

Flowers are given by Gib and Jeannie Mitchell
in loving memory of their daughter, Karyn K. Humphreys

PRELUDE

Air

J.S. Bach

INVITATION

OPENING HYMN

We Are Called

**Come, live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called, to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice
 We are called to love tenderly
 We are called to serve one another
 To walk humbly with God**

**Come, open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear.
We are called, to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and violence will be no more!**

Refrain

**Sing, sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!**

Refrain

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, we confess that we can be confused and conflicted about how we are to inhabit this world. Our minds excel at talking us out of speaking out or standing up or sticking out our necks. Our experiences and encounters from years gone by have taught us the many ‘dangers, toils, and snares’ of letting our light shine. Other times words have left wounds when we tried prayerfully, lovingly to share Your presence. Yet, You persist and insist on collaborating and calling us to be Your people. Sometimes we grow impatient and wish You would just text us our purpose and passion for the rest of this year. When there are no burning bushes, no angelic announcements, no neon signs; perhaps all we can do is sit in the sacred silence of right now knowing, trusting that You are here with us and You are not finished with us. We open our hearts and whole lives to You now, O God.

Silence

ASSURANCE

CELEBRATION of TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE

SUNG RESPONSE

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

**We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in His presence on holy ground.**

PRAYER of DEDICATION

Like Moses, O God, standing on holy ground, we dedicate our whole lives to You. Like Moses centuries ago, we acknowledge our uncertainty and wish for a five-year plan. We would actually accept a five-week plan at this point, O God. We trust that while we may not know all the twists and turns ahead, the promise of Your presence will guide us as You have in all times and places. Amen.

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-14

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." ¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am."

SERMON

Calling Sermon Series: Showing Up

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

(Men) **I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.**
(All) **I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.**

(Women) **I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

LORD'S PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of Your name echo through the universe; The way of Your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For You reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

You Are Called to Tell the Story

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**You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,
Then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.**

**You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,
Then to move within the circle hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching all with hands of love.**

**You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blessed.
Then to come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest.
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding all with signs of love.**

**May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space
Give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.**

BENEDICTION

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