs of the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowing, the fearful and the lonely, and those who find life's burdens too heavy to bear. To this service and in the name of the One who came not to be served but to serve, Jesus Christ, we set them apart as your servants and as leaders in this congregation. Amen.

OFFERING OF COMMITMENT

*The Hymn of
Commitment 649

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

IN BABILONE

**Christ, You call us all to service, call us all who follow You;
Plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace;
Help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release.
Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side;
Equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old;
Help us use each skill and talent your great purpose to unfold.
Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife;
Seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be;
Send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.**

Blessing of Making Disciples Children and Mentors

*The Benediction

Scott Dickison

*The Congregational Response "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

Lee Turner

**May the road rise to meet you
May the wind blow at your back
May the sun shine warmly on your face
May the rain fall soft upon your field
And until we meet again, (until we meet again)
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.**

Postlude

"Laudate"
Anne Armstrong, organ

Colin Mawby



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday, January 22

9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Deacon Installation
 12:15 pm Making disciples

Monday, January 23

9:00 am Crisis closet
 9:00 am Circle of Hope

Wednesday, January 25

9:30 am Language Ministry
 5:30 pm Youth Choir
 5:30 pm Family Dinner
 6:00 pm Young Musicians and
 Music Makers
 6:15 pm Youth "Unplugged"
 6:30 pm Language Ministry
 Choir Practice
 Adult Bible study
 6:45 pm Kids on Mission

Sunday, January 29

9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Deacon of the Week

January 26 David Cooke
 February 2 Amy Alderman

Birthdays

January 22 Ruth Bentz
 January 23 Lynda Brown
 January 25 Bryan Shelburne
 Charles Bentz
 January 28 Suthern Sims

Condolences

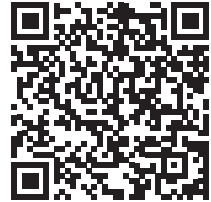
We grieve with Al and Sharon Bailey on the death of Al's mother, Lou Bailey, on December 24.

Save the Date:

January 29: Church Council
 February 5: Baptist Heritage Sunday
 February 22: Ash Wednesday

Wednesday Night Supper

This week's menu is lasagna and bread sticks. Please use this QR code to make reservations this afternoon for Wednesday night, January 25.



Join us for Wednesday Bible Study. This small group, discussion-based time is a wonderful midweek respite.

January 25: Evening Prayer

Book Club

January 22, 6:00 pm

116 Waterford Place

We will discuss *SAVING US: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe. This is a multilayered look at science, faith, and human psychology, from an icon in her field. According to the New York Times, United Nations Champion of the Earth, climate scientist, and evangelical Christian Katharine Hayhoe changes the debate on how we can save our future in this nationally bestselling “optimistic view on why collective action is still possible—and how it can be realized”.

BAPTIST HERITAGE SUNDAY



Sunday, February 5

The Director of Global Missions Church Engagement for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Reverend Ellen Secrest, will lead us in worship as our guest preacher.

Attend the joint Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am for breakfast and to hear more from Ellen about CBF and Global Missions. Ellen

helps CBF congregations develop deeper connections to the Fellowship and our field personnel through missions, partnerships, and engagement. Through her work with the Encourager Church Program, Missions Portfolio Assessment and Mission Leaders Network, Ellen is most passionate about connecting with churches and growing mission engagement alongside CBF. Ellen received her B.S. from Mars Hill College and her M.Div from Southern Seminary before serving in congregations for over 30 years.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Dinner

6:00 pm Children's Choir

6:45 pm Kids on Mission

Children's Ministry Dates:

January 27-29: Children's Winter Retreat

February 12: Youth, children, & families lunch picnic in the park after worship

February 26: Children's Worship

March 5: Spring Musical

June 12-16: VBS

July 16-19: PassportKids

Children's Spring Musical Dates

March 1: 6:00–7:15 pm

Full time for choir rehearsal in sanctuary

March 4: TBA Dress Rehearsal in sanctuary (Please reserve 9-12)

March 5:

4:00 pm: Call time

6:00 pm: Performance

Greet the Cast Party immediately following performance

YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night Activities

5:30 Dinner and Youth Choir*

*Youth come down to the Fellowship Hall to eat after choir. After everyone is done, we walk up to the youth room together.

6:30-7:30 Youth Unplugged

Wednesday Night Chaperone Sign up

Additional adults are needed during "Youth Unplugged" on Wednesday nights. Please sign up for a week that you are available using the link in the newsletter.

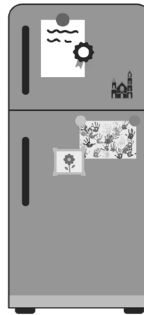
Save the Date:

February 12: Youth, children, and families picnic lunch in the park after worship

February 12: Youth Super Bowl party

February 21: Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

THE FRIDGE DOOR



A place to display the small moments that make up the larger story of the church

Last Saturday the youth participated in a full day retreat. One of the highlights of the day was getting to visit different homes. Cathy Logue hosted the group for lunch and Bible Study since it was too cold to sit outside at the park. For a progressive dinner Saturday evening, Warren and Connie Jones hosted the youth for appetizers (and let them contribute to a jigsaw puzzle), David and Kathy McCollum hosted for dinner (and let them play the harp), and Shaun and Emily Kell hosted the group for dessert and a debrief from the day (which turned into a competition for most photogenic hot chocolate creation). Thank you to all of the wonderful hosts that made the day so special! The youth loved visiting your homes and getting to know you better. Thank you for your hospitality and for connecting with our youth in these (unexpected) ways!

Signs of the Season

The paraments on the pulpit and Communion table are visual reminders of the current season of the church year. The color red is used for occasions of ordination and installation, as it symbolizes the Holy Spirit. Red indicates a celebration of newness, of recreation, and of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Milam on the occasion of his birthday by Sonya, Justin and Brittany, Conner, and Matthew.

Call to Worship

Adapted from an Improvisation on Psalm 27, by Christine Robinson.



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