

So they pulled their
boats up on **shore,**
left everything and
followed him.



LUKE 5:11, NIV

**United Church of Christ
Norwich, New York**



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Norwich, New York 13815**



An Open and Affirming Church

February 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Aria*

by Mrs. Robinson

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE We come to worship

ALL: Giving thanks with whole hearts

ONE In the company of this congregation

ALL: We worship the One who is gracious and merciful

ONE: Holy and awesome is God's name!

ALL: Let us worship God together! In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, holy, gracious, and merciful we gather mindful of your covenant with us and all creation. We gather mindful of your wonderful deeds and your powerful work among us. Grant that we may be joined with all your creation in praising you in the name of the One who was, and is, and is to come. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult*

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*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ericka Tyler

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, Follow Me!

Text by Mary Kay Beall,

Arranged by John Carter

based on the tune AR HYD Y NOS (All Through the Night)

The congregation is invited to sing the final verse:

Let your song be "Alleluia!" Come, follow me!

Let your prayer be "For God's glory!" Come, follow me!

I have chosen you and named you,

with the Word and water claimed you.

Come, my child, you hear me calling; Come, follow me!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please greet one another in a manner most comfortable to you.

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together*

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Children in grades 3-8 are invited upstairs for Sunday school at this time.

SERMON *Jesus Recruits His Disciples*

Rev. James K. Boodley

SCRIPTURE Luke 5:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 64

INTERLUDE

Teach Me to Walk in the Light

by Clara W. McMaster

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, remind us there will come a time when all that we'll have to show for ourselves will be what we have given away, not what we have kept for ourselves. Transform our gifts, we pray, into a ministry of mercy and grace. Use them in places and for people we do not know. May they accomplish great good, even beyond our most hopeful imagining. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIFI IS AVAILABLE

Network Name: UCC-Guest

Password: uccguest

NURSERY is available for children up to age 5, upstairs at the front of the church.

WANT TO JOIN THE CHURCH? The Church leadership is making an open invitation to a new member orientation process for anyone interested. This invitation is open to all ages who may want to officially become a member of the church or just renew their faith commitment. Details of exactly what this will entail is still in the works, but if there is any interest in becoming a new member or if you would like more information on what that may look like, speak to either Pastor J.K. or Pete Williams, Moderator.

SAVE THE DATE - March 23 - Rev. Ryan Henderson from the New York Conference UCC will lead us in worship, Following the service we will have a pot luck luncheon, and Rev. Henderson will talk to us about the Search and Call Process. A sign up sheet for the luncheon will be available beginning in March.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER on a Sunday, please don't take any risks to get to church. You can always tune in to the livestream www.uccnorwichny.org/livestream. If we cancel the service, we will post on Facebook and Instagram and with a message on the church phone. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE a call or text to let you know if we cancel the church service, please sign up in the church office.**

THE AARP FOUNDATION'S TAXAIDE PROGRAM offers free preparation of federal and New York State income tax returns for individuals of all ages and income levels, by appointment only from February 10 - April 14 in our Founders Room. The TaxAide program can assist with most tax returns, but certain complex situations may not be included, such as foreclosures, farms, rental income, businesses, self-employment with offsetting expenses, 1099-K income with offsetting expenses, energy tax credits, and digital currency transactions. To book an appointment, contact the Chenango County Area Agency on Aging weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at (607) 337-1781.

MUSIC LESSONS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please keep your eyes and ears open for anyone who may need assistance with their private music lesson fees. The process for signing up is simple - contact the church office to apply - 607-334-3434 or office@uccnorwichny.org. Applications are also available on the www.uccnorwichny.org/links.

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available from the church office or website. High School Seniors and adults taking college courses in the 2025-26 school year are welcome to apply. Details and applications are available on our website. Click the link on our home page: www.uccnorwichny.org. **Please Note: The correct deadline for applications is March 30.**

CALENDAR

Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30 p.m. & Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Sunday School grades 3-8 after the Children's Moment
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Mayflower Room
12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Rm., Kitchen
10:00 a.m. Knitting Group, Mayflower Room
2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Mayflower Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen
5:00 p.m. Pride Alliance Meeting, Founders Rm.
5:00 p.m. Free Meal at St. Bart's Catholic Church (Doors open at 4:00 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting, Chapel, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Room, Kitchen
10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
7:00 p.m. Choir, Nave

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1:00 p.m. Piecemakers Monthly Meeting, Founders Rm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Church Office Closed Today

9:00 a.m. AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Rm., Kitchen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship, Nave - Sunday School grades 3-8 after the Children's Moment
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Mayflower Room
12:30 p.m. Youth Group, upstairs

