

**First Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina**

June 11, 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 11, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all smart devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Air on "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Matthew Corl

INTROIT

I Love the Lord

Spiritual

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied ev'ry groan.

Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.

O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Hosea 6:6)**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Return to the One Holy God who calls you to steadfast love.

People: The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.

Leader: Return to the One who heals and binds, revives and raises up.

People: The Lord desires knowledge, not burnt offerings.

Leader: Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life.

***HYMN NO. 13**

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

Kingsfold

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of calling,

you called disciples

and gave them the strength they needed to follow you.

You also called a people

and cared for and nurtured that people

so that they could live life in your abundance.

You also call us,

but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes

and cover our ears,

turning our backs to your will.

Forgive us, O God,

and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need

to follow when you call.

*All who are able, please stand.

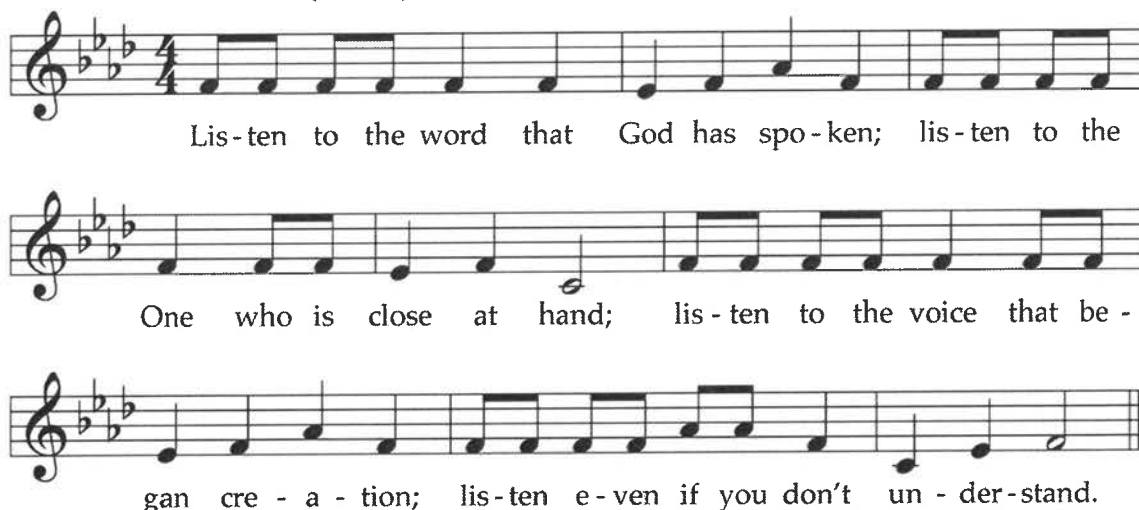
Silent Reflection
Assurance of Forgiveness

***THE PEACE**

Esther Hethcox

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SUNG)

Listen



HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

(Pew Bible, OT page 10)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Bob Breitweiser

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

(Pew Bible, NT page 9)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Reflections of a Pharisee"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 170**

You Walk along Our Shoreline

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith

Esther Hethcox

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Anthem

Over My Head

Spiritual

Dan Huff, tenor

(Refrain) *Over my head, I hear music in the air; there must be a God somewhere.*

Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air; (Refrain)

And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air; (Refrain)

Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air; (Refrain)

**Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; alleluia; alleluia;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Esther Hethcox

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

***HYMN NO. 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

***BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

"Kingsfold" (The Mighty God with Power Speaks)

Aaron David Miller



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code. First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by **Mary-Jo Keenan** and in memory of her parents, **RuthAnne & Edward Keenan**.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. *Before you leave the sanctuary,* please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of today's texts are taken from *Feasting on the Word* (Year A, Volume 2).

About the bulletin cover: *Healing of a Woman with an Issue of Blood*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Retrieved June 6, 2023 from <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57961>.

Our Joys and Concerns

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to *Sarah Wright* on the birth of a granddaughter. *Georgia Margaret Teasley* was born May 30.

