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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

I thank you with all my heart; I sing your praise before the gods.

I bow down and praise your Name because of your love and faithfulness.

When I called, you answered me – you made me bold and strong of heart.

You will do everything you have promised me. Your love is eternal.

*Gathering Song Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege and give in to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Response: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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**Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!**

*Sharing the Peace

Scripture

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Special Music

Scripture Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. **3** For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, **5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. **6** We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; **7** ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; **8** the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Message Differing gifts: Lessons from Lucy Rev. Edward Dunn

Responding Song I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 700

**I'm gonna live so God can use me I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

Prayers of the People

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.

Receiving our Offering
Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Song Will You Come and Follow Me 726 **"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?"

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.

*Blessing

Postlude

The Lay Reader this week: Jeannie Scott