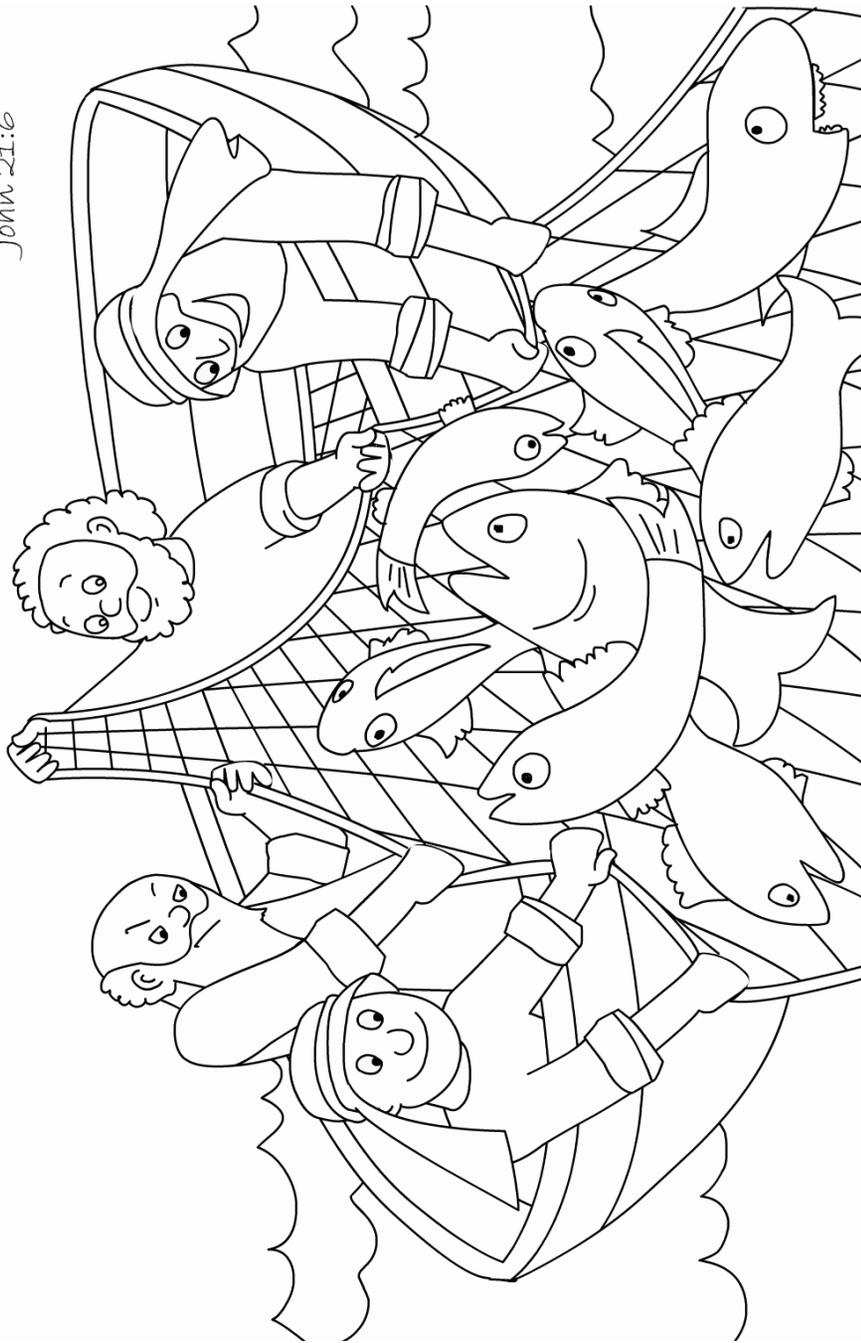


Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you find some fish.

John 21:6



# Westminster United Church

Order of Worship

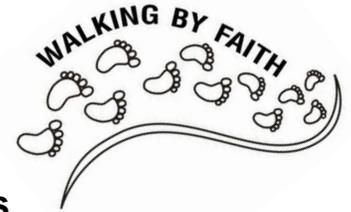
Sunday, May 5, 2019

Discerning the Future

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(★ invites people to stand as they are able; people's part in bold type)



Entry Into Celebration

We come, God of the Journey: a people drawn from different places, different histories, different traditions, different lifestyles.

**We come hoping for companionship  
for the journey, solidarity for the struggle.**

We thirst for hope and encouragement as we struggle to follow Jesus in the way of risking-love.

**With the gift of grace we are nourished.**

With the promise of God's presence,

**We are strengthened to be faithful.**

Opening Prayer

God of the Journey,  
this morning as we consider the future mission  
and ministry of our Westminster community-of-faith,  
open our ears,

**To hear Your word.**

Open our eyes,

**To see Your presence.**

Open our arms,

**To the embrace of community.**

Open our minds,

**To the beauty of truth.**

Open our hearts,

**To the joy of life.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

(Unison)

★**Hymn VU 562**     *" Jesus Calls Us "*

### **Scripture Reading**

*John 21: 1-6*   The disciples Cast Their Nets  
                          on the Other Side of the Boat

### **Reflections on Today's Readings**

We have just heard that  
miraculous things can happen

**When followers of Jesus risk tossing their nets  
on the other side of the boat.**

May this gospel reading renew our hope

**And restore our confidence...**

Amen.

### **The Offering**

★**Offertory Hymn VU 542**

*" We Give You But Your Own "*

### **Offertory Prayer**

### **Brainstorming**

(Jim Kennedy)

### **Closing Prayer**

We give thanks for the ideas that were spoken here today, and for the courage of each voice that stood to be heard. Give us strength and courage as we strive to be the church – the Body of Christ – in the world today, and tomorrow.

**May it be so. Amen.**

★**Closing Hymn VU 563**

*" Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore "*

### **Parting Words**

We have gathered here to discern where our God – the God of the Journey – is leading.

We have thoughtfully, prayerfully and reverently wrestled with what it means for the Westminster community-of-faith to risk "tossing its nets on the other side of the boat".

And now the time has come for us to depart from this sacred place.

### **Blessing**

As you return to the world –  
May the grace of God uphold you,  
the peace of God surround you,  
the love of God flow from you,  
the strength of God protect you,  
and bring you safely through this day,  
and every day.

Amen.

### **Postlude**