

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025 10:30 AM

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Based on tune *Diadem* by James Ellor;
Arr. Kevin McChesney
Chancel Ringers

(Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

One: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

All: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

One: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**All: Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

One: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

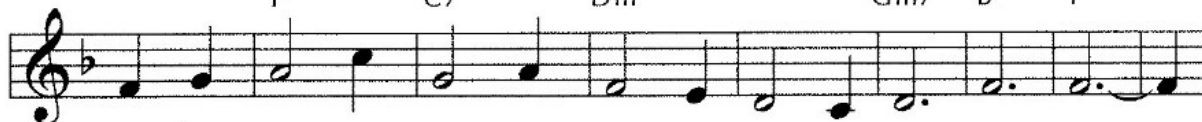
All: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me" #726 *vv.1-4 only*
Glory to God Hymnal



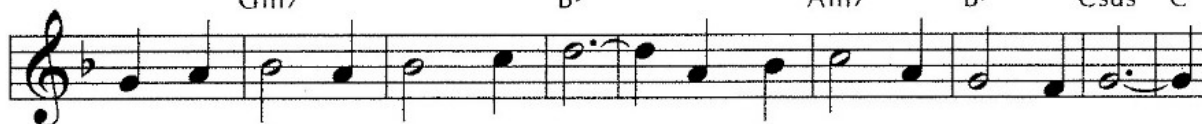
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
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will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

God have mercy. *(moment of silent confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: "Will You Come and Follow Me" v.5

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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

HANDBELL ANTHEM "Song of Assurance"

Arnold Sherman

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 5: 21-43 Pew Bible pp.816-817

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “There Was Jesus by the Water” #545
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**There was Jesus by the water speaking to the pressing crowd,
When, behold, there came a ruler from the synagogue, who bowed,
Saying, “Come and heal my daughter, lay your healing hands upon her,
Heal her, please, that she may live.”**

**As the Savior healed another, news was brought that she was dead.
“Do not trouble Jesus further.” Jesus heard the news and said,
“I will come and see your daughter, I will lay my hands upon her,
Do not fear, she yet may live.”**

**Jesus went back with the ruler where they heard the mourners weep.
Jesus said unto the wailers, “Why this tumult—she’s asleep.
I will go unto his daughter, and will lay my hands upon her,
Do not laugh, only believe.”**

**Jesus touched the little daughter, saying “Little girl, arise!”
And she rose to see her father’s and her mother’s stunned surprise.
They then held their little daughter and they laid their hands upon her,
Trusting how he made her live.**

RESPONDING

We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

OFFERTORY “Crusader’s Hymn” Silesian Folk Melody; Arr. Frederick Swann
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving).

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE: #778 New Century Hymnal
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

With God’s blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

* COMMISSIONING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #76 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended,
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God’s realm and to answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fanfare in D" Jaak Nikolaas Lemmens

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