

Sunday, September 18th ~ God is Calling

Prelude, Words of Welcome, Reading from Today's Daily Texts

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What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

We will offer to the Lord the sacrifices of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

Tune: Beach Spring

*Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe
Worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.*

*For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story 'til all souls his name have heard.*

Gracious God, for revealing yourself to us as one
Who created all things,
Who gave us dominion over all the earth,
Who called us into a covenant relationship with you,
Who has given us the privilege of being your ambassadors in our world,
Who loves us as your children through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We give you our heartfelt thanks.

TUNE: EMMANUEL

*Our heavenly Father, source of love, to you our hearts we raise.
Your all sustaining power we prove, and gladly sing your praise.*

Jesus Christ our Savior, because you were willing to come to earth in the likeness of humanity, to take the form of a servant; Because you became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; Because God has highly exalted you and bestowed on you the name which is above every name, that at your name every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father;

We humbly bow before you in praise and adoration.

TUNE: MANOAH

*Lord Jesus, yours we wish to be; our sacrifice receive.
By you preserved, from sin set free, to you ourselves we give.*

Holy Spirit, for dwelling within us and calling us to God by the gospel,
For preserving us in the true faith,
For leading the church on earth in its mission,
For pointing the way of discipleship to each of us,

We acknowledge your presence and power among us.

TUNE: LAND OF REST

*Come, Holy Ghost, the Savior's love shed in our hearts abroad;
So shall we ever live and move and be with Christ in God.*

Jesus said: whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; whoever serves me, the Father will honor. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

We heard your call to discipleship. Master, teach us the way we should go.

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Jesus said: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear much fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

Now the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Tune: IN BABILONE

*Lord, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of your bounty sharing all by your decree.*

We confess, Lord, that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear. We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom; when we have not followed your admonition to seek first the kingdom of God; when we have hidden our light from the world; when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength. Have mercy on us, and restore unto us the joy of faithful discipleship. Amen.

The Lord, your Redeemer, has said: With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you. Therefore serve the Lord with gladness; witness to his goodness and mercy; and preach Jesus Christ as Lord, with yourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

GRACEHAM

*Jesus, Master, whom I serve, though so feebly and so ill, strength hand and heart and nerve;
All your bidding to fulfill; open now my eyes to see all the work you have for me.*

Jesus, Master, will you use one who owes you more than all?

As you will, I would not choose; only let me hear your call. Jesus let me always be in your service glad and free.

Prayers Of Intercession

Meditation With Youth and Children

Scripture Genesis 12:1-9
 Matthew 28:19-20

Hymn "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" #617 vs. 1 & 5
*Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring "I am with you to end."
Faith and hope and love restoring may we serve as you intend,
And amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;*

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Sermon *God is Calling*

Our Offerings *Celebrating the ways we can offer ourselves and our resources
to reflect Christ's light in our care for others*

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Offertory Hymn "We are an offering" #146 Worship and Praise Songbook

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: We are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering, we are an offering.*

Prayer Prayed in Unison

God of promise, you called Abram and Sarai to be a blessing to others. You call us to be the same for others. Stir up your Spirit in us that we may be a blessing to all we encounter. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "We Are Called" #147 Worship and Praise Songbook

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more.
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Benediction & Postlude

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