

+ Affirmation of Faith

Senior Pastor

We believe in God: the God who calls Jonah out of racism and into service.
We believe in Jesus: the savior who calls us fishers of people.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls everyone “beloved”.
We believe in Love, deeper than the deepest well. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

*We believe that communion is the fulfillment of an ancient vision: Judas and Jesus at the same table.
Therefore, you don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the table of grace.
When the ushers invite you, please come forward.*

Words of Institution

Church Member

Prayer of Consecration

Clergy

Distribution of the Elements

+ Passing of the Peace

+ Hymn of Response No. 587

Amazing Grace

The love of God calls us again and again to respond in new and creative ways. If part of your response today is to join this church or become a Christian, please come forward during this hymn, and one of our ministers will be happy to greet you.

+ Welcome to New Members

We affirm you in your Christian Decision. We welcome you among us. We pledge to be for you a family of faith: learning with and from you, worshipping with you, laughing with you, and when needed, crying with you. Amen.

+ Life of the Church and Pastoral Benediction

Senior Pastor

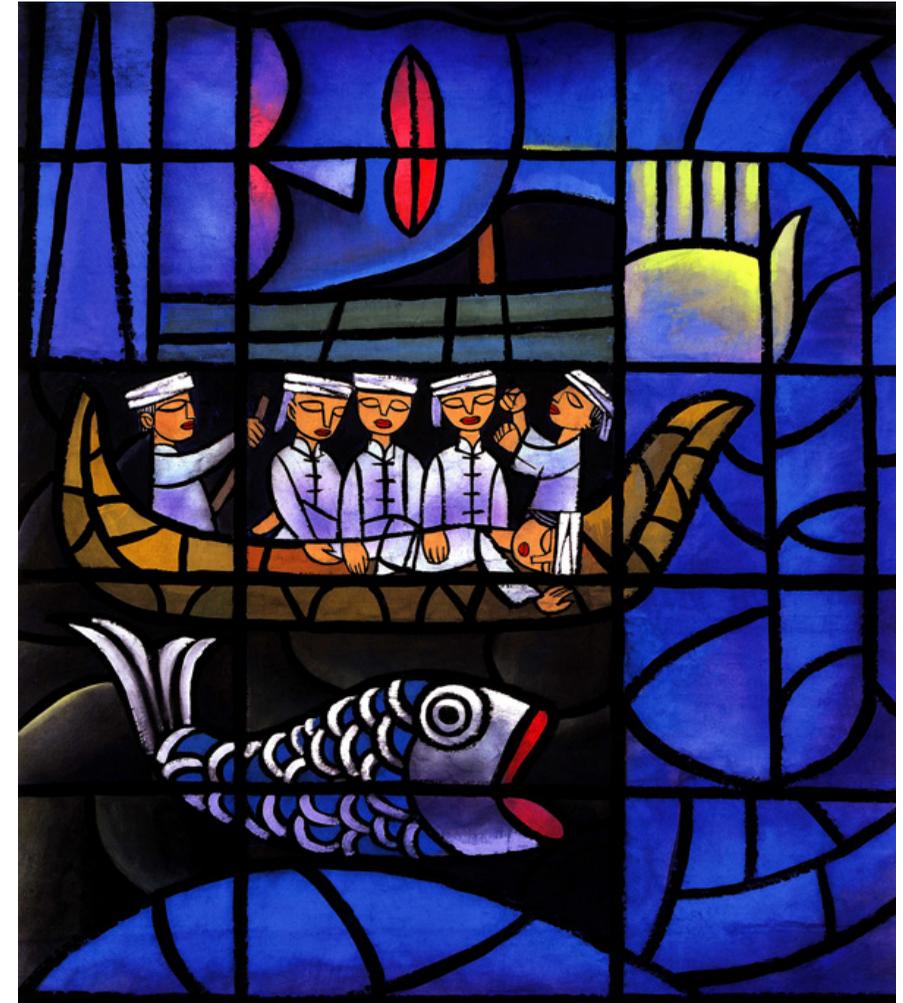
+ Congregational Benediction

O Lord, You Called Disciples

God, by your Holy Spirit, now send us in your name:
To serve the lost and outcast, the poor for whom you came.
Through gifts of hope and healing, through loving ministry,
May we reach out, inviting the world to “Come and see!”

Postlude Meditation and the Sending of the Light

Church Organist



Jonah, He Qi



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BAPTIST CHURCH

The people gather | January 18, 2018 | Third Sunday of Epiphany

The Worship of God

“Softly and Tenderly”

Gathering, Seeking Christ Together

The Tolling of the Hour

Church Carillonist

Words of Welcome and Call to Worship

Church Member (Today's Liturgist)

We gather to respond to the call of God's love.

Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this God.

Prelude Meditation and the Bringing of the Light

Church Organist

The Procession of the Carillon

Acolytes

Borrowed from Lake Shore Baptist Church in Waco, TX, this tradition invites us through the sound of shrill bells and the unique presence of this instrument to seek Christ in new ways and in new places.

A Thematic Scripture Reading

Clergy

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

This is one of our sacred stories.

Thanks be to God.

Introit

O Lord, You Called Disciples

The choir will sing the first verse of this new hymn as an introit, and the congregation will join with verse two.

O Lord, you called disciples, proclaiming, "Come and see!"

And so an invitation began your ministry.

Then Andrew called his brother, and Peter came to you;

More men and women followed, and little children, too

+ Processional Hymn

Jesus, You Once Called Disciples

You met a busy woman out in the noon-day sun.

You shared God's love, you listened; you told all she had done.

She called her friends and neighbors and brought them face to face

With you, the living water, the bearer of God's grace.

O Christ your invitation has reached from year to year!

Through some who heard your calling, a church was founded here.

As faithful people served you so many years ago,

They soon invited others; your church began to grow

Confession, Pardon, and Calling

+ Psalm Reading

Church Member

Psalm 62:5-12

A Psalm from the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Time for Young Disciples

Children's Minister

Children are invited to the front for Children's time. Those children age birth through kindergarten may follow the light to Children's church afterwards.

Epistle Reading

Clergy

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

May we be part of the new coming Kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

Church Member

Silent Confession

+ Sung Assurance of Pardon

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Listening for the Words of God

+ Hymn of Discipleship no. 371

Now Thank We All Our God

+ Gospel Reading

Church Staff

Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel According to Saint John

According to you, Oh God.

+ Singing of the Gloria Patri no. 704

Glory be to the Father

Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

I Can Tell The World

Sermon

Senior Pastor

Softly and Tenderly

Responding

Silence for Reflection

Prayers of the People

Church Member

Offertory

Church Organist

+ The Singing of the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.