

Forgive us our sins and selfishness.  
Bless us this morning, bless us as we grow in faith.  
Strengthen us to live lives of which you will be  
well-pleased. Call us back to you ...*silent prayer*..  
Grant us grace. Amen."  
*Assurance of forgiveness and love*

Hymn "Simon, Simon, a Fisherman" VU 597

Reflection

Closing Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU 567

### We Are Sent Out

Commissioning

One: "We are called, each of us, ready or not,  
to proclaim the word on God's behalf.

All: **We are called, not because we are competent,  
intelligent or brave,  
but because the world needs to know  
there is life beyond death, hope beyond despair,  
justice beyond injustice,  
and always love beyond hatred and fear.  
This is our calling."**

Congregational Response *(Cliff Barrows)*

All: "May God's blessings surround you each day,  
as you trust God and walk in his way.  
May God's presence within  
guard and keep you from sin;  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love;  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love."

The Blessing Three-fold Amen. Postlude

Steveston United Church  
Sunday Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10:00 am  
Rev. Brenda Miller

Second Sunday after Epiphany



### We Gather as God's People

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Lighting the Christ Candle and the Candle for Peace  
All: "Let the Light of Christ fill this space. Amen"

We Welcome One Another in the Name of the Risen Christ;  
*(please stand if comfortable)*

One: We must listen carefully for the call to worship;  
it doesn't always come with blaring trumpet.

All: **The Lord's Anointed will not raise his voice  
to shut down the noise of the world.**

One: With irresistible whispers, Messiah brings love  
and light and justice to our world.

All: **Let us come and worship the God who leads us  
into righteousness.**

### Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: Rejoice and be glad! God has given us new life.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

### Opening Hymn "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" VU 635

### Opening Prayer

*(please be seated)*

All: "God of all being, bless us with an awareness of your presence. Transform us with the deep assurance of your love.

In all we say and do, help us to follow Jesus, casting nets of love to fish for people. Amen."

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer refrain VU 391

*(please remain seated)*

All: "God, reveal your presence: as we now adore you and with awe appear before you.

Here in this your temple: all within keep silence, gather now with deepest reverence.

You alone God we own, you, our God and Saviour: praise your name for ever."

### Special Music

Andrew Wood

### Offering Invitation

Offering Refrain *(please stand if comfortable)* VU 541

All: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit; One. Amen."

### Offering Prayer of Dedication

All: "As we offer our gifts to you, Holy One, remind us that we are invited, not only to see the brokenness ...

of our world, but to join you in the ministry of offering strength, hope and healing to all your children. Amen."

### Special Music

#### We Hear God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 49:1-7 p. 592 pew Bible

Christian Scripture John 1: 35-42 p. 862, 863 pew Bible

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Congregational Refrain

VU 37

"Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, hallelujah, hallelujah!"

### Invitation to Confession

Our prayer;

"Holy One,

called to follow you, we often trip over our temptations, falling flat on our faith. But you pick us up, and set us on the solid ground of grace, and send us out as servants. Let us confess our transgressions to the One who is faithful.

Shaped, formed, born to be servants, we spend so much time focused on ourselves.

Called to be saints, we criticize those we disagree with.

Challenged to share the good news, we keep silent, keeping stories of joy and hope for ourselves.

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