



# Answering the Call

ON MISSION WITH CHRIST

**Online Worship Resource** (Sunday, January 10, 2021)

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Prelude:

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**

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*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and  
Omega;*

*He the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!*

*By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done: heaven and earth  
and depths of ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft  
shining, all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!*

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

## **Call to Worship**

Chuck Hasbrouck, Liturgist

With steadfast love and growing faith,

**We are the people of God.**

With prayers of hope and songs of joy,

**We worship God, the eternal and ever-loving One.**

With thankful hearts and humble prayers,

**We give God glory and praise.**

**United in our call to love and serve God, let us worship!**

### Opening Hymn: "We All Are One in Mission"

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,

Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above

To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name,

Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same.

To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,

So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

## Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

Trusting in God's steadfast love and readiness to forgive, let us confess how it is with us to the one who knows us completely. Let us pray together...

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different and distrust to separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts, we pray, and save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in our common call and mission, that we might serve you and your kingdom with love and joy.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

God is with us, bringing us peace and forgiveness.

**God grants us mercy and new life. Hallelujah! Amen.**

## **Passing the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Children's Time**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

**Gracious God, illumine our minds by the power of your Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your new life. Amen.**

Scripture Reading:                   Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
    until he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
    who gives breath to the people upon it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,<sup>[a]</sup>  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What Is Your Why?

Rev. Michelle Fincher

### **Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders**

Glenn Fahrig, Charles Frempong, and Erika Rissi

Hymn After Sermon: “Here Am I”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### REFRAIN

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

### REFRAIN

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (REFRAIN)

Call to offering (Liturgist)

It is a joy and a privilege to be called God's children and partners in the mission and ministry of God's church. Let us with joy share generously what God has imparted to us. Please join me as we pray together our Prayer of Dedication . . . .

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, uniting us as your Church to follow the way of Jesus in suffering love. Use us and these gifts, we pray, to proclaim your kingdom, to bring healing to the ill, to meet the needs of the poor, and to offer hope to the despondent. We pray in Jesus name.**  
**Amen.**

### **Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

## Benediction

Postlude:

### **We Are God's People**

Brahms

*We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of the Spirit,  
established by the word. Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ  
we stand;*

*O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.*

### Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, guitar,  
David Maley, piano, Chuck Hasbrouck, liturgist, and  
Whitney Roberts, technology team