

September 26, 2021

11 A.M.

Flowers are given by in celebration of **Fred Brockmann's 91st birthday**, from his bride of 69 years, Lee.

PRELUDE

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

INVITATION

OPENING HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.**

**Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort words of vision, words of challenge said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow, ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow, with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

OPENING PRAYER

Persistently pursuing God, there is much in Jonah's story that connects to our story. We often believe that the grass is greener on the other side. We are quick to point out other's biases, but slow to release our own opinions. Honestly, we are uncertain and unclear if we have the courage to go where You are sending us. Help us remember that we don't have to have everything figured out before we take the first faithful step. Help us trust that You go beside, beyond, behind us, and with us always! Help us listen to where You are beckoning us and how we may want to back away or run away from Your call. We pause for this moment to breathe and be in Your presence, O God.

Silence.

CELEBRATION of TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE

SUNG RESPONSE

Send Me, Lord

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**Send me, Lord. Send me, Jesus. Send me, Jesus. Send me, Jesus. Send me, Lord.
Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus. Lead me, Jesus. Lead me, Jesus. Lead me, Lord.
Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus. Fill me, Jesus. Fill me, Jesus. Fill me, Lord.**

DEDICATION

Empowering and encouraging God, You find us where we are and work within us. This week, when are tempted to hold back, reverse course, and resist shining our light, grant us Your grace to be who You formed and fashioned and loved us to be. We dedicate our life, all of it – the rejoicing and reluctant – to You, releasing our plans so that we might make space for Your Sacred stirring. Alleluia and Amen.

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1, *selected verses*

One: Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying,

Many: Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.”

One: But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

Many: But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up.

One: Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his God. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him,

Many: “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your God! Perhaps the God will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”

One: The sailors said to one another,

Many: “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.”

One: So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him,

Many: “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”

One: “I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him,

Many: “What is this that you have done!”

One: For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said,

Many: “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.”

One: Then they cried out to the Lord,

Many: “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.”

One: So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**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.**

LORD'S PRAYER & PASTORAL 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.

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
 The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
 The service is ended, O now be extended
 The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
 The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,
 Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
 To work for God's realm and to answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
 The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,**

**Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With Your grace You feed us, with Your light now lead us,
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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