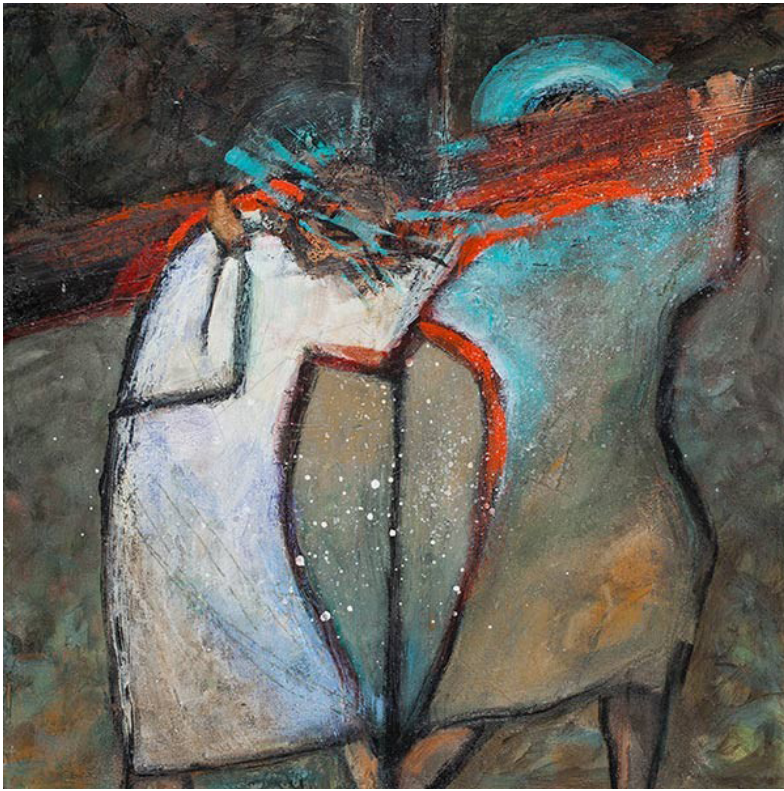




CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
September 6, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

"Give Me Faith"

by Elevation Worship
arr. by Diane M. McGahee
ArrangeMe by Hal Leonard, 2019

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you

****Call to Worship**

L: Come, it is the time for worship —

P: the time we come together in praise and prayer.

L: With joy and with sadness,
carrying all the experiences of life,

P: we come together in praise and prayer.

L: In the middle of everything going on in our lives and in the world,
we pause to be in a place where your glory resides,

All: coming together in praise and prayer.

****Hymn - # 409, v.1 and 4**

"God is Here"

Call to Confession, with Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

L God of mercy,

We confess that, like the disciples before us,

We think human thoughts instead of thinking like you.

L: Grabbing for more than we need,

We doubt your loving care.

L: Shrinking from living as those who would follow you, wherever you would lead us,

We doubt your purposes.

L: Behaving as stumbling blocks in your creation and among your people,

We doubt your loving plan for abundant life for all.

All: Forgive us and re-orient us toward new life in you,

for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

L: Hear this Good News: Jesus said "no" to himself and took up his cross to save us.

Trading in a life of doubt about God's goodness, we receive a life filled with grace and the sure knowledge that we are loved beyond measure. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Trusting in the peace Christ offers, we go forward into new life. Thanks be to God!

****Response - # 582**

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

"Sometimes by Step"

by Rich Mullins and David Strasser

Kid Brothers of St. Franks Publishing and Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing

A solo by Allen Exner

Time for All God's Children

Liz Perraud

****Please note that any children who come forward to the chancel will likely be seen on the worship livestream.***

Children ages preschool—third grade are dismissed to Sunday Experience.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Zoe Kim

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 26:1-8

Liturgist Zoe Kim

Gospel Text for the Day

Matthew 16:21-28

Pastor Janna VanderWoude

Sermon

Saving and Losing

Pastor Janna VanderWoude

Hymn of Response: # 720

Jesus Calls Us

Ordination to the Office of Ruling Elder

See insert

Prayers of the People

EUCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Zoe Kim

Offertory

“Lost and Found”

by Michael Nyman
Chester Music Limited, 1997

We invite you to use the time of the Offertory to reflect and to pray silently, offering thanks for God’s goodness, and commitment of ourselves for declaring that the God who creates also re-creates. making all things new.