Luke 5:1-11

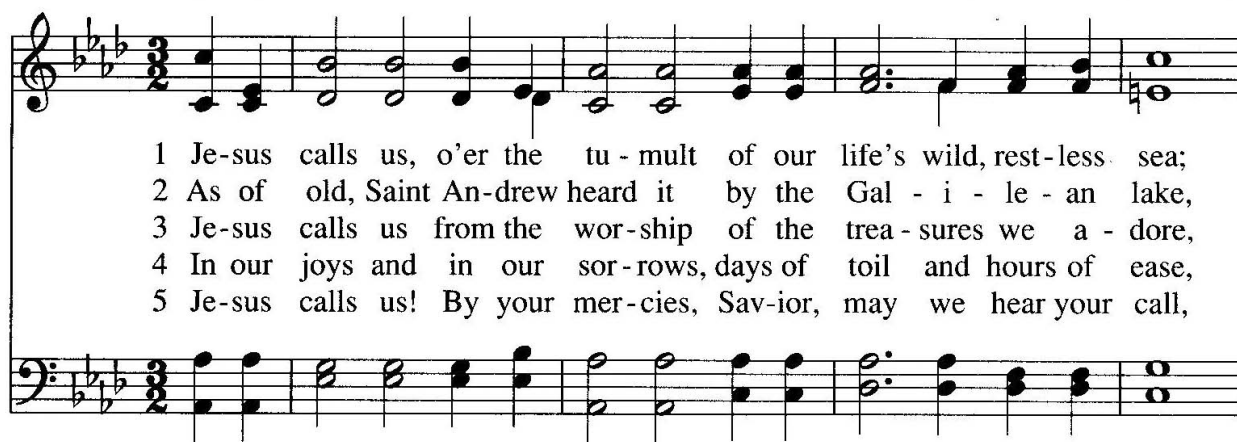
5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

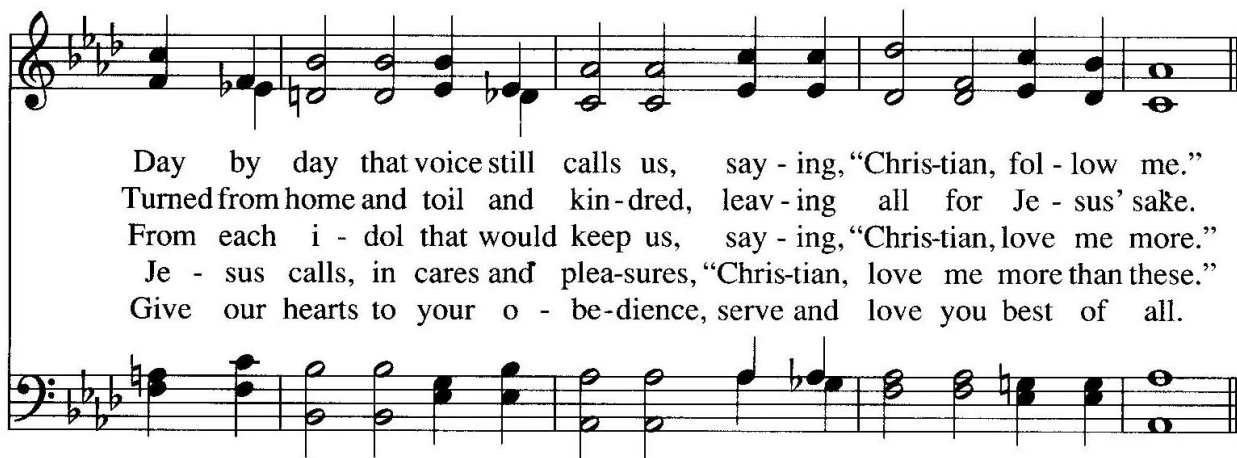
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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15



1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,
4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.

Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1887
Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW

Bind Us Together

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Words and Music by BOB GILLMAN

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the staff, and chords are indicated above the staff. The score is divided into five systems, each starting with a measure number. The first system (measures 1-5) has chords F, Dm7, and Gm. The second system (measures 6-10) has chords C7, F, Bb/C, and F. The third system (measures 11-15) has chords Dm7, Gm, C7, and F, ending with a 'Fine' marking. The fourth system (measures 17-21) has chords F, C7, F, C7, and F. The fifth system (measures 25-29) has chords C7, F, F/C, C7, and F, ending with 'D.C. al Fine'. The lyrics are: 'Bind us to - geth - er Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love. We are the fa - mily of God, we are the prom - ise di - vine. We are God's cho - sen de - sire, we are the glo - rious new wine.'