Concerns: *Norma King*, mother of Sheila Miglarese, is in hospice care at the Hock Family Pavilion after a stroke.

Bob Breitweiser

Wes Carson

Paul Cornsweet

Susan Cyr

Cathy Guajardo

Kerry Holbrook

Lee House

George Kafula

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Franzi Rokoske

Marie Sappenfield

Carol Wills

Care Communities (Durham)

Atria Southpoint Walk (Assisted Living): *Joe & Carlisle Harvard*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley, Bet Lawson*

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: *Arthur Clark*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Jane Austin, friend of the congregation

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Father of Andres, friend of the congregation

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Pam Hanson, mother of Laura Hanson

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Clem O'Brien, father-in-law of Mindy Douglas

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Alfred Tisdale, husband of Nora Tisdale

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Looking for a place to volunteer?

- **Church Office** (First floor weekday receptionist):

Contact Sarah Wright (swright1951@gmail.com or 919-218-7890).

See opportunities at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca28aafac61-first/1438266#/>

- **Communion servers:**

Contact Mary Ann Compton (maryannmac@bellsouth.net or 919-363-8822).

Sign up for July-December (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion2#/>)

- **Media techs needed:** The audio and video streaming consoles at the back of the sanctuary are operated by volunteers, and we need more. If you're not afraid of technology and are interested, please speak to one of the operators on any Sunday. Middle and high school youth are particularly welcome. Interested persons should send an email to: mediatech@firstpres-durham.org.

Sharing worship flowers following worship

Visiting someone after worship? Please take them a bouquet, courtesy of the FPC Diaconate! About 10 minutes after worship--after you're done shaking the preacher's hand!--please head to the kitchen to pick up a beautiful bouquet of flowers, arranged by the Deacons. Please tell the Deacon arranging the flowers who you are taking them to, so we don't take duplicates. Thank you for spreading the beauty of God's creation--these flowers bring joy to those unable to attend worship, recovering from illnesses, grieving, celebrating or simply in need of the reminder they are loved by their church and God. Please email [Brianna Bennett](#) or [Esther Hethcox](#) with any questions. Thank you!

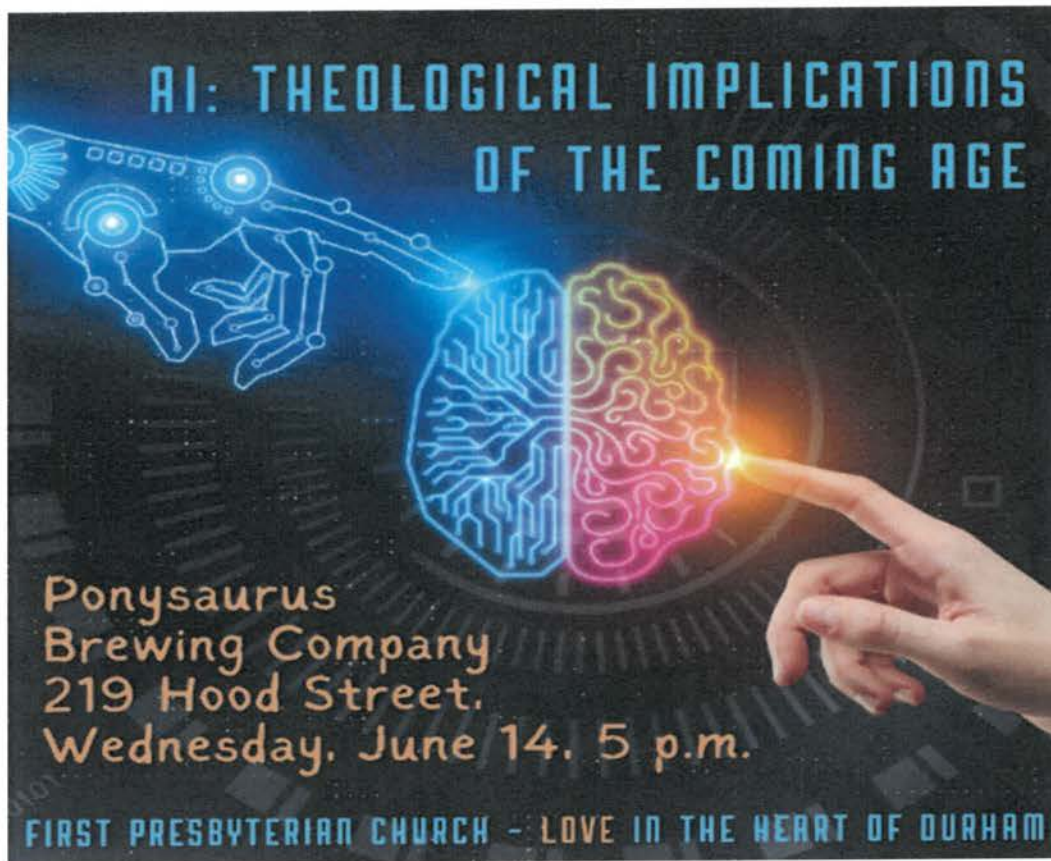
Share your insights with the Thriving Congregations Committee

