Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

#### We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not.

We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

#### We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...). We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth. We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

#### We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world. We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

#### We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing pres-

We help the vulnerable among us.

We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

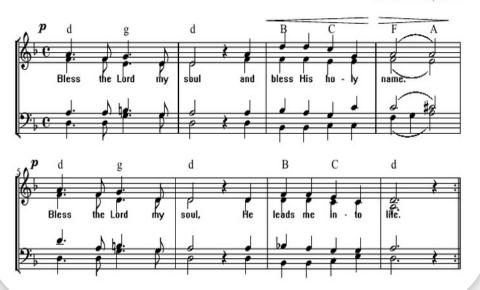


A breath Prayer for the coming week:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, fill me with your love."

### Bless the Lord my soul

m.: J.Berthier, Taizé



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## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music Welcome Call to Worship Worship Reading

# We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Sermon from Lenae Ross, Hope Rising Church
Scripture Reading: Matthew 4.12-23

#### We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of preparation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

If you are a guest with us today, please take time to fill out a Connection Card located in the sanctuary chairs. After worship an usher will be waiting to receive your card at the guest table in the lobby. As an expression of our hospitality, you will receive a mug with chocolates.

## Sermon Reflection Guide

#### Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

\*A special offering for Hope Rising Church will be received during Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff at the end of service.\*

## Hope Rising Church Story:

In the 1930's, the first Church of the Nazarene in Annapolis began meeting with 19 charter members. Our building at 1309 Bay Ridge Avenue in Eastport was constructed in the 1950's, with additions made over time. Our Spanish-speaking, sister congregation, La Iglesia Del Nazareno Jesus Te Ama, began to worship here in 1999. In 2018, the English-speaking congregation was declared inactive. Since then, many have been in deep prayer during this time of silence. We believe that God is working in all times, in all places, even in the seemingly quiet interludes.

In Spring 2020, Pastor Lenae Ross will be publicly launching Hope Rising-a congregation that will continue the story God has been writing here. She is being sent out and sponsored by City On A Hill Community Church, which was itself planted in Ellicott City in 2016. Numerous churches in this region and individuals across the country are also contributing in diverse ways to starting this new congregation. Finally, we are coming alongside Jesus Te Ama, joining them in life and ministry in Eastport. Truly, this is a story which involves many-a reflection of the family of God found in Scripture, and a unity we pray we will embody as a gathering of God's church in Annapolis.



Rev. Lenae Ross is the planting pastor of Hope Rising Community Church, launching publicly on Easter 2020 in Annapolis, MD. Lenae has been a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene since 2016 and recently graduated from Wesley Seminary (Indiana). Lenae and Ben (who serves in the Air Force) are the proud parents of Gabriel, Eli, Noah, Quinn and Sam.