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**January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**REFLECTION**

*"People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another."*

*~The Rev. Dr. Browne Barr*

**PRELUDE**

*Siciliana & Presto (from Organ Concerto Op. 6, No. 5)*

G. F. Handel (1650 – 1759)

arr. Howard D. McKinney

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN No. 726**

*"Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons)*

KELVINGROVE

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.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*In Unison*)

**Gracious God, you have called us to be active as the body of Christ in the world. Keep us fit as a body of faith. We confess we don't always build up the endurance to exercise consistent compassion. Keep us healthy as a body of people striving to faithful living. We confess we don't always remember to nourish ourselves on your Word nor practice the Christly cross training of sacrificial love. Keep us strong as a body seeking to develop in faith. We confess we need reminders to keep building a firm sense of community; to discover the power of gentleness and love. Help us, we pray, to strengthen one another through prayers and deeds of support in times of need. In Jesus' name. AMEN.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God's words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than any foolishness, any mistakes, we commit. This is good news: we are God's people!

**Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Holy Water"*

Ed Cash

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Ephesians 4:11 - 16*

**GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 1:14 - 20*

**SERMON**

*"Geese and the Church"*

Rev. William Schram

**HYMN**

*“Worn”*

Jason Ingram

*Please sing with the cantor on the refrain.*

Let me see redemption win  
Let me know the struggle ends  
That You can mend a heart  
That's frail and torn  
I wanna know a song can rise  
From the ashes of a broken life  
And all that's dead inside can be reborn  
Cause I'm worn

**PRAYER & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Forward Through the Ages”*

arr. Marianne Kim

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**January 2021**

**Rev. William Schram, Moderator**

**BENEDICTION**

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Piercy

Scott Westenberger, ILLUMINATE Worship Leader

Sue Jones & Noel Piercy

Micki Hardenberg, Cantor

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers

**SERMON QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 24th**

1. What groups have you been part of?
2. How has organization helped them work well?
3. When have you experienced the truth of Paul's words: "the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament grows and builds itself up in love?"
4. How do we allow room for the input and gifts of others?
5. Which kind of honking from behind have you shared in - encouragement or negative comments?
6. Have you, in the past, simply waddled as a church member? How will you help the church fly?