

Intergenerational Worship Sunday

October 20, 2024

Prelude

***Hymn: Will you come and follow me**

No. 634

1. 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?

2. 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?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. 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?

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.

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship as people connected to other people and to the earth and its creatures.

We need each other to survive and we need each other to thrive.

Sometimes we approach people and ask them to do things. Do we tell them like we're ordering them as those who know better, or do we ask them like we're inviting them to genuinely contribute?

How do we co-operate to create rather than command and control, trusting something wonderful and good will come to be out of our partnership?

How may we image God's creative activity in the world as those created in God's image ourselves?

ALL: As we worship may we open our hearts to God's breathing into us new light and life.

***Hymn: Spirit of gentleness**

No. 399

**Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

1. You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the aeons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **(Refrain)**
2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **(Refrain)**
3. You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **(Refrain)**
4. You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes;
with bold new decisions your people arise. **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you

(Children are invited to join in programming following the Passing of the Peace)

Special Music: Clusters of Crocus/Come to My Garden

Song from "The Secret Garden" by Luca Padovan & Mimi Bessette

Clusters of crocus, purple and gold.

Blankets of pansies, up from the cold.

Lilies and iris, safe from the chill.

Safe in my garden, snowdrops so still.

Come to my garden, nestled in the hill.

There I'll keep you safe beside me.

Come to my garden, rest there in my arms.

There I'll see you safely grown and on your way.

Stay there in my garden where love grows free and wild.

Come to my garden; come, sweet child.

Lift me up

and lead me to the garden

where life begins anew.

Where I'll find you,

and I'll find you love me too.

Lift me up and lead me to the garden

Where love grows deep and true.

*Where I'll tell you, where I'll show you
my new life I will live for you.*

*I shall see you in your garden,
and spring will come and stay.*

Lift me up and lead me to the garden.

Come, sweet day.

*Come to my garden, rest there in my arms.
There I'll see you safely grown and on your way.
I shall see you in my garden
where love grows free and wild.
Come to my garden; come, sweet child.*

Intergenerational Children's Time

*Special Music: Water flowing from the mountains
Water flowing from the mountain.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.*

*Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free.*

*Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water for each one.*

*Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings, and living water brings
The love that makes our spirit grow.*

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1: 1-5, 26-28

Irene Faiz

INTRO: Our scripture reading is taken from the opening chapter of the bible, Genesis 1, verses 1-5 and 26-28. When God speaks creation into being, does God command or does God invite? Listen:

Genesis 1: 1-5, 26-28:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The days continue as the sky, the earth and the water are created, vegetation, plants and fruit trees, the seasons, the stars, the moon and the sun, and then creatures of all kinds in the waters, the skies and the earth, and finally, we come to the 6th day:

26 Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have responsibility over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in God's image,
in the image of God they were created;
male - female God created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and care for it; and have responsibility over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' Amen.

We are listening, O God; **Speak to us!**

Sermon: COMMAND VERSUS INVITATION

Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis

(Silent Meditation)

Special Music: More today than yesterday

I don't remember what day it was

I didn't notice what time it was

All I know is that I fell in love with you

And if all my dreams come true

I'll be spending time with you

Every day's a new day in love with you

With each day comes a new way of loving you

Every time I kiss your lip my mind starts to wander

If all my dreams come true

I'll be spending time with you

Oh, I love you more today than yesterday

But not as much as tomorrow

I love you more today than yesterday

But, darling, not as much as tomorrow

Tomorrow's date means springtime's just a day away

Cupid, we don't need ya now, be on your way

I thank the Lord for love like ours that grows ever stronger

And I always will be true

I know you feel the same way too

Oh, I love you more today than yesterday

But not as much as tomorrow

*I love you more today than yesterday
But only half as much as tomorrow*

*Every day's a new day, every time I love ya
Every way's a new way, every time I love ya
Every day's a new day, every time I kiss ya
Every way's a new way, oh, how I love ya
Every day's a new day, every time I love ya
Every day's a new day, every time I love ya*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: Give me oil in my lamp**

No. 655

1. Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the Servant King;
sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna, let us sing!**

2. Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
keep me praising till the break of day. **(Refrain)**

3. Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
keep me loving till the break of day. **(Refrain)**

4. Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
keep me serving till the break of day. **(Refrain)**

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

Postlude

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***We invite you to join us for coffee hour and light refreshments in our
adjacent hall after the service.***

All are welcome!

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OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH:

**To become the hands, feet, voice and heart of Christ for each other
and in the world.**

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Coming Events

Sunday, October 20

Intergenerational Sunday
EHM Walk to End Homelessness, 2:00pm
after worship (speak to Erin for details)

Monday October 21

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, October 23

"Where Is God in the Face Of Human
Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book of
Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Friday, October 25

Halloween Activity - Youth Group - 7pm-
9pm (see poster for details)

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday
Join us following worship for lunch and a
presentation from our refugee
sponsorship family - the Ahmadis. A
sharing of their story out of Afghanistan

Monday, October 28

Dance Fitness, 10:00am

Tuesday, October 29

Literary Society, "Dazzle Patterns" by
Alison Watt, 7:30pm In Person and Online

Wednesday, October 30

"Where Is God in the Face Of Human
Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book of
Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Sunday, November 3

Communion of Saints Sunday

Monday, November 4

Dance fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, November 6

"Where Is God in the Face Of Human
Suffering & Injustice? The Biblical Book of
Job: A Study" 7:30pm

Friday, November 8

"How well do you know your church
neighbour?" Sharing Circle online event,
2pm. More details forthcoming.



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