

Words to Ponder: *Some of you are worshiping here in the sanctuary this morning, and some of you are joining us online. If you are here, look around the sanctuary. Notice how beautiful this space is. If you are at home, take a sip of coffee or tea or have a bite of your scone and taste the beauty of God. Allow that beauty to mark you. To define you. To change you.* (Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, March 2022)

Gathering Music **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** **Carrie Underwood
and CeCe Winans**

Words of Welcome | *Passing of the Peace **Rev. Ann Hayman**

Call to Worship **Leigh Lehman**

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions.

God calls us here to worship.

We are here to worship.

Drop your nets and leave your boats.

God is with us. Jesus calls us.

We are here to worship.

Let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn** **“I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”** **PH #369**

Call to Confession **Leigh Lehman**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them.

Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Words of Assurance

Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us! We will

trust in God, in whom our salvation rests.
Thanks be to God! We are forgiven!

Time with Children	“Calling Disciples”	Rev. Ann Hayman
Anthem	“Balm in Gilead”	Erica Blyther
Prayer of Illumination		Leigh Lehman
Scripture	Psalm 27: 1, 4-9	Leigh Lehman
Sermon	“Gone Fishing” Mark 1: 14-20	Rev. Ann Hayman

Words of Faith (Presbyterian Peace Fellowship)

We have been trained to put our trust in the ugliness of military violence. We have been trained to believe violence is a cure for violence, that the horrors of bloodshed can be cultivated into a garden of peace.

But I say only beauty can create more beauty and only peace can lead to peace. And because we are people of faith, we can climb the mountain, see the beauty of Christ, and choose to live in that beauty. We can choose to be transformed by that beauty. We can choose to be guided by beauty in all that we do.

When it comes to the ugliness of warfare, we don't have a lot of options for fixing the world such that peace will break out and silence the guns and the bombs and the missiles. But we can embrace the prophetic power of beauty. It may not change the world's warring ways, but it may change us. It may even save us.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Ann Hayman**

The Offering

Call to Giving		Leigh Lehman
Offertory	“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”	Erica Blyther
*Doxology		
Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Ann Hayman

Announcements **Leigh Lehman**

***Closing Hymn** **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** **PH #473**
Vs: 1, 2, 4

***Benediction** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

The God who called us here today is calling us out from this place and into the world. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us follow where Jesus leads, sharing God's love and grace with a world that is groaning for redemption.

As we go, may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of our parent God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, today and always. Amen.

Postlude

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