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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?