

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (CEB)**

<sup>10</sup> Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? <sup>14</sup> Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! <sup>16</sup> Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning. <sup>18</sup> The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 (CEB)**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup> This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said:

<sup>15</sup> *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,*

*alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,*

<sup>16</sup> *the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light,*

*and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death.*<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." <sup>20</sup> Right away, they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and <sup>22</sup> immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.



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**INVITATION AND GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING WORDS**

Light shines. Light calls. Light guides our way. Focus on the light of Christ; answer the call and follow where Christ leads.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING ..... 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

**\* OPENING HYMN: # 657 ..... This Is the Day**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus began his ministry by calling disciples to follow him and be in mission for him.

**People: Jesus is still calling disciples to carry out his mission in the world.**

Leader: Our mission is an all-inclusive mission to share Christ with our world.

**People: We have good news to tell! We pray that we will miss no one as we share Christ's message.**

**\* Let us pray:**

**Most holy God, whose Son began a ministry with disciples, and continues that ministry today with responsive followers: Make us quick to give of ourselves to be in mission as your church today, that the good news of Christ may bring wholeness in all parts of our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**We love your church, O God, and are glad to be a part of it. But we fail so often to be in mission. Too many people are not receiving the ministry of your church because of our reluctance. Forgive us for our poor discipleship. Revive us with renewed concern for the lost in the world, that we may join hands as one church with new fervor to share Christ with our world. In his name we pray. Amen.**

**\*SCRIPTURE READING ..... Matthew 4:12-23**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **“Same mind and same purpose”**

Mrs. Janice Cooper

**\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 405 ..... Seek Ye First**

**CONGREGATION IN PRAYER**

Answers to Prayer / **Joys**

Sharing Our **Concerns**

Prayer / Disciple's Prayer

**\* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 ..... O Lord, Hear My Prayer (On Screen)**

**\* CLOSING HYMN: # 557 .....Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs 1 & 3)**

**\*DISMISSAL BLESSING**