This campaign is only interested in collecting your perspective and insight. Remaining dates: **June 25** and **July 16**. If you are not able to make one of these remaining dates, please email Jane Brown at janefrancesbrown@gmail.com to let her know. We are going to be scheduling more sessions in the fall and want to gauge interest. It is important that our leaders, staff, and planners hear from our beloved community as they consider our next steps. We will send a short list of questions for reflection to anyone who signs up, and we will also review them at the listening session. Sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-sign>.



THE CURE FOR MEDICAL DEBT

Our first of three campaigns raised \$26,000 and paid off \$5 million in medical debt in Durham and other counties in NC. On May 1, 2023, we launched a second campaign which targets the counties with the greatest number of people of color in their boundaries (including Wake, Guilford, Forsyth, and Mecklenburg). Please share this link with anyone who wants to help eliminate medical debt in NC. <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/building-beloved-community/>



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THEIR MISSION TRIPS**

ASP, June 11-17

Facebook: facebook.com/ASPJohnsonTN
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CROSS, June 18-23

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facebook.com/groups/50604253500
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& @crossmissions

Friends Welcome - Jesus Loves You - All Summer Long

REMEMBERING THE EMANUEL 9
A SERVICE OF
LAMENT and RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY JUNE 15 | 6:30 P.M.


Rev. Robert W. Lee
MINISTER | AUTHOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
CENTER FOR RECONCILIATION
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BLACK CHURCH STUDIES

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SUMMER FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

LAYERS OF TRUTH
*A novel set during the turbulent
1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project*




ROSALIE T. TURNER

**FPC'S
SUMMER
READING**

A NOVEL ABOUT RACIAL EQUITY.
FREEDOM SCHOOLS & THOSE
WHOSE NAMES NEVER MAKE THE
HISTORY BOOKS.

**9:45A, SUNDAYS,
JUNE 18-JULY 30**

AUTHOR ROSALIE TURNER WILL
JOIN US ON JUNE 18.



BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR \$25 (W/A SMALL DONATION TO DURHAM'S FREEDOM SCHOOL INCLUDED).



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13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

