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Call to Worship

Jesus says, to the weary

Let them come to me

Jesus says, to our children

Let them come to me

Jesus says, to those living in homelessness

Let them come to me.

Jesus says, to the doubters

Let them come to me.

For he stands at the door and asks, will you let me into your life, heart, mind and soul?

Let Jesus in today.

Let us worship God who always welcomes us home.

Hymn

Call to Confession

Unison Confession (written by Rev. Malcolm Macdougall)

Too often, Lord God,

we are hesitant in our proclamation;

seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.

Too often, Lord God,

we are half-hearted in our service;

reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.

Too often, Lord God,

we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources;

relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.

**Too often, Lord God,
we look to the clouds for our inspiration,
in the vain hope of finding You there.**

**Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith
and open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence
of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Affirmation of Faith (written by Bruce Prewer)

This We Believe (inspired by Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22)

**I believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

**I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations
as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.**

**Because Christ has called me
in this I truly believe.**

Amen.

Passing of the Peace and Connection

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Scripture

Mark 9: 30-37

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Sermon

Pastor Erin

Hymn

Blessing