

Order for the Public Worship of God
March 21, 2021
5th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on ‘The Call’”

Vaughan Williams/Burkhardt

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath,
Such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.*

--George Herbert, 1633

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

John D. Horman

*O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed.
As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed,
Implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold,
Until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundred-fold.*

--Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1998
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

(stanzas 1,3,4)

**Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, “Christian, follow me.”**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”**

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Loving and gracious God, hold us close for we know how hard life can be. If we are honest, we see our own faults and failures mirrored in the lives of the people Jesus interacted with in his earthly ministry. We deny Your love by covering up our talents, shirking responsibilities and seeking self-serving entitlements. We are frightened by the costliness of following You and fear that we will be found fleeing the scene or joining in the accusing crowd. In this life it is so easy to compromise our faith and betray your trust. Loving God, hold us close so we may move through the shadows, confront the darkness, and rejoice in the surprising triumph of Your stronger-than-death love, made known through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

ANTHEM

“Psalm 139”

Allen Pote

Recorded by the Chancel Choir on January 14, 2018

*Lord, you have searched me and known me, You know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
your presence follows me day by day.*

*Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.*

*Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart. See if there be any
wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

SERMON

“So You Want to See Jesus?”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

(stanzas 1,4)

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from thy pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

John A. Behnke


Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

Jesus Calls Us


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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -




sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.