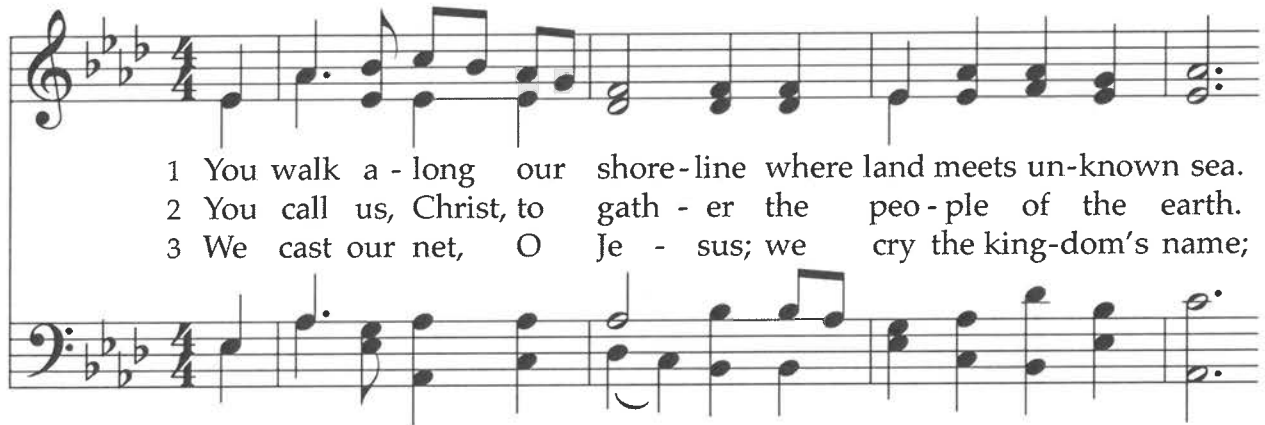
1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

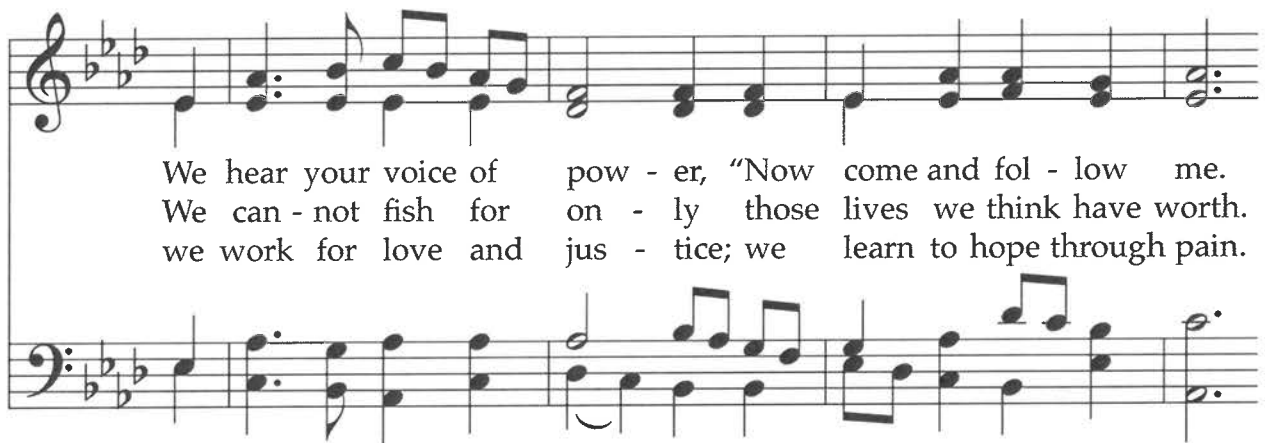
The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

