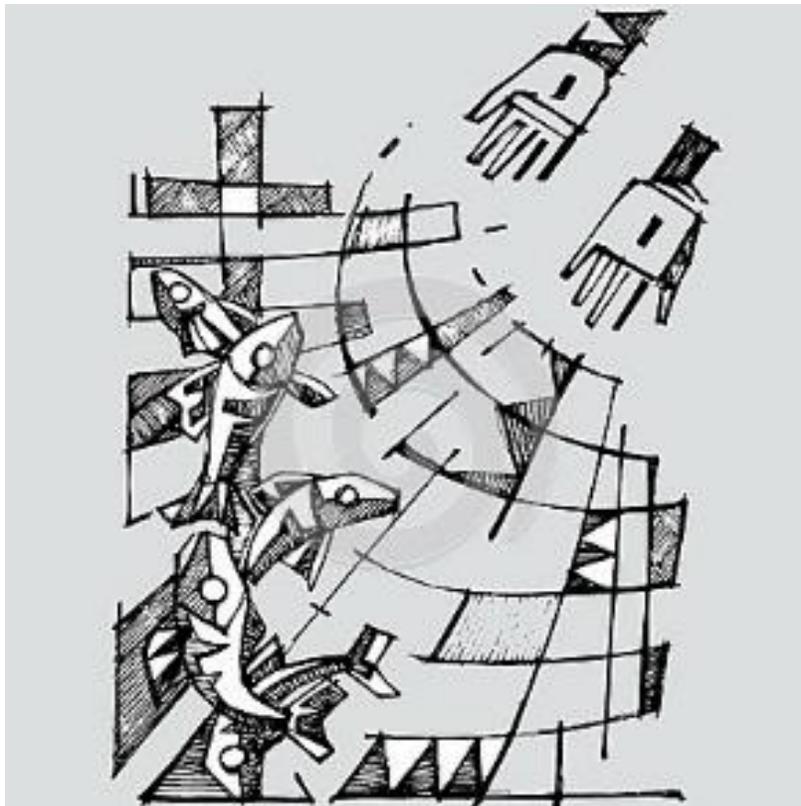


# TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” (Luke 5:10)*

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*February 10, 2019*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

## CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

Called by God, we have come to worship.

**Called by Christ, we have come to follow.**

Called by the Spirit, we have come to rejoice.

**Called together, we will listen and pray.**

## OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Holy God, we gather to sing your praise  
and hear your word.

Speak to us now,  
that we may be wise enough to perceive your call.

Strengthen us now,  
that we may be brave enough to answer when you call.

Guide us now,  
that we may follow where you would have us go. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin,  
confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

**Master, we have worked all day and night,  
for many months and years.**

**We yearn for a heavy catch,  
a full church, an abundant feast.**

**Forgive us God,  
when we are too tired to cast our nets one time;  
when we are too stubborn to do things a little differently.**

**Have mercy on us,  
when we are too afraid to dive into deep waters and take a risk.**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**Grant us grace,  
that we may proclaim your word,  
work for your kingdom,  
and trust your promises. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**LAY LEADER**

Do not be afraid!  
Christ has called.  
Christ has redeemed us.  
Christ will save us all.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ALL**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

**LAY LEADER**

Let us share these signs with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you.**

**ANTHEM:** “Sing Praise to the Lord of Hosts” by Joseph M. Martin

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PASTOR**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**PASTOR**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

**SERMON** *“Called and Sent”*

**PASTOR**

**Response to the Word**

When all seems pointless, and it’s easy to give up:  
**We will drop our nets in the deep.**  
When the harvest is scarce, and the needs are great:

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**We will drop our nets in the deep.**

When Christ calls for disciples and speaks to your heart:

**We will drop our nets in the deep.**

\*HYMN: #726 Will You Come and Follow Me

**A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTOR**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PASTOR**

*(Responsively)*

O God most high, you meet us where we live  
and invite us to be part of your purpose.

All thanks and praise to you,

for you hear our prayers

for the church, the world, and all who live in it.

**On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for the church

and for all who work to bring others a word of compassion.

**On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for peace among nations and peace among people.

**On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for those suffering from war or calamities of nature.

**On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for those who are oppressed and need courage to resist.

**On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for those who because of illness or hardship are paralyzed by fear.

**On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.**

God of majesty and glory,

through Jesus Christ you summon us into your compassion for all creation.

Renew in us your call and release us from all fear,

that we may testify in words and deeds to your steadfast love for all.

As we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

Whom should God send?  
Who will go for God's people?  
Here we are, God is counting on us.  
Let us share our gifts and our offerings in answer to God's call.

### **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #175**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!!*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Increase the strength of these gifts,  
and the strength of our ministries, O God.  
Expand the nets of our love,  
that we may reach deeply and share abundantly.  
In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #170** You Walk along Our Shoreline

## CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

## POSTLUDE

### **WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:**

*Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.*

**\*Please stand if you are able**

***Seven Deadly Sins***  
Wednesday, Feb 13 – 6:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall

### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

#### **Operation Warm Heart**

During the coldest months, December to March, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless sponsors an emergency shelter program called Operation Warm Heart. With the help of local churches and community groups, up to 14 homeless individuals are given clothing, toiletries, a hot meal and a warm bed each night of the week. Volunteers to help cook meals, provide hospitality or sort donations to make personal kits for each guest are always needed.

Townley has partnered with the St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Elizabeth to provide temporary overnight shelter for these individuals. The dates are as follows:

#### **Monday, February 25**

Monday, March 11

Monday, March 25

Volunteer to greet and serve an evening meal from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Let Pastor Ron know what dates you are available. You need not volunteer for all the dates. Thank you!

As part of the Infinity Program with Connect One Bank, we received a check for \$760, which represents a percentage of our account for as well as members and friends of Townley who are customers of the bank and who have enrolled in the Program. A check is issued annually.

If you are a customer at the 5 Points branch or your family or friends are, please see a bank representative and sign up. Your account will always remain private but we will earn money. Please see Kathy Kreie or me for more information. Janet Sangekar

#### **Nursing Home Visitation**

Second Sunday of the month:

**TODAY**

Join us at 2:00 PM at the Delaire Convalescent Center 400 W Stimpson Ave, Linden, NJ to share the Good News in word, song and presence.

The **Sweet Heart Brunch** will be held on **Next Sunday** after service. Please see June Donohue.

#### **Food Pantry**

Connecticut Farms needs peanut butter, cereal, and school supplies.

#### **“A Time for Prayer”**

Mondays at 4:00 PM

If you can't make it to the church, take some “Time to Pray”.

#### **Book Club**

Meets on the 4th Sunday of *this* month right after service. We are currently reading “A Year of Living Biblically”. Join us!

#### **A Note from Our Treasurer**

2/3/2019

We received \$1232 in pledge & plate and \$162.35 Per Capita.

*Janet Sangekar*

#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

10	Barbara Sandorse
18	Lisa Heims
22	Betty Bryant

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***Ron Thompson, Pastor***

**\*Please stand if you are able**