

8.2 UCCVF Virtual Worship Bulletin

Call to Worship:

L: Welcome to worship this day.

P: We're glad to be here

L: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling

P: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

L: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring your souls.

P: Praise be to God who continually abides with us. AMEN.

Gathering Song: All Who are Thirsty, *Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson*

Confession:

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you knowing that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. We have kept to ourselves what you intended we share with our neighbors. When we struggle to come before you believing that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful, and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you "pick us up and dust us off" and put us again on the trail, confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ's name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

Feel God's healing love pouring over you and into your lives. Know that God delights in each one of you and will always be present to you. This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel. AMEN.

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

[14:13] Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. [14:14] When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. [14:15] When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." [14:16] Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." [14:17] They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." [14:18] And he said, "Bring them here to me." [14:19] Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [14:20] And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. [14:21] And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reflection Song: Lord You Have Come to the Seashore (Pescador de Hombres), *Cesareo Gabarain*

Sermon: "Give Them Something"

Communion

Benediction