

Into the deep water

“Put out into the deep water” (Luke 5:4). “Into the deep.” Literally, Jesus is asking the disciples to go back out into the Sea of Galilee to let down their nets again after a long night of catching nothing. But ever and always, we try to hear what God is speaking to us as we read scripture. If God tells us to “put out into the deep,” what is God asking us to do?

“Put out into the deep” can mean all kinds of things: Take on a huge risk. A new task. A new ministry. A new commitment. We will be scared. We could be swallowed up by the deep at any moment. What if we fail? What if we make utter fools of ourselves? Or worse? But no, God tells us to put out into the deep nonetheless, trusting God when we can’t trust our own ability, our own judgment, our own wisdom.

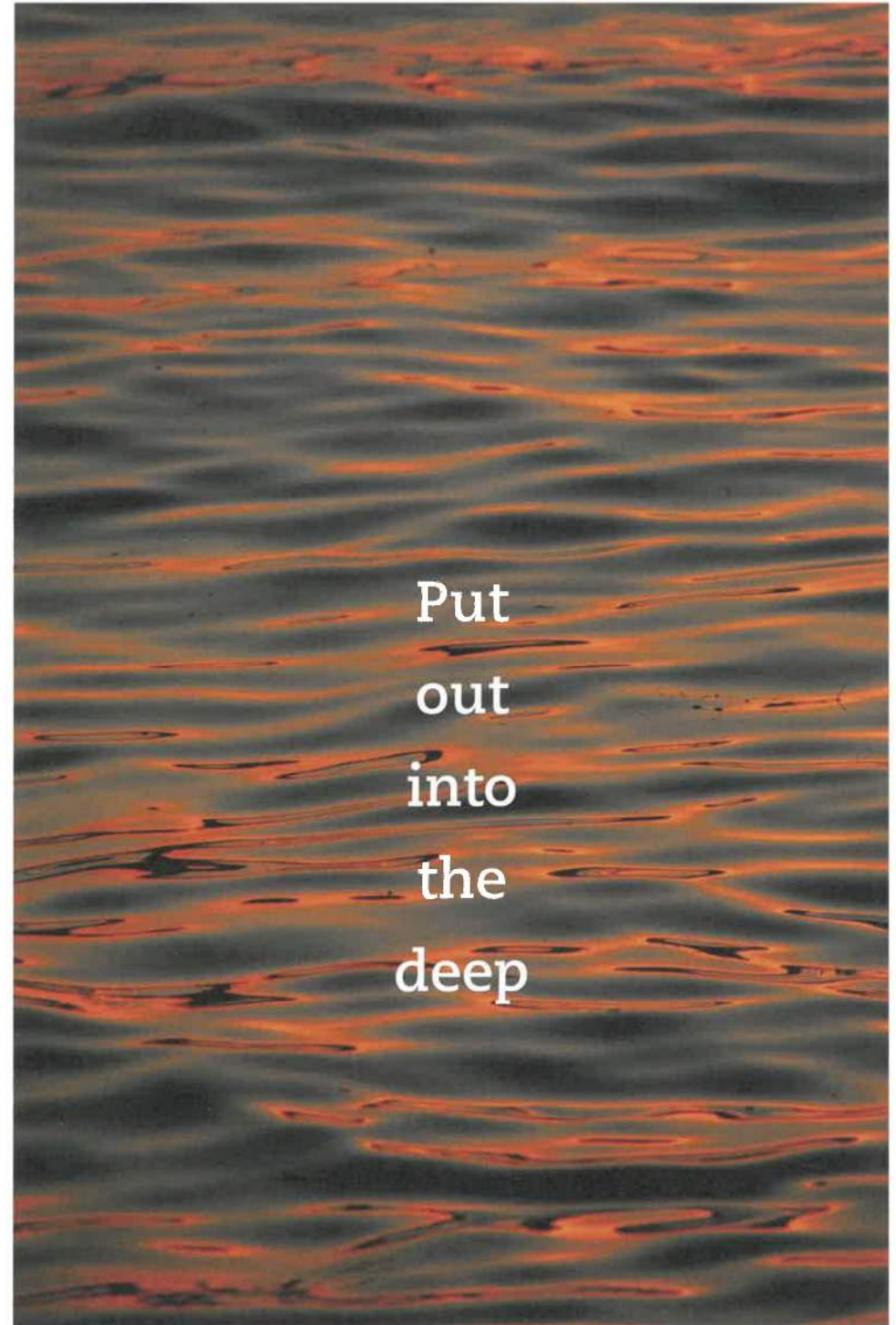
Or, a second possible meaning for “put out into the deep”: Take the plunge into the depths of *our own* heart and soul. Into the depths where we fear to look. What do we find? At first, darkness: regret, guilt, resentment, hurt, grief. But we hear God saying, “Go deeper still. You are not done putting out into the deep.” We plunge deeper. And in the deepest depths of our own heart and soul, we find God’s mercy and forgiveness. God’s compassionate love. Hope. New life. There, in our deepest depths, the light of Jesus’ cross and resurrection is overcoming our inner darkness.

