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Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 Worship

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Oh, God, deep calls to deep. You call and we yearn to respond.

Open us to the power of your Spirit that it might work through us.

Remind us that before we were even born, you had plans for us.

Remind us that our gifts are sufficient for your plans for us.

It is not our gifts that will fulfill your call on our lives.

It is your grace that allows us to overcome our fears and live fully the life we have been given.

*Hymn 309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

***Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.***

***Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.***

***Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own.***

***Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.***

***Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall***

***Ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds; challenge us
to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.***

***Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;***

***As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.***

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Creator God, creating still, forgive us for letting our self-doubt keep us from being who you created us to be. You have known us longer than even our parents. Forgive us for not trusting you more fully, for not believing you when you call us beloved. Keep the hate and injustice of this day from robbing us of hope. Plant your love deep within us and empower us to live out of that love that we may have the courage to build your kingdom here in this place in this time. Amen

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*Responsive*)

God chooses to listen deeply to us. God plants wholeness within us. God loves us.

This is Good News! God frees us from our self-defeating fears. God sets us free to live with gratitude this beautiful gift of life. Thanks be to God!

Response: ***Gloria Patri***

Special Music

Piano, Don Adkins

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

“*Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*”

*Hymn 757

“*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*”

***Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,***

***To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.***

***God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.***

***But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.***

***Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.***

***For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.***

***May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk
the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.***

***As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.***

Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit in the living of our days. Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O God, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O God, are my hope, my trust, O God from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Second Lesson:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy, for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

(From “A Declaration of Faith”)

God sends us to strive for justice. God has reached out to those who suffer injustice and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry. God is moving toward the time when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We are persuaded God is at work here and now when people deal fairly with each other and labor to change customs and structures that enslave and oppress human beings. We believe God sends us to work with others to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations, to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced, to make the operation of courts and penal institutions more just and humane. We are charged to root out prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions. We are commissioned to stand with women and men of all ages, races, and classes as they struggle for dignity and respect and the chance to exercise power for the common good. We must not countenance in the church and its institutions the inequities we seek to correct in the world. We must be willing to make such amends as we can for centuries of injustice which the church condoned. God sends us to exercise compassion.

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

We hold up our smallness to your greatness, our fear to your love. Our tiny act of giving to your great generosity. Ourselves to you. May you bless our offerings of time, money, strength, community that we dedicate for your use in bringing about your reign here and now. Amen.

*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 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