

NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for those who grieve, Glen Andrews, Mary Marshall, loved ones of Aunt Lou, Colleen Bouldin, Jim Rickards, Jerry Porter, Grayson Foy, Richard Weeks, Wayne, and Ben Hamrick. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is up and running! Ms. LaRonda is among us. She's a favorite among students over at Grace Covenant's preschool. After children's moment (approximately 4:15) guardians are invited to accompany infants - 5 year olds to the end of the hallway. They rejoin us for Communion.

A CONGREGATIONAL LETTER will accompany 2017 giving statements. It (the letter) bears witness to the generosity of worship attendees and community members more broadly. Look out for it, as it is a once-yearly thing.

	Ministry Costs	Your Contributions
January 1 - 20	10,847	8,717

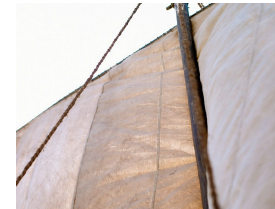
OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

FEBRUARY IS FOR HEART HAVENS. We'll help sustain neighbors with intellectual disabilities, as they live as independently as they are able in Heart Havens homes. Stay tuned.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



"It is as great and difficult a spiritual calling to run the factories and the mines, the banks and the department stores, the schools and government agencies for the kingdom of God as it is to pastor a church or serve as evangelist. The division of vocations into sacred and secular does incalculable damage to our individual lives and to the cause of Christ."

- Dallas Willard

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
4:00 pm at Fox Elementary

Gathering		
Greeting		Rev. Drew Willson
Hymn		
Time with Children		
Joys and Concerns		
Prayer		
Music		
Psalter	Psalm 62:5-8	
Music		
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:14-20	
Sermon	"Just Like That"	Rev. Rachel G. May
Hymn		
Offering Tithes & Gifts		
Doxology	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	
The Lord's Supper		
Prayer		
Hymn		
Dismissal with Blessing		

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

And so,

in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER



Crossing Boulevard

with Rev. Rachel

¹⁷ I'LL SHOW YOU HOW - Mark I

Fishing for people wasn't a common phrase. There is no reason to assume that that these four knew what that meant. They say yes to life with Jesus "right way" which suggests that there wasn't even time to consider whether it was literal, metaphorical, or straight up crazy-talk.

It kind of blows my mind. Simon, Andrew, James, and John were willing to follow Jesus into a form of work that was so vague—so not well defined.

Of course, there are other wow factors. They just up and left their boats short-handed? No going home first to pack a bag? Nobody said they would need to sleep on it?

This time with this text, I wonder about the work. I wonder why they did not protest on the grounds of inexperience or inability. I wonder why they agreed to go with Jesus in order to fish *for people*. Fishing was hard as it was.

They knew how to do what they were doing when Jesus appeared. They did not know how to do whatever was to come. I think that this moment is worthy of reflection.

Because by and large, we say yes to what we can wrap our heads around, right? We don't usually sign on to a series of bridges that we can only cross (with help) once we get to them.

My yes comes *after* an opportunity has been explained – *after* surveying my current slate of responsibilities – *after* examining my feelings around adding another something.

The new era dawning evidently needed an alternative approach. The good news of God (the kingdom coming) needed folks who were willing to put their sense of competency on the back burner. Jesus didn't say, *I reviewed your resume and you are the right candidate*. Jesus said, "I'll show you how (v.17)."

Come with me. That's the main thing. Regarding everything else, I'll show you...

Jesus went looking for people for whom that assurance was enough. I suppose he is still looking for that—that spirit of I-may-not-know-how-but-I-can-learn.

They knew how to do what they were doing when Jesus appeared. They did not how to do the work that was ahead of them. What if this is more than a position to avoid? Maybe it's the only place to hear "I'll show you," and thus to experience the grace, that infusion of life and love from our comes-alongside God.

Mark I:14-20 (CEB)

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news,¹⁵ saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." ¹⁸ Right away, they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. ²⁰ At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

Psalms 62:5-8

For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

For you alone I wait in silence.

In God is my safety and my honor,
my rock of strength, my refuge.
Put your trust in God always, O people;
pour out your hearts, for God is our refuge.

For you alone I wait in silence.