

February 9, 2025  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Swanson, John August. *The Great Catch*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

To join worship this morning via zoom app, click this link:

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(if you are asked for a password, it is: 890967). To dial in by phone call 1 312 626 6799. When prompted, enter 839 2872 7469#. Next, you will be prompted to enter your participant ID or to push #; simply push # again.

Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Words: "Tending" by Elizabeth Alexander

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

Hymn 173: "You Have Come Down from the Lakeshore"

Scripture: Psalm 138; Luke 5:1–11

Time with Children

**Anthem:** "Here I Am, Lord," Daniel L. Schute

**Sermon:** "Keep Calm and Fish On" by Jane McBride

**Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

### **Prayers of the People**

Please share your prayer requests in the chat and we will pray with you.

### **Lord's Prayer**

A commonly used form is printed below. You are welcome to use the version most meaningful to you.

**Our God, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

**Ministry Moment:** Jamie Dolynchuk, President, Community Emergency Service

### **Offering**

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. February's special offering is directed to MN Foodshare/CES Food Shelf. Give electronically at our website: [www.firstchurchmn.org](http://www.firstchurchmn.org); click on the "Support Us" link. You can also give by texting 612-255-4109: "\$(amount) Special" (for the monthly offering) or "\$(amount) General Fund. If you give by check, please make it out to First Church with "CES" in the memo line.

**Offertory:** "Epiphany Carol (Sing of God Made Manifest)," Bruce Neswich

**Offertory Response:** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines"

### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Announcements**

**Hymn 172:** "Jesus Calls O'er the Tumult"

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

**Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:**

**Valet: Paul Snyder**

**Usher: Jean Chagnon**

**Reader: Linda Valerian**

**Tech Support: Maggie George, Scott Williams**

**Coffee Hour: Christyann Ranck**

## ***Coming up this week***

### **Sunday, Feb. 9**

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship/(hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee hour (hybrid—stay on Zoom call)

11:30a: Family Gathering

3p: Ecclesiastical Council for Schanan Harris

### **Monday, Feb. 10**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Faith Force Team on Zoom

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### **Tuesday, Feb. 11**

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

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2p: Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, Feb. 12**

7p: Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, Feb. 13**

9:30a: SE Playgroup

### **Saturday, Feb. 15**

1p: Memorial Service for Clyde Steckel

## **Sunday, Feb. 16**

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee hour (hybrid—stay on Zoom call)

11:30a: 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour on end-of-life planning

12:30p: Worship Team (Zoom)

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**2nd Hour.** Today we welcome Jamie Dolynchuk, President of Community Emergency Service, who will share what's happening at CES and how we might continue our long involvement in their ministries. We will gather at 11:30a in the parlor and on Zoom.

**Ecclesiastical Council for Schanan Harris, Feb. 9 at 3p.** You are invited to join in supporting Schanan in this important step on her ordination journey. Members from UCC churches in the Minnesota Conference will be present to hear a short presentation from Schanan about her ministry, ask questions, and then vote on whether she should be approved for ordination. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

**Write a card!** As a way to help connect us to one another, the Congregational Care Team has provided blank note cards for folks to write a greeting to other members of our congregation. You'll find them on a table in the Gathering Hall. Leave your cards in the office and the team will mail them out.

**Lenten Devotional 2025: "How do you pray?"** Everyone (including children!) is invited to contribute a response to this question. Responses do not need to be lengthy. It is okay to simply write, "I don't pray," and then explain a bit about why. In addition to your contribution, if you are willing, please submit a photo of yourself. This will help all of us learn who you are and build community connections in line with our Epiphany theme of hospitality. Email your contributions to Sarah Almén no later than February 20 so we have time to prepare the Devotional for distribution on Ash Wednesday, March 5. ([s\\_almen@hotmail.com](mailto:s_almen@hotmail.com))

**We are offering three Lenten Small Groups this year.** Sign-up sheets are in the back of the Sanctuary.

- **"Meeting Mortality: Walking Each Other Home."** We'll reflect on the various elements of end of life planning and how we can support each other through this process. Meets March 13 and 27, 7p, on Zoom.

- **Contemplative Prayer.** The heart of this group experience will be twenty minutes of silent prayer. We'll also take time each week for some basic instruction on methods of prayer/meditation and sharing of prayer concerns. Meets in person in the sanctuary, Mon. March 17 at 6:30, Tues. March 25 at 6:30, Tues. April 1 at 6:30, Mon. April 7 at 6:30 & Tues. April 15 at 6:30.
- ***God's Ghostwriters with Melissa Harl.*** This lucid and engrossing book unveils the untold story of how enslaved people created, gave meaning to, and spread the word of the New Testament, shaping the very foundations of Christianity in ways both subtle and profound. Meets in person (and on Zoom) Wednesdays on March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 from 2–3:15p in the Parlor.