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Bread, Bath and Beyond
Pentecost Series



"Beyond the Horizon"

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Jojo Gabuya, *Guest Preacher*

INTROIT

“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Christ Jesus,

We hear your invitation: "Follow me."

And we want to follow,

but we also want to stay where we are.

We want to receive what you offer,

but we also want to cling to what we already have.

And so we are stuck.

[*pause*]

Holy One,

Calm our fears.

Forgive our selfishness.

Loosen our grip and liven our feet. Amen.

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OPENING SONG

The Summons

TFWS 2130

1. *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?*
2. *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?*
3. *Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*
4. *Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*
5. *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.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:18 - 22 (NRSV Updated)

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE [VIDEO]

“Would I Have Answered When You Called Me”

SERMON

“Living – Beyond the Horizon”

Rev. Jojo Gabuya, *Guest Preacher*

RESPONSE

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore UMH 344

- 1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.***
- 2. You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.
*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.***
- 3. You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.
*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.***
- 4. You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.
*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.***

PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & RESOLVE *(unison)*

Lord, we hear you call us, and we confess that we duck under the table, hoping you didn't notice. We hear your still small voice, and we confess that we grab our devices, trying to look busy. We sense your paths of righteousness, and we confess that too often we just say, "no." We confess that we forget your call to be your hands and feet in the times and places you give to us. Lord, give us the grace to look to you, lay down our burdens at the cross, and respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening," even now, as we offer our silent prayer of confession.

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SILENCE IS KEPT FOR PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND HOPE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

We respond anew, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We rejoice again, "You have the Words of eternal life." We accept your words, "Your sins are forgiven."

Alleluia! Amen.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*As forgiven people living in the season of Spiritual transformation,
let us share peace with our siblings in the world!*

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP OF CHRIST

OFