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Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 Worship

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Welcome and Announcement

Introit

“Singing Bells” by Eileen Mihm

St. Andrew Bell Choir

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Joanna Harader, Spacious Faith

We come as seekers,
Unsure of what we seek.
We come as followers,
Not understanding the One we follow.
We come to worship,
Even though we don't know how.
Holy One, by your grace,
Meet us where we are.
Meet us here. Meet us now.

*Hymn 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

***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."***
***Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."***
***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.***

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

(*Time for silent reflection*)

Assurance of Grace

How does God deal with us as sinners?
God hates our sin but never stops loving us.
***God's Son, Jesus, sacrificed his life for us
by dying on the cross.***
***He showed his victory over death
by rising from the dead.***
He removed our guilt

and gave us new, unending life with God.

Children of God, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Response: ***“Glory Be To The Father”***

Anthem

“Beautiful Savior” Arranged by Linda Scholes

St. Andrew Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

*Hymn 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.

And wing my words that thy may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

***O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought
and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.***

***O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.***

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

(Jenny Child, Celtic Prayers, 2008)

Lord God, refresh us with living water, Illuminate our path with your light,

Speak to us with the still small voice and calm the storms of our lives with your peace.

Amen.

First Lesson:

Exodus 4:10-17

¹⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” ¹¹ Then the Lord said to him, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” ¹³ But he said, “O my Lord, please send someone else.” ¹⁴ Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, “What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶ He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. ¹⁷ Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs.”

Second Lesson:

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my

home.”⁶² And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Sermon

“No More Excuses”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

(by Lisa Frenz, Mt. Carmel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon)

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify: God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death. God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

Offertory

“Arietta” by Mozart

St. Andrew Bell Choir

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. Amen.

*Hymn 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*“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 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?”*

“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.*

Benediction