

**January 18, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**



**Worship Leaders:**

Pastor Brian Entz & Mike Quady

**Music Leader:**

Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text*  
*All are invited to stand when there is an \**

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PRELUDE

Benedictus

Alec Rowley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*Oh, feed me this day, Holy Spirit, with  
the fragrance of the fields and the  
freshness of the oceans which you have  
made, and help me to hear and to hold  
in all dearth those exacting and wonderful  
words of our Lord Christ Jesus, saying:  
Follow me.  
-Mary Oliver*

**GATHERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**from Psalm 40**

I waited patiently for you, O God;

**you stooped to me and heard my cry.**

You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;

**you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

You put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God;

**many shall see, and stand in awe,**

**and put their trust in you.**

Happy are they who trust in you;

**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**#720 Jesus Calls Us**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God. In reliance on God's grace, let us make our confession.

**O Holy Source, merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and cravings of our own hearts. We have not lived into your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and all who confess our faults.**

**Restore all who turn to you, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for Christ's sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

**Alleluia, Amen!**

#### **\*RESPONSE**

**#581 The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,  
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

#### **WORD**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open us, O God, to receive your Word today, that by it we might be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

**2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.

**3** And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

**4** But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God.”

**5** And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

**6** he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

**7** Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

## **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

**1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

**2** To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

**3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**4** I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5** for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— **6** just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— **7** so that you are not

lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8** He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

**#630 Fairest Lord Jesus**

GOSPEL READING

**John 1:29-42**

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM of SAVANNA JENSON

A profession of faith is not a part-time promise;  
it's a whole time / all the time / every time way of  
life,  
and we who say we believe in Jesus Christ  
are saying  
now and tomorrow and forever.

Faith, by Ann Weems

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? *I renounce them.*

Who is your Lord and Savior? *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? *I will, with God's help.*

#### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he  
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the  
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### OFFERTORY

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."  
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#### \*DOXOLOGY

**#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God  
above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of peace, we come before you giving thanks for the gift of this day and for the new life and hope you offer the world. In the face of Jesus Christ and the movement of your Holy Spirit, your wondrous will is revealed.

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For peace in the world, between people and between nations, especially in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine.

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For your beautiful and diverse creation, that humanity may learn to live in harmony with all your creatures, placing care for what you have made above capitalizing from it.

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For people who don't have enough: for those without homes, for those without food and water, for those without access to education and healthcare, for those without loving community and family.

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those in need of healing and those in recovery. Especially...

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those in grief and mourning. Especially...

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those living in fear, anxiety, and stress and their well-being. Especially....

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those seeking justice and an end to violence and oppression. Especially...

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those seeking meaning, truth, and beauty in life. May they find in you the source and summit of all that was, is, and is to come.

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For your Church in all its forms across the world, that we may proclaim your glory and enact your love.

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For all other concerns and needs in our lives and in our world...

Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

## SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN

**#726 Will You Come and Follow Me**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

Douglas Wagner

***Our Mission is:  
Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus***

## WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from The Saint Helena Psalter, © 2004, The Order of Saint Helena.  
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#630 Fairest Lord Jesus, Public domain

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Meeting & Potluck:** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will happen directly after worship on Sunday, January 25th. Please join us for a Sunday Dinner Potluck in the fellowship hall following the annual meeting. Bring a dish to share and enjoy yummy food and great fellowship with other BPC family members and friends. See you there!

**Community Chili & Cornbread Supper:** Another community supper is approaching on January 31st from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in helping with this event.

**Immigration Aid Collection:** There is a bin outside the Fellowship Hall gathering donations of bath & body soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

**Meal Kit Collection:** BPC is now one of the distribution sites for meal kits put together by Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Meal kits include a recipe and shelf-stable ingredients to make the meal. Need a meal? Take a meal. Know someone who needs a meal? Bring them one. The kits are in the hutch near the water fountain and bathrooms.

## UPCOMING THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b> <b>January 18th</b>	9:30am: Worship 10:30 CCC lead by Pastor Brian
<b>Monday</b> <b>January 19th</b>	5:00pm: Deacons Meeting Office closed
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>January 20th</b>	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe 6:30pm: Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>January 21th</b>	7:00pm: Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b> <b>January 22nd</b>	7:30am: People of Faith via Zoom 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group via Zoom
<b>Sunday</b> <b>January 25</b>	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Annual Meeting with Potluck

**How can we pray for you?** Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



**BPC Prayer List:**

- Family of Larry Pattee
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- George Thole
- Mary Gillis, fighting cancer
- Steve Grittman
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Marquietta Shupe
- Arthur James, Tanya's niece's baby
- Diane Ellis
- Family of Don Olsen
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Daniel & Gloria Elliot, Bonnie Morek's brother & sister-in-law
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has a terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jim and Jodi Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, Venezuela, and around the world.  
For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

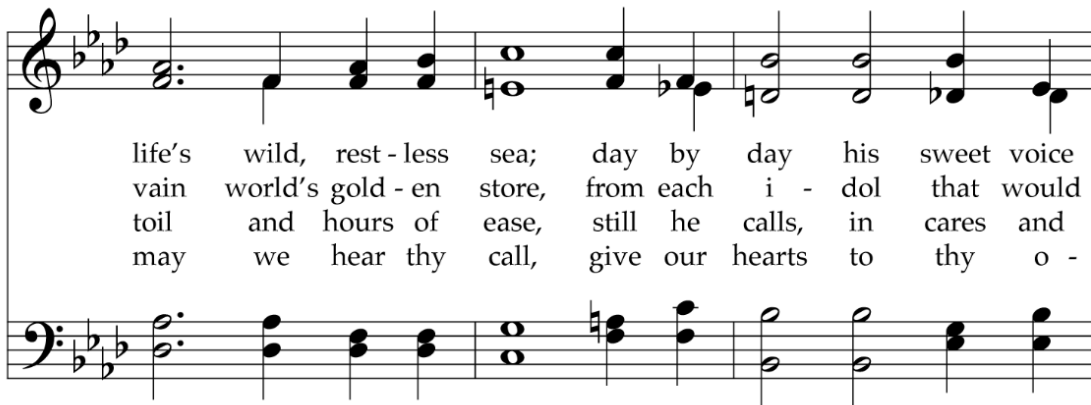


## Jesus Calls Us

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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.

## 630

## Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

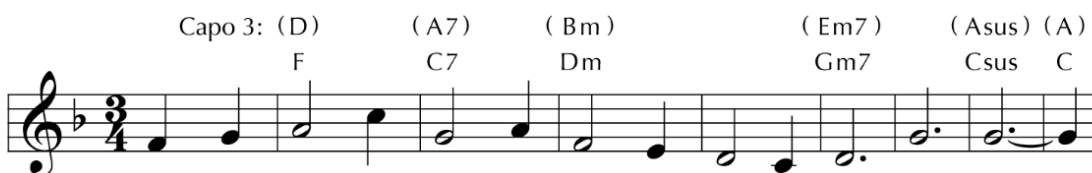
down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

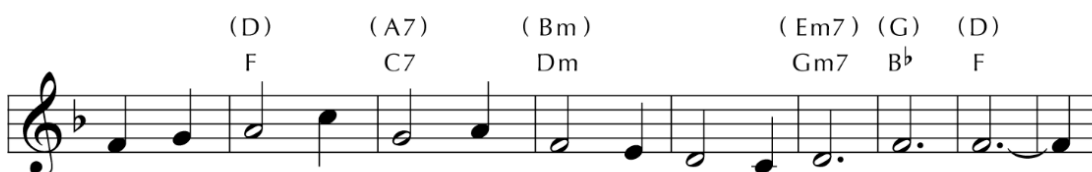
Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

## 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

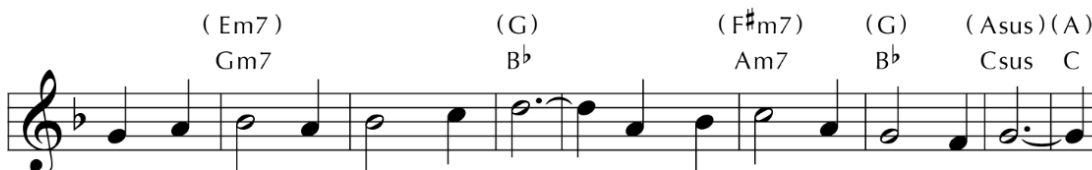
## The Summons



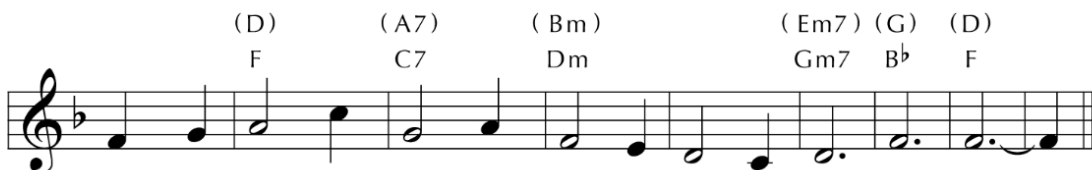
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but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