1 F Dm7 Gm
Bind us to - geth - er Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

6 C7 F Bb/C F
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

11 Dm7 Gm C7 F Fine
bind us to - geth - er, bind us to - geth - er with love.

17 F C7 F C7 F
We are the fa - mily of God, we are the prom - ise di - vine.

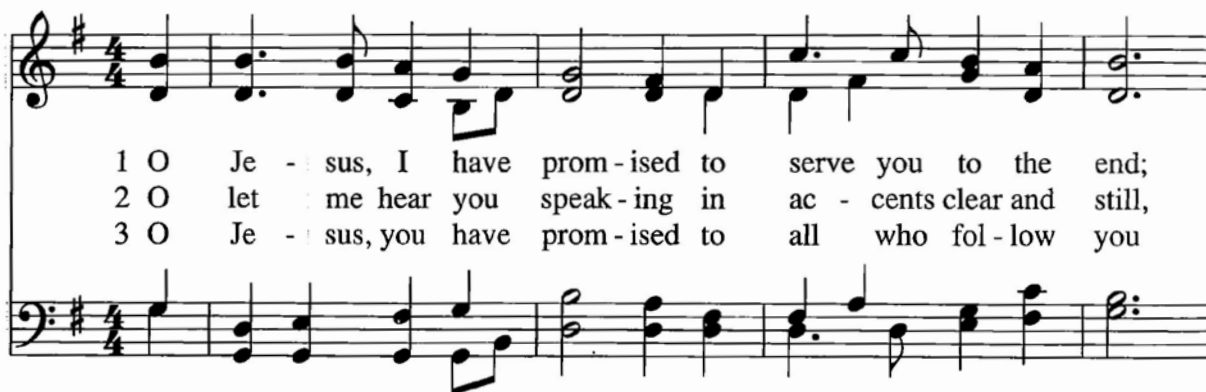
25 C7 F F/C C7 F D.C. al Fine
We are God's cho - sen de - sire, we are the glo - rious new wine.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

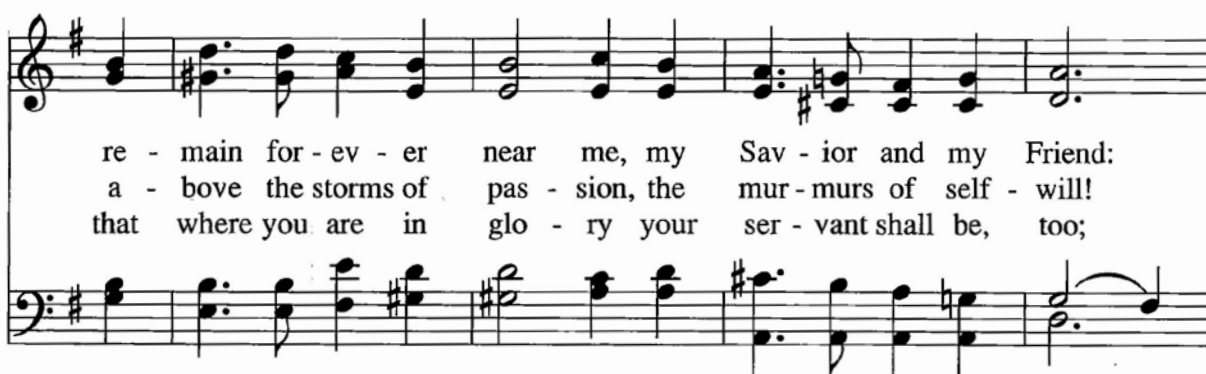
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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

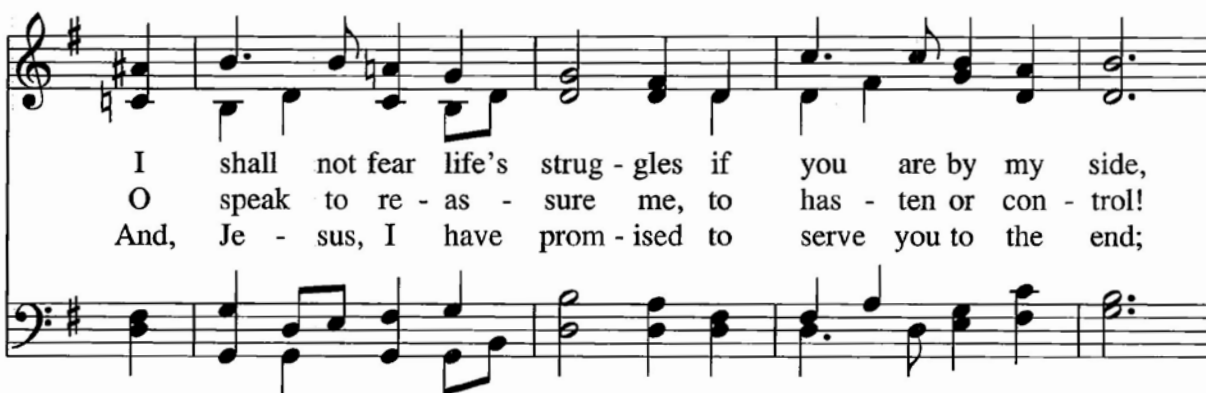
Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;



I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
 O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.
 A. H. Mann, 1883
 Alternate tune: MUNICH