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Sunday

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Welcome/notices

Hymn: StF 295 - Alleluia, alleluia

Opening Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: StF 148 - Come let us with our Lord arise

Introduction to the theme

Offertory & prayer

Reading: **John 20:30-21:14** **Richard Burkett**

John 21:15-19 **Deryck Nash**

Hymn: StF 250 - Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

Address

Hymn: Stf 495 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Intercessory prayers

Lord, save us from ourselves.

**We continue to do the same things over and over,
expecting different results.**

Lord, save us from doing too much.

We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting on the beach.

Lord, save us from doing too little.

We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep.

Lord, save us from ourselves.

Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me."

Hymn: **Peter Said, "I'm Going Fishing"**
Tune: BEECHER ("Love Divine, All Loves Excelling")

1. Peter said, "I'm going fishing,"
so his friends went out with him.
Through the night, they laboured, watching,
Hauling empty nets back in.

In the grey of early morning,
Jesus, you came walking by.
From the beach you called a greeting,
"Cast out on the other side!"

2. Soon their nets were filled to brimming;
Someone cried, "It is the Lord!"
Jumping in, he started swimming;
Christ, you met him on the shore.
Guiding them to better waters,
Eating fish, and sharing bread —
You showed Peter and the others:
You were risen from the dead!
3. Risen Christ, you send us fishing!
God's great sea is everywhere.
You have guided us in mission,
You have given love to share.
Through the years, our church has heard you,
We have answered your great call:
"Cast you nets where I have told you.
Bring my word of love to all!"
4. Lord, be with our congregation;
By your spirit, send us forth!
May we care for your creation;
May we work for peace on Earth.
In our worship, in our giving,
In our serving those in need,
May we know, Lord; you are living,
Guiding us in ministry.

Blessing