“Put out into the deep.” Words indeed for disciples of Jesus. For you. For me. Together, let us plunge into the deep water. Jesus will show us the way.

— Steve Crain
Lafayette, Indiana

“When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch’” (Luke 5:4, *NRSVue*). **Today’s Bible readings from the lectionary:** Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

February 9, 2025

Luke 5:1-11

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE “They’ll Know We Are Christians” (Scholtes)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Eileen Smith, Worship Leader

One: Holy, holy, holy, is the God of hosts; the whole earth is full of
God’s glory.

*All: Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God. we bring before you our
songs of praise.*

One: All the rulers of the people are called to praise God. All people of
the earth are subject to God’s rule.

*All: The steadfast love of God surrounds us here. We have come to see
and hear and understand.*

One: Let the thresholds shake with the power of God’s voice. Let all the
people tremble before God’s glory.

*All: God’s purposes endure and will be fulfilled. Our lives can be
channels for God’s grace.*

***HYMN #37** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

[Verse 1]

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to God’s temple draw near. Join me in glad adoration.

[Verse 2]

*Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his
wings, yea, so gently sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how thy heart’s wishes have
been granted in what he ordaineth?*

[Verse 3]

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, as with his love he befriends thee.

[Verse 4]

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the “amen” sound from God’s people again; gladly forever adore him.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God, whose presence fills this place of gathering, we bow before your
majesty in awe and wonder. When we consider the vast universe of your do-
minion, we are humbled by your attention to us. Your steadfast love and faith-
fulness amaze us. Your care for the lowly gives us a sense of our own dignity
and worth. Send your gospel to teach us, to save us from ourselves, to lead us
into all truth. Show us the tasks we can accomplish for you and grant us the
courage to reach out in your name to do them. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

When we are genuinely thankful for the steadfast love and faithful-
ness of God, we are eager to share this bounty. When we truly discern the
grace of God, we want others to experience it, too. Christ calls us to reach
out to our sisters and brothers with the good news of God’s reign. Our
offerings help to take God’s Word to the world.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a
virtual offering plate to those worshipping with us on Facebook Live. We
invite you to give by mailing your offering to the church or dropping it
off at the church during the week, or by going to the Hagerstowncob
webpage and using Paypal.

Offertory “Trusting Jesus” (Smith)

***Doxology #119** “Praise God from whom”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Your voice, O God, we have heard. Your presence has moved us to re-
spond. Send us where you want us to go. Use the resources we dedicate here
to empower others to witness to your love and care. Fill our lives with thank-
sgiving. Fill our days with purpose. We rededicate ourselves to work and wor-
ship that express our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities.
Amen.

HYMN #523*“Dear Lord and Father of mankind”**[Verse 1]**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways. Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives they service find, in deeper reverence praise.**[Verse 2]**In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee**[Verse 3]**O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love;**[Verse 4]**drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease. Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.**[Verse 5]**Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm. Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire, speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!***SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES***Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.**Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.**An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****MORNING ANTHEM***“The Joy of Our Faith”*

(Rist)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

NT 62

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who

were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

MESSAGE*“It’s What Christians Do”*

Pastor Twyla Rowe

HYMN #229“Lord, you have come to the lakeshore”**[Verse 1]**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones. You only asked me to follow humbly.**[Chorus]**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, kindly smiling, have spoken my name. Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.**[Verse 2]**You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; but nets and fishes - my daily labor.**[Chorus]**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, kindly smiling, have spoken my name. Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.**[Verse 3]**You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest, and constant love that keeps on loving.**[Chorus]**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, kindly smiling, have spoken my name. Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.**[Verse 4]**You, who have fished other oceans ever longed-for by souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me.**[Chorus]**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, kindly smiling, have spoken my name. Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.*

***BENEDICTION**

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

***POSTLUDE**

“Call to Service”

(Hughes)

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*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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*We welcome you to our church and
Rejoice in your participation with us in
worship. It is our prayer that you will
experience the presence of God's Spirit and
that it will equip you for service and ministry
in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and
Cluster Leaders are available after worship
and during the week to listen and assist you in
your Christian pilgrimage.*

THE ANNOUNCER February 9, 2025

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

"Take a Moment" Let this be our daily "Take a Moment" prayer beginning Sunday, February 9 - Savior of the World... you are my friend and guide. That's important to me as I try to be a faithful disciple. It's a huge responsibility you put before me as I share your story and your teachings to folks around me. I'm not always sure I can handle it. I need to confess, I get discouraged when people don't take my offering of your Good News seriously. But, I'm not going to give up, because I know I have you by my side. And, I really want others to have the same joy that I have in my life from knowing you. It's to your honor and the building of God's glorious kingdom that I answer the call. Amen.

