

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

January 15-21, 2018

Worship as encounter with the living God cannot be limited to one hour per week. "Weekday Worship" invites you to extend your worship beyond the sanctuary, to hear the story of the Bible as your story, lived out each day of each week. Feedback is appreciated and should be directed to Rita Boyer.

BIBLE READING

This week's reading is: Mark 1:14–20 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=380263173>).

Other readings are: Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18; 1 Corinthians 6:12–20; John 1:43–51.

The theme is: Casting Call

As we begin a new year, we often reflect on the gift and the challenge of time. We marvel at how quickly time seems to pass. We think about how we spent our time last year and how we would like to spend our time in the year ahead. We wish we had more time. We wish we had used our time more wisely. In this week's reading Jesus tells the fishermen that will become his disciples " 'The time is fulfilled' " (verse 15). Isn't that what we long for? When I am anticipating a vacation, I busy myself with to-do lists to ensure that all is ready for my departure and I will be prepared to make the most of the vacation. Once on the beach or wherever vacation is, the time is fulfilled. It is complete and rich. Jesus called fishermen who were used to ordering their days according to chronological time that in Greek is called *chronos*. Jesus was inviting them to live in *kairos*, seizing the opportune moment for decisive action. There was no need for them to waste any more *chronos* time researching whether or not they should follow Jesus. There was no need to prepare, only to go. They went "immediately" knowing that they were entering *kairos*. Jesus' call was more than an invitation to switch their "to do" lists from the task of fishing for fish to fishing for people. It was an invitation to live transformed lives where Jesus fulfills the present and the future.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

"Questions to Consider" enable you to connect your story to the biblical story. Rather than easy questions to be answered at first glance, these questions or reflections can be returned to and meditated upon throughout the week.

Where are you currently being called? What is it on your "to do" list that you may be called to leave behind in order to live more fully in God's *kairos*?

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of January 14:

Eli helped Samuel recognize God's call. Who helps you listen to God's voice?

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