

Theme: Put Love Into Action

(May 5th, 2019 – Communion)

No Peace Moment This Sunday

Meditation Thoughts: 1. Sincere charity (love) is the desire to be useful to others without any thought of recompense. 2. Be more charitable: don't follow the path of least assistance.

Meditation Music

Welcome

Call To Worship: Wherefore, cleave (be faithful and uphold) charity which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail; but charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endures forever; and whoever is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him. (Moroni 7: 52 – Book of Mormon) Hymn # 621 – *Help Us Express Your Love* (**Do Not stand for this hymn or following prayer**)

Prayer

Response (**Karen, please play longer response until actors in place**)

Scripture Story Ministry – Fish 'n Tips – The Rest of Peter's Story

Ministry of Music (instrumental)

Morning Message

Hymn of Preparation (a cd)

Combined Prayer of Blessing on the Bread and Wine

Serving of the Bread and Wine

Hymn # 298 – *I Am Standing Waiting*

Disciples Generous Response

Offertory Statement

Offertory Prayer

Receiving of Our Offerings

*Hymn # 643 – *Find Your Wholeness*

*Prayer

*Response

*Recessional

Scripture Story Ministry – Fish “n” Tips: The Rest of Peter’s Story

(based on John 21: 1 – 19)

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Narrator: It had been a long week. Everyone was thinking about Jesus. He’d been killed, but now he was appearing to different people. We never knew when to expect Him.

Peter: “I’m going fishing,”

Narrator: Peter said to his friends, Thomas and Nathanael. Thomas and Nathanael looked at one another and shrugged their shoulders.

Thomas and Nathanael: “We’ll go with you.”

Narrator: It was late in the day, but they made their way to the Sea of Galilee. A few more disciples joined them, including John.

They gathered their nets and jumped in the boat.

First they paddled to deeper water, then they dropped the nets, hoping to catch fish underneath. The nets floated down through the murky water and nestled on the sandy bottom. Each time a net was raised, everyone strained to lift the wet net. They gathered expectantly each time a net was raised, anticipating to rejoice over a bountiful catch of fish.

Time after time, they followed the same routine. And time after time they came up with nothing. There was no rejoicing.

The night dragged on. They were disappointed, of course, and then they started to get tired and hungry. Finally the sun began to rise. It was early in the morning when one of the friends heard a voice.

Jesus: “Friends, haven’t you any fish ?”

Peter: We didn’t recognize the man calling out to us from the shore.

All in the boat: (hanging our heads low,) “No.”

Jesus: “Throw your nets on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”

Peter: We looked at each other and scratched our heads. Why would the right side of the boat be any better ? Hadn’t we tried the right side hours ago? But since there were no fish in the boat, we decided to take the stranger’s advice.

Narrator: When the nets were cast and drawn back up, they could hardly pull the heavy weight. There were so many fish ! The nets bulged from all sides and looked like they would burst open.

John: It is the Lord!

Peter: That's all I needed to hear. Before anyone could take another breath, I was in the water, swimming toward the shore where my Lord stood. My friends in the boat hauled the nets closer to the boat and made their way to shore.

When we all got to shore, we saw Jesus and a fire with fish and bread laid out for breakfast.

Jesus: "Bring some of the fish you caught."

Peter: I climbed back in the boat and helped drag our enormous catch onto shore. We found out that we had caught 153 large fish – a great catch.

Jesus: (waving them closer Jesus says) "Come and have breakfast."

Peter: Jesus broke the bread and passed it around. He offered each of us pieces of fish, and we all ate until we were full. Jesus turned to me and said,

Jesus: "Do you love me more than these?"

Peter: I looked around the circle of fishermen and answered, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Then Jesus said,

Jesus: "Feed my lambs."

Peter: He went on to ask a second time,

Jesus: "Do you truly love me?"

Peter: "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus: "Take care of my sheep."

Peter: Then Jesus asked me a third time,

Jesus: "Peter, do you love me?"

Peter: All of a sudden, I felt really sad. I remembered the three times I had said I didn't even know Jesus. Now Jesus was asking me the same question – three times. I was ashamed and wondered if Jesus still loved me.

"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus: "Feed my sheep."

Peter: Now I understood. Jesus encouraged and challenged me to help people in need and maybe even begin a church. Even though I had let Jesus down, He forgave me. It was my job to follow the Savior's commands. My love for Jesus was all I needed to do my best for God. I wouldn't fail Him again.