Fishing and Following.2021.01.24.Sermon by Rev. Michael Palmer

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Welcome to another of our Sundays on line at Eden Uniting Church
though we have returned to face to face services

On this page you will find the details for our Worship Service for 2021.01.24.

We hope the content is encouraging to you as you explore and refresh your trust in Jesus.

**The Flow of the Worship Service:**

1. **Song** - *True North* by Rend Collective

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zb7yOTzgTII

2. **Opening Prayers**

Come, the time is now,
the kingdom of God has come near,
break daily routines if they hinder you,
lift your eyes to see the bigger picture,
the potential of compassion,
the call of Christ.
The good news is proclaimed.
Turn to God and follow the ways of Christ.

To True North

You call to us, Jesus Christ,

“come and follow me”.
And so, we come to learn

more of your ways

and respond to your call

upon our lives.

Guide us in our living,
renew us in our faith,
show us paths of compassion,
and centre us in your ways of love. Amen.

3. **Congregation’s Hymn**: *I cannot Tell* p 205 Songs of Fellowship

4. **OFFERING**

Jesus calls us to follow and to offer our daily lives in service to God.

Jesus Christ,
receive our offering, that our lives may be focussed upon you and upon serving others. Shape our living through our giving that we may follow you all our days. Amen.

5. **Bible Reading**: Psalm 62:5-12

Let all that I am wait quietly before God,

 for my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,

 my fortress where I will not be

 shaken.

My victory and honour come from God

 alone.

 He is my refuge, a rock where no

 enemy can reach me.

O my people, trust in him at all times.

 Pour out your heart to him,

 for God is our refuge.

6. **Michael's Kids’ Talk** – based on Psalm 62:5-12:

7. **Kids’ Song**: *I will make you fishers of Men*

8. **Bible Reading**: Mark 1:14-20

Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him.

A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.

9. **Sermon** – *Fishing and Following* - by Michael Palmer

10. **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God who calls us,
we come to our time of confession, knowing just how often we fall short.
We come knowing that so often our eyes are fixed upon things that do not bring life and love.

Turn us towards your paths, God of compassion.

Jesus came to Simon and Andrew, James and John,
and called them to leave the security of their daily living.
We come knowing our resistance to hearing your call
when it is challenging, risky, or demands us to change.

Turn us towards your paths, God of compassion.

11. **Assurance**

God is steadfast in the ways of love and persistent in calling us to follow.
God’s call, even when it is challenging, is also filled with joy and surprises.
God’s compassion is greater than we can comprehend.
Thanks be to God.

12. **Intercession**

13. **Gratitude**

God of joy,
we give you thanks that you gift us this extraordinary journey of life.
With amazement, we see the places your call takes us.
We are grateful to be part of your people and to follow you in the journey.
We are thankful for the fellow travellers who have gifted us wisdom, shared laughter and tears.
We are thankful that ordinary moments are made extraordinary by your presence and by the company of others.
For the gift of Christian community,
for the challenge of Christian discipleship,
and for the joy of journeying with you, we offer our thanks.

Amen.

14. **Benediction**

May we go into the week ahead,
encouraged in faith and upheld in prayer.
May God give us strength and courage,
patience and resilience,
hope and trust,
for the journey ahead.
In the name of God who loves us, Christ who calls us, and the Spirit who sustains us. Amen.

15. **Final Song** -  *JESUS PUT THIS SONG INTO OUR HEARTS* by G Kendrick