

Pray for: all impacted by COVID19; loved ones of Don Bottorff; Mike and Rosalie Hames (passing of son, Brad); Terry Bottorff; Gary Knutson; Mindy Dahlhauser; Dean Carden (by-pass surgery); Cooper Corrow and family; Jan Malmstrom (heart); the Stanley family; Trendi Moss; Nikola Jans (baby; heart); Marj Nass; Garry Staley; Tom Rittscher; Marcy Maass; a young stroke victim; Linda (cancer); Dr. Sahai; Hannah Brandt (teen cancer warrior); Bradley (chemo); Jennifer Van Diest; Anita Gaul; Kyzer Stanley; Sherry Lambi; Tim & Caroline Bailey family in Romania

Please keep us updated with your prayer requests—Thanks!

Would I Have Answered When You Called? (verses 1, 4)

Would I have answered when you called, “Come, follow, follow me!”?
Would I at once have left behind both work and family?
Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim
and kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,
nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.
I only pray that when you call, “Come, follow, follow me!” you’ll give me
strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service (verses 1, 4)

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human
need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the
child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we
give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and
live.

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**“If any want to become
my followers, let them
deny themselves and
take up their cross
and follow me.”**

Matthew 16:24, NRSV

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered in the glory of creation to worship God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer!

People: We worship the God Who calls us to Heaven's purposes.

Gathering Hymn #2137 (TFWS) *Would I Have Answered When You Called?* (verses 1, 4)

Community Prayer *(Please pray along in the silence of your hearts)*
Creator of our Emotions and Responses, of our Hopes and Dreams, and of our Faith and Trust; Open our hearts that we would be present to You in our worship this day. You are the One by Whom we are saved. We confess that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. We confess we haven't lived by the call You have given us. We have professed You by mouth, but are more reluctant to live out that profession. You have prompted us by Your Holy Spirit to be disturbed by what we see and hear, but we have found ways to diminish the disturbing effects. You have called us to surrender to You, but we have shied away when we realized the consequences are not in our life plan. You have called us to be ruined for living by the standards of this world, but we don't want to be ruined, for we like many of those standards. Forgive us when we have not denied ourselves, or picked up our crosses, or followed Jesus. Restore us to Your righteousness by the redeeming love of Jesus, for we need the life You give, on this earth and in heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray all this to You, O God, in the name of our Sovereign Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen!

Scripture of God's Providence Psalm 105: 1-6

Children's Time Jennifer Sullivan, Christian Formation Director

Special Musical Offering

Scripture of God's Revealing Claim on Our Lives Matthew 16: 21-26

Sermon *New Terms for Eternal Truth*

The Lord's Prayer *(We will whisper in prayer to God) 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Giving of Ourselves

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Hymn #581 (UMH) *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* (verses 1, 4)

Benediction

Postlude

Lyrics to the hymns are on the back page