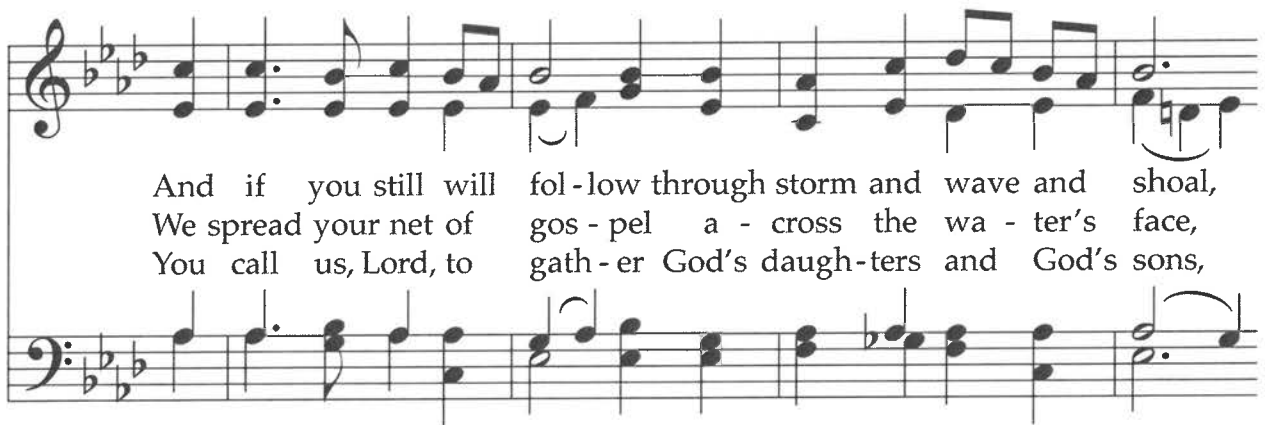
You Walk along Our Shoreline 170



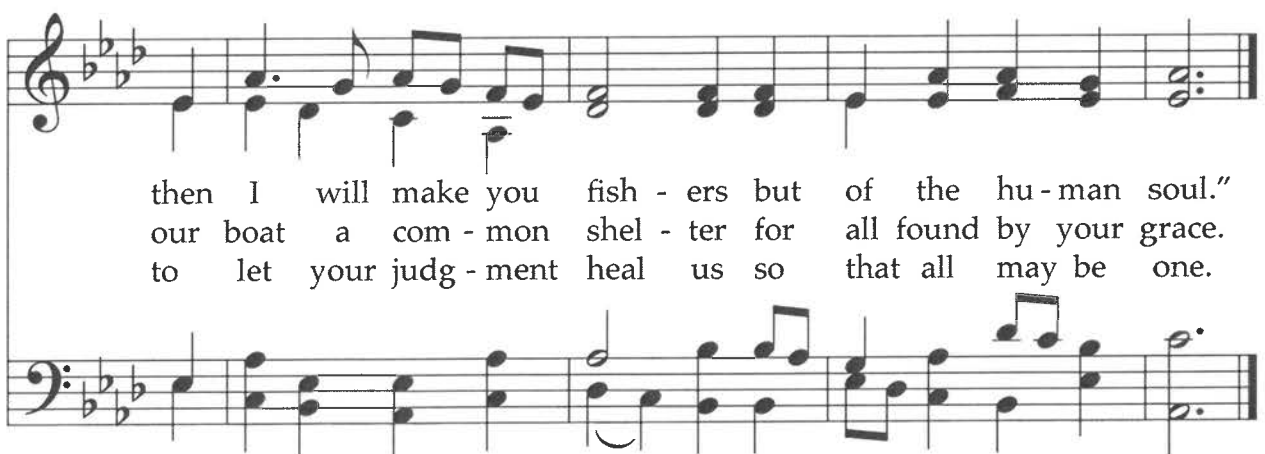
1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.


(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:30 PM Thriving Congregations Committee (Robert Daye Parlor)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (Meet via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, June 12</p> <p>9:00-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <p>6:00 PM Christian Education Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship & the Arts Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 13</p> <p>Newsletter today!</p> <p>7:00 PM Personnel Committee</p>	<p>Wednesday June 14</p> <p>1:00 PM Program Staff</p> <p>5:00 PM Conversation about the theology of Artificial Intelligence (at Ponsysaurus Brewing Co.)</p> <p>The Chancel Choir is on summer break.</p>
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Appalachia Service Project with High School Youth - June 11-17

<p>Thursday, June 15</p> <p>9:00-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <p>3:30-5:30 PM Sankofa Farms CSA project vegetables distribution</p> <p>6:30 PM A Service of Lament and Reconciliation remembering the Emanuel AME 9 (at St. Joseph's AME)</p>	<p>Friday, June 16</p>	<p>Saturday, June 17</p> <p>9:30 AM First Friends Breakfast on the Porch at the home of Andy and Cherrie Henry</p> <p>2:00 PM Queer Gathering at the home of Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield</p>	<p>Sunday, June 18 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation class for children Adult Faith & Community and Lectionary classes</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (Ordination and Installation of Officers)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (Meet via Zoom)</p>
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Appalachia Service Project with High School Youth - June 11-17

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Bowers Heit, Pastoral Associate
Esther Hethcox, Designated Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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