****Doxology- #608**

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

****Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Liturgist Zoe Kim

SENDING

Hymn— #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

“Mighty to Save”

by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan
Hillsong Publishing, 2010

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Jen Norton, Station 5: Simon Helps Jesus carry the Cross , 2019, Acrylic on wood

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin.

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to Neil Danzig for providing audio support this week!
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Texts for the Week

Matthew 16:21-28 (CEB)

²¹ From that time [the time that Peter acclaimed Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus said he would build the church and confer powers on it] Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. ²² Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: "God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you." ²³ But he turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. ²⁵ All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. ²⁶ Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? ²⁷ For the Human One is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. ²⁸ I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom."

Questions for Reflection

- What does it mean for me to take up my cross and follow Jesus?
- How do I practice that in my daily life?
- How is the cross I am asked to bear related to the cross of Jesus?

Psalm 26:1-8 (CEB)

Establish justice for me, LORD,
because I have walked with integrity.
I've trusted the LORD without wavering.
² Examine me, LORD; put me to the test!
Purify my mind and my heart.
³ Because your faithful love is right in front of me—
I walk in your truth!
⁴ I don't spend time with people up to no good;
I don't keep company with liars.
⁵ I detest the company of evildoers,
and I don't sit with wicked people.
⁶ I wash my hands—they are innocent!
I walk all around your altar, LORD,
⁷ proclaiming out loud my thanks,
declaring all your wonderful deeds!
⁸ I love the beauty of your house, LORD;
I love the place where your glory resides.

World Communion Sunday is Sunday, October 4!

God so loved the Whole World, and Jesus invites everyone to his table.



The Session invites church members to participate again, as we have in recent years, by providing or baking a variety of ethnic breads to be enjoyed. Recipes are available from numerous traditions or you can contribute a loaf of something you've especially enjoyed! Tasting different breads reminds us that God's love for the world is abundant, going beyond our own experience and imagination .

Electronic sign-up for breadmaking as well as for helping the day of the event will be posted through the church office beginning September 14. Pulpit guest Rev. Amy Schacht will preside at the table.

PICNIC



September 13th
following worship.
Please bring chairs! A
few chairs and tables
will be set up. Please
RSVP and sign up for a
side, salad or dessert
here:



God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

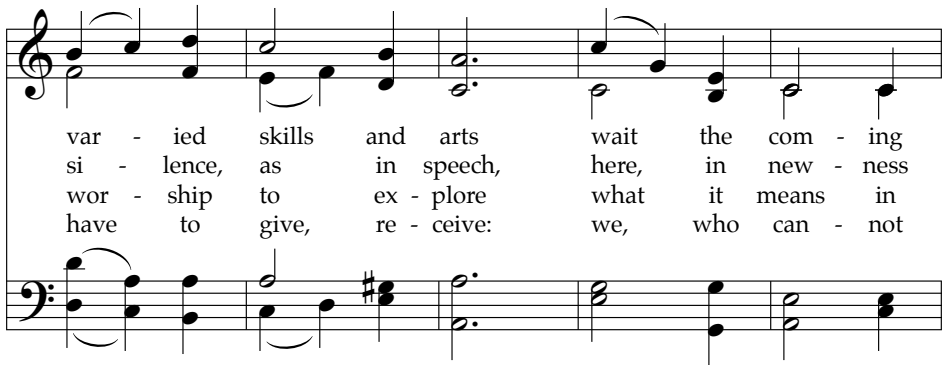
full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

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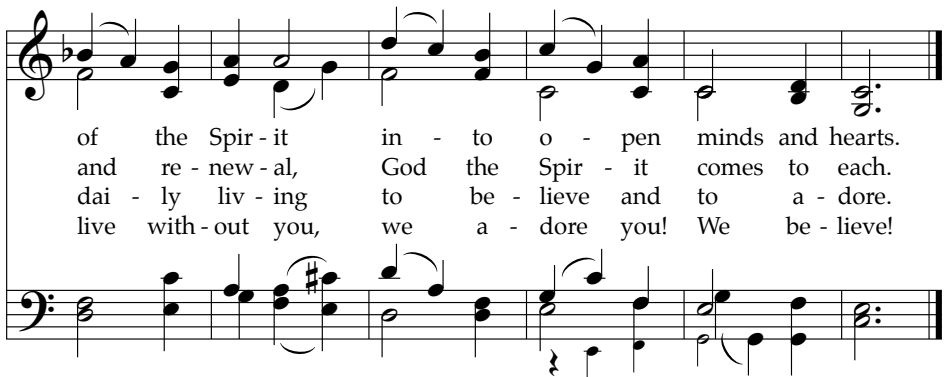
Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



