

7. The reaction of the "odd couple", vs. 7.
    - a. The "pairing" of Peter and John.
    - b. John's reaction.
    - c. Peter's reaction.
  8. The reaction of the other disciples, vs. 8.
    - a. Remaining in the boat.
    - b. Bringing in the catch.
- D. Interpretation
1. The overview.
    - a. The promised fidelity, John 13:37, Matt. 26:35.
    - b. The abject failure, Matt. 26:31.
    - c. The mission and purpose of the church, John 14:12, 13, 15:4,16,18-19, 17:15-18, 20:21.
  2. The symbolism of the "miracle catch".
    - a. The crux of the parable, Matt. 4:16.
    - b. Unpacking the "living parable".
      - i. Imagery of the church.
      - ii. A search and rescue mission.
      - iii. The requirement of perfect obedience.
      - iv. A job for everyone.
      - v. No room for indolence.

### III. Application

- A. Lessons from the miracle catch.
  1. Recognizing our mission.
  2. Following the instructions.
  3. A group effort.
  4. All hands on deck.
- B. Using the right net.

### IV. Conclusion



## Traditional Worship Service

September 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

"King of Kings"

### WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

MOMENT IN THE WORD: Ezek. 47:8-12

### SINGING TOGETHER:

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

"Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me"

"Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

RESPONSIVE READING: Matt. 4:13-23

### PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: LORD'S DAY 12

### DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Same Power"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:1-8

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "The Miracle Catch"

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands)

"His Name is Life"

### BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

## "The Miracle Catch"

John 21:1-8

### I. Introduction

### II. Exposition of the text, John 21:1-8.

#### A. Context

1. The lessons of the Upper Room Discourse.
2. The Golden Commission, John 20:21.
3. The Gospel message, John 20:31.

#### B. An overview of John's "appendix".

#### C. The disciples go "fishing".

##### 1. Setting the scene, vs. 1.

- a. Establishing the time.
- b. The third appearance.
- c. The location of the appearance.

##### 2. A list of those present, vs. 2.

##### 3. The decision to go fishing, vs. 3.

- a. Analyzing the meaning.
  - i. The opposing views, John 16:32.
  - ii. Finding the balance, Matt. 4:19.

- b. The disciples' are complicit.
- c. The failed attempt.

- i. The commercial boat.

- ii. The empty nets.

##### 4. Jesus appears, vs. 4.

- a. Dawn on the Sea of Galilee.
- b. A stranger on the shore.

##### 5. The initial exchange, vs. 5.

- a. A rhetorical question.
- b. A terse but telling answer.

##### 6. The change in fortunes, vs. 6.

- a. Taking advice from a stranger.
  - i. An unexpected "fishing coach".
  - ii. Inexplicable obedience, Luke 5:4-5.
- b. The "living parable" of the miracle catch.
  - i. The "divine appointment".
  - ii. No ordinary catch.
  - iii. The importance of detailed obedience.
  - iv. The lesson from the catch.

Rev. Kirby Williams

Worship Leader - Byron & Stacy Cox

**Worship Songs**  
10:00 a.m. Service  
September 6, 2020

**Moment in the Word: Ezek. 47:8-12**

Ezek. 47:8. And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh.

Ezek. 47:9. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

Ezek. 47:10. Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea.

Ezek. 47:11. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt.

Ezek. 47:12. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

**Scripture Reading: Matt. 4:13-23**

[Pastor:] And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, (Matt. 4:13)

[Congregation:] so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: (Matt. 4:14)

[Pastor:] The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles- (Matt. 4:15)

[Congregation:] the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them, a light has dawned." (Matt. 4:16)

[Pastor:] From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 4:17)

[Congregation:] While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. (Matt. 4:18)

[Pastor:] And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt. 4:19)

[Congregation:] Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Matt. 4:20)

[Pastor:] And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. (Matt. 4:21)

[Congregation:] Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. (Matt. 4:22)

[All:] And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. (Matt. 4:23)

**Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12**

[Pastor:] Why is he called "Christ," meaning anointed?

[All:] Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our redemption; our only high priest who has redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the redemption he has won for us.

[Pastor:] But why are you called a Christian?

[All:] Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

### King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting,  
Without hope, without light,  
Till from heaven You came running,  
There was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets,  
To a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory,  
To a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father.  
Praise the Son.  
Praise the Spirit three in one.  
God of glory – Majesty.  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming,  
And to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation,  
You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering,  
You saw to the other side,  
Knowing this was our salvation,  
Jesus, for our sake You died.

Praise the Father.  
Praise the Son.  
Praise the Spirit three in one.  
God of glory – Majesty.  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

And the morning that You rose,  
All of heaven held its breath,  
Till that stone was moved for good,  
For the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs,  
And the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come.  
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,  
Then the Spirit lit the flame,  
Now this gospel truth of old,  
Shall not kneel shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name,  
In His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ,  
Who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father.  
Praise the Son.  
Praise the Spirit three in one.  
God of glory – Majesty.  
Praise forever to the King of Kings. (Repeat)

### Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
and life more abundant and free!

Refrain  
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
in the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion,  
For more than conquerors we are! (Refrain)

His word shall not fail you--He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! (Refrain)

### **Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer;  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken;  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing;  
For in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon;  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus;  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me;  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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### **Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down**

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker;  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
For He is our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture.  
And the sheep of His hand,  
Just the sheep of His hand. (Repeat)

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **The Same Power**

There is power in His name,  
For the stone was rolled away.  
Mountains bow down before  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Mighty Savior, lifted high,  
King forever, Jesus Christ.  
Crowned in glory, raised to life;  
The same power lives in us!

We will rise, stand and sing,  
Of our great and matchless King,  
Seated high on Your throne,

You shall reign forevermore.  
You shall reign forevermore.

Mighty Savior, lifted high,  
King forever, Jesus Christ.  
Crowned in glory, raised to life;  
The same power lives in us!

The grave could not contain,  
The power of His name!  
Death, You overcame.  
Forever You'll reign! (Repeat)

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King forever, Jesus Christ.  
Crowned in glory, raised to life;  
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### **His Name Is Life**

His name is Master, Savior, Lion of Judah,  
Blessed Prince of Peace;  
Shepherd, Fortress, Rock of Salvation;  
Lamb of God is He.  
Son of David, King of the Ages, Eternal Life;  
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