

John's Gospel lesson today is about "finding" and "seeing." Jesus found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him....Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael he told him how he had seen him under a fig tree. Soon, the time would come when Nathanael would see greater things. "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." When Jesus finds us our eyes opened and we see things more clearly.

Prelude by Kamilla Ozman

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th after Worship

Opening Hymn: # 248 "You are Before Me, Lord"

Call to Worship (Psalm 139)

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You discern my thoughts from afar.

ALL: EVEN BEFORE A WORD IS ON MY TONGUE, O LORD, YOU KNOW IT COMPLETELY.

One: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.

ALL: HOW WEIGHTY TO ME ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, O GOD! I TRY TO COUNT THEM—THEY ARE MORE THAN THE SAND.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn: #396 "O for a Closer Walk with God" CAITHNESS CM

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM—a reaffirmation: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters....and God saw everything that was made, and behold, it was very good....I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (John 1:1; Genesis 1:2; Genesis 1:31; Mark 1:8)

THE GATHERING

Prayer of Praise & Adoration (UNISON): YOU ARE THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION, O GOD, THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH. YOU ARE THE FOUNTAINHEAD FROM WHICH FLOW LIVING WATERS. WHEN OUR SOULS THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS, YOUR JUSTICE SUSTAINS US. IN NEED OF ENCOURAGEMENT, WE BEHOLD YOUR POWER AND GLORY. WE LIFT OUR HANDS IN THE SANCTUARY; WITH OUR LIPS WE PRAISE YOU. WE RAISE OUR VOICES IN THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS AND CALL ON YOUR NAME. FILL US NOW WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT AND NOURISH US BY YOUR PRESENCE.

Hymn: #397 "O for a Closer Walk with God" DALEHURST by William Cowper

Prayer of Confession (UNISON): LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD; HAVE MERCY UPON US AS WE MAKE OUR CONFESSION. WE GROW LAX IN OUR DISCIPLINE, AND WE DISOBEY CHRIST. OUR FAITH IS FLABBY WHEN PUT TO THE TEST; OUR COURAGE VANISHES IN THE FACE OF TEMPTATION. OUR JOINTS STIFFEN WHEN WE ARE CALLED TO ACT. WE PROFESS LOYALTY, WHILE OUR BODIES DENY COMMITMENT. HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FORGIVE OUR SIN.

Hymn: #248 "You are Before Me, Lord"

Assurance of Pardon: Here Paul's words when he writes: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price." Christ mercifully paid the price for our sin. Through him we may approach God with our temples made clean. (We virtually share Christ's Peace. Please take a moment to greet your fellow worshipers! Wave, Smile, Hold up a picture!)

HEARING THE WORD

For-the-young-of-heart: A SERMONETTE

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 & John 1:43-51

Meditation: "God's Searching for Us" Pastor Mark Vernon Applewhite, Teaching Elder

Hymn: #404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

OFFERING & DEDICATION #428 "We give Thee but Thine own, what e're that Gift may be, for all we have is Thine alone, a Trust, O God, in Thee." AMEN

Sharing our Joys & Concerns with our Savior's Prayer (DEBTS)

Closing Hymn: #451 "Ye Watchers & Ye Holy Ones"

THE SENDING

Benediction

Postlude by Kamilla Ozman