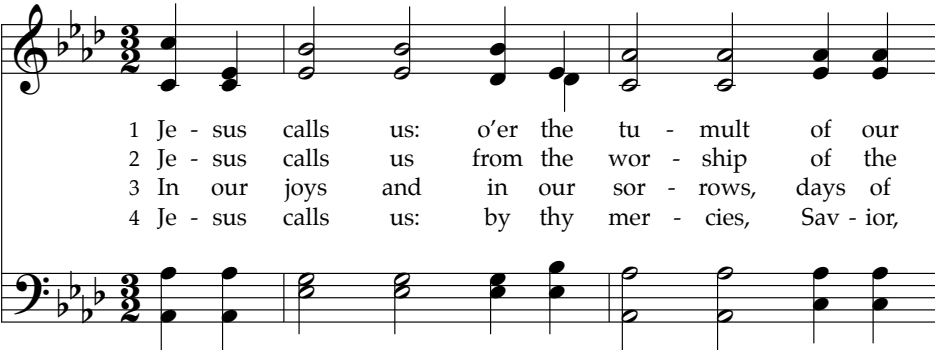
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



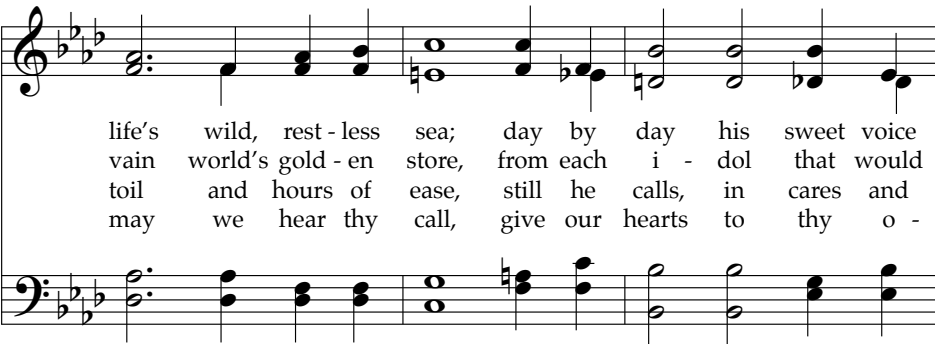
of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Jesus Calls Us

720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

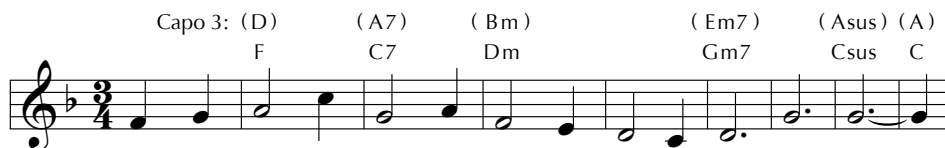


sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

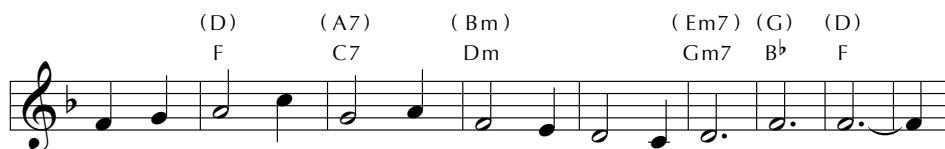
Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

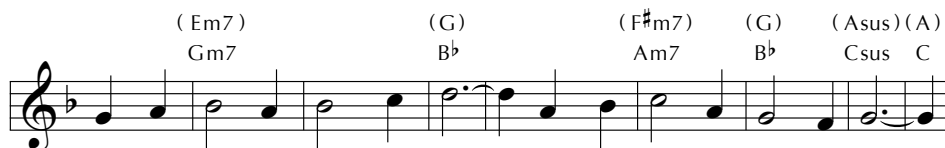
The Summons



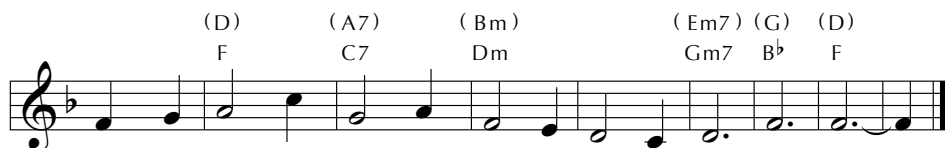
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



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.



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.



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 first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.