



HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE
at Minden United Church
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009

* Indicates those who are able, please stand.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APPROACH

* **CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT:** VU #562 vs 1

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, 'Christian, follow me.' ©

* **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Come, let us worship our glorious God.

ALL: We raise our voices in praise.

One: Come, our Lord awaits us.

ALL: Our Souls long to celebrate God's presence.

* **HYMN:** "Here I Am, Lord" VU #509

PRAYER OF APPROACH: In Unison

Ever present God, You call us to journey to distant as well as nearby
places. May our ventures take us to the side of the lowly
as well as those of high regard. Guide our paths that we might walk
tenderly yet courageously with all Your people.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

TIME FOR THE YOUTHFUL

* **HYMN:** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" VU #356

THE WORD

- **Responsive Psalm** - Psalm 62 (from “Psalms Now”)

SUNG REFRAIN: (VU pg 779)

“ Rest in God alone; rest in God alone, my soul, my soul. ”

As for me, my heart waits on God.

I know that my salvation comes from God.

I may change my views about many things,

**but as for my need for God and the Spirit’s love,
that is one conviction that shall never change. R**

There are many who would like to sabotage a person’s deepest convictions.

**With the skillful use of words and logic,
they try to destroy the very foundations of faith.**

As for me, my heart waits on God.

God is my Hope and my Help.

The temporal values that people focus on are so quickly lost
amid the tempests of this life.

**Their highest aspirations burst forth like bright flares
only to fizzle out like wet fuses. R**

Yet my God offers security that is eternal.

It cannot be logically defined, but it can be experienced.

Commit your life to God,

**and you shall discover an anchor that will hold firm, despite the
chaos of this existence or the prattle of defiant unbelievers. R**

- **GOSPEL:** Mark 1: 14 - 20 (“The Message” Bible)

Leader: Hear and listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON : “ Where Are Your Nets? ”

OUR RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (VU #921)

- * **HYMN:** “Before You Now, O God” **VU #511**

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

- * **DEDICATION:** (VU #543)

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.©

- * **OFFERTORY PRAYER:** **In Unison**

God of Simon & Andrew, James & John, you call, and we answer.
Part of our response is through these gifts of money that we bring
before you now. Accept these offerings as you accept our answer
to your call. Amen.

- * **HYMN:** “Come O Fount of Every Blessing” **VU #559**

- * **COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION:** (Please hold hands)

One: Jesus said that you are the light of the world.
Spread that light in such a way that God's plan is revealed
through you. Amen.

- * **CHORAL BLESSING:** **VU #961**

Let us, O God, depart in peace, who in your name are gathered here.
Disclose the brightness of your face, and be forever near. ©

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LECTIONARY READING for next Sunday, February 1

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



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