

January 30, 2022

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

In the Morning When I Rise

African-American Spiritual arr. Sandra Eithun

Candlelighting

Call to Worship

Leader: It is by grace that we are who we are:

People: people who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.

Leader: It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

People: people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.

Leader: It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

People: people who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.

Hymn #726

Will you Come and Follow Me

The Summons

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
in Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Call to Confession

Leader: Whatever foolishness we have uttered, God whispers mercy to us. Whatever wrong we have done, God's forgiveness is poured out upon us. I invite you to join with me as we pray to the One whose love is constant in every moment, in every place, of our lives.

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

O Lord, we confess that we are a demanding people. We ask of others what we are unwilling to give ourselves and then criticize them for what they offer. We seek help and then deny it when it is not a magic fix. We ask immense interventions from you in our prayers, but find your answers unacceptable when they don't match our wants. O Lord, we pray for your grace to help us become more receptive and welcoming of the good things that you place before us as a gift. Give us an abiding gratitude for all faithful efforts – human and divine alike. Amen.

Moment of silent reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

People: By God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, called people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 2:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Sermon:

“Hearing is Believing”

Installation of Presbyterian Women Board

Statement of Purpose

Introduction of Board Members

Moderator:	Nancy Vodhanel
Vice Moderator:	Bonnie Tortora
Secretary:	Judy Murphy
Treasurer:	Heather Palframan
Mission & Involvement:	Marilyn Broege
House:	Linda Talerico
Spiritual Life:	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
Sunshine:	Sue Starke
Hospitality:	Nancy Lee
Membership & Calling:	Carol Streeper
Nominating: Sandy	Curtis, Pat Tognola

Litany of Installation

Questions to our 2022 Board Members:

Will you be faithful to the PW Purpose and do your best to lead your fellow Presbyterian Women with the love, compassion, and courage that we find in Jesus Christ?

Will you learn from those you are leading – being open to different or uncomfortable points of view and respond with grace when disagreements arise?

Will you motivate others to follow you, demonstrating the joy and enthusiasm that you receive from the Holy Spirit?

Question to the Congregation:

Will you draw closer to these leaders whom God has raised up, offering them support and grace as they take on this task?

Congregation: We will. As God's people, we will walk together in hope, loving one another as God calls us to do .

Offering

Offertory From the Nets of Our Labor

From the nets of our labors, through the noise and confusion,
from the city or seashore, Jesus summons us all.

Refrain:

We will rise up and follow, Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call.

When we faint and grow weary from the bearing of burdens,
with a message of comfort, Jesus summons us all. [Refrain]

When we hear words of hatred spreading fear or false witness,
words that cry to be challenged, Jesus summons us all. [Refrain]

Like disciples before us, from the city or seashore,
risking selfless compassion: Jesus summons us all. [Refrain]

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God who alone is holy, we offer our gifts, our lives, our compassion,
our service to others, and to your creation. Bless all that we offer,
so that we might be blessings of hope, peace, and grace. In Jesus'
name, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn #761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Setting by Jason W. Krug

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist: Jules Plangere

Usher: Team C

Presbyterian Women Moderator:

Nancy Vodhanel

Zoom Host: Mike Dingelstedt

Hymn Leadership: Sean Starke

Offertory Duet Barbara and Bing Prestridge

Organ: Kay Healy-Wedsworth and Marcello Velame

Video Editing: Rich Vodhanel

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening

Reflections on What we Believe

“As it participates in God’s mission, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) seeks: a new openness in its own membership, becoming in fact as well as in faith a community of women and men of all ages, races, ethnicities, and worldly conditions, made one in Christ by the power of the Spirit, as a visible sign of the new humanity.”

-PC(USA) Book of Order, G-1.0101