Our thanks to Eileen Smith for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of her parent's, Jack and Muriel, 76th wedding anniversary by Candice Summers.

Property & Finance Ministry Team has been researching a new database software for the church. With approval from the Leadership Team, they have chosen Breeze and will be implementing this new software in the coming weeks. Breeze includes a more efficient payment processor for giving your offering online and the fees are cheaper than PayPal. We will discontinue use of PayPal once Breeze is available. The manner in which you give through our website will stay the same, the processor will be Breeze instead of PayPal. We will keep you updated as we get closer to the roll-out of Breeze. If you have any questions, contact Chris Stockslager.

Junior Church will be held today for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. **We will gather in the Rainbow Room (Room #205).** (Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going.) Parents/grandparents should pick up their children afterward at the stair/elevator area outside the sanctuary in the west entrance. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Shane. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

HCOB T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, tote bags and hats are now on sale. The Service & Outreach Team are taking orders through February 26th. The colors offered for shirts, sweatshirts, & hoodies are gray, royal blue and orange. Pricing starts at \$20.00. The tote bags (14x13x6.5) come in all black, black & gray, and black & blue. The cost for the tote bags is \$25.00. Two types of adjustable hats are also for sale. The cost for the hats is \$18.00. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the west entrance and fellowship hall. Please contact Suzie Wolfe if you have any questions.

Baby Spider Plants are available in the west entrance for anyone wishing to take one or a few. First come first serve!

Bread & Soup Sunday—The Spiritual Nurture Team invites you to the Bread & Soup Sunday after church on February 16th, to celebrate Valentines Day and the love for our congregation. If you would like to attend, please see the sign up sheet in the west entrance and Fellowship Hall. Sign up to bring a soup, bread, or dessert as well. There will also be a silent auction of lap quilts, quilted runners, and other assorted quilts. The quilts were donated and the money raised will be given to the Disaster Auction.

Our service week at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter is March 9-15, 2025. We need to cover all roles Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday that week. All meals are covered! Hallelujah! We still need volunteers for other roles (Servers, Search, Laundry, Hospitality). Any help would be appreciated! Starting February 16, and through March 9, we will be collecting donations of items for REACH. The REACH needs list can be found in the February Tidings, on the credenza in the sanctuary wing, and in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be taken to REACH during our week at the shelter. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Sandy Clipp at 240-291-8753 if interested in serving at REACH or if you have any questions.

The Christian Education Ministry Team is looking for a Director or Co-Directors for this year's Vacation Bible School, tentatively scheduled for the week of June 23rd. The candidate need not have prior experience, just a love for children and a desire to help them learn about and experience God's love. As Director (or Co-Directors), you will be surrounded by a "village" of volunteers who will work alongside you to support you and help make VBS a fun and memorable experience. If you are interested, please reach out to any CE member: Deb Long, Tina Mills, Tracie Poteet, Kay Ogilvie, or Brenda Shane. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

A young family is in need of a full size mattress and box spring, full size bed frame and a crib. If you are able to help or know someone who can, please see Arn Platou or Suzie Wolfe for more information.



We grieve many things in life, but the loss of a loved one is probably the most devastating. There is no magical timeline that points to the end of the grieving process, and healing from that loss often can last our lifetime. However, HCOB offers GriefShare, a worldwide, faith-based, grief recovery support group ministry for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend. GriefShare is a series of 13 weekly sessions that put grief into context in an understandable, life-affirming and manageable process, even if the loss is not recent.

Our spring session of GriefShare will begin on Monday, Feb. 17, and continue each Monday evening through May 12, but you may join the program at any time during the 13 weeks. If you were a previous participant in the GriefShare program and wish to repeat the classes, our team (*Pastor Twyla, *Debbie Nycum, Cinnamon & Brian Shay, Deb Long, Robin Davies, Brenda Shane) encourages you to do so.

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Mullendore Room

There is no cost to attend. However, if you decide to participate, we ask you to consider giving a \$10 donation to offset the cost of a workbook and commit to attending at least 3 consecutive classes. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and you are interested in this program, register at griefshare.org. If you have questions, see Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9

Pastor Vacation after Worship/Junior Church
 8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening
 8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
 9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
 10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening
 10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, February 10

Pastor Vacation/Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 11

Pastor Vacation
 5:30 pm S&O Meeting/Mullendore Room
 7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 12

Pastor Vacation/Administrative Assistant Work from home
 12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
 5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Outside Church office

Thursday, February 13

Pastor Vacation
 5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
 7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 14

Pastor Vacation/Valentine's Day
 8:00 am Bulletin preparation time/Church office
 1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, February 15

Pastor Vacation
 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, February 16

Pastor Vacation/Doug Veal Guest Speaker
 8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
 9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
 10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
 12:00 pm Bread & Soup Sunday/Fellowship Hall

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