

Leader: When Christ's sermons echo true calls to you, will you turn and follow him and never be the same? Will you follow in his company and go where his love and footsteps show? Will you move and live and grow in him?

All: Here I'm listening, speak to your servant.

Leader: Let us hold in prayer our brothers and sisters who have been faced with different challenges in life. Let us pray for those who have been sick on our prayer list. Let us pray for; [the names mentioned].

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us join in 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 and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 212 "Sent out in Jesus Name."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Leader: Go forth, Christ is calling you to discipleship. Go forth, Christ is sending you to the world, go forth, love justice and peace and embrace the change that comes with obedience.

**All: We go forth to God's world as people of God, children of light.
We go forth to shine. Hallelujah!**

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WELCOME

Leader: Come and see the goodness of the Lord in this gathering.

All: We come to this place to hear, and let our hearts and thoughts be stirred and draw near to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us all who are gathered, come rejoicing in raise, love, and wonder.

All: We gather humbly letting the Spirit into our hearts, minds, and thoughts.

Leader: Let us gather with the heeding Spirit to hear the stories of love and hope.

**All: We gather as God's children to listen and respond to his call.
Thanks be to God!**

OPENING PRAYER:

****OPENING HYMN:** VU # 562 "Jesus calls us."

A NEW CREED: VU # 918 [in unison]

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME:

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** MV # 189 "Jesus We are Here."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [in unison]

God, you manifest yourself in various dimensions of our lives. You call us to listen to your voice, to learn to become your people, your church in the world. We ask that you speak to us in this worship service and always, open our ears to hearing the transforming wisdom of your Word so that it may illuminate our lives and give us discernment. Let our speaking, hearing, prayers of our concerns and songs we sing today praise you O Lord. Amen!

In scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1Samuel 3:1-10 & John 1:43-51

REFLECTION: "DO SOMETHING."

****HYMN:** VU # 506 "Take my Life and Let it Be."

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Making a Home for Refugees [video]

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

Friends we are invited to offer our gifts wholeheartedly in response to God's call to generosity.

****OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 191 "What Can I give."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [in unison]

Lord, you call us to come and see our great deeds and your abundance provision. Our spiritual and physical eyes attest to your generosity and for this reason, Lord, help us offer our gifts as a way of inviting others to come and see new possibilities and opportunities for the expansion of your kingdom here and now. Accept our gifts in Jesus' name. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE [Adapted from VU # 567]

Leader: Beloved of God, let us present our prayers to God who calls us to listen and do. The Lord is calling you; Will you come and follow him if he calls your name? Will you go where you don't know?

All: Here I'm listening, speak to your servant.

Leader: The Lord is calling you; will you leave yourself behind if he calls you? will you care for cruel and kind, and will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let God answer prayer in you?

All: Here I'm Listening, speak to your servant.

Leader: The lord is calling you; Will you let the blind see if he calls your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same/ Will you kiss the lepers clean, and do such as unseen and admit to what God meant for you?

All: Here I'm listening, speak to your servant.

Leader: The Lord is calling you; Will you love the 'you' You hide if he calls you? Will you quell the fear inside you? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around you through his sight and touch and sound in you and you in him?

All: Here I'm listening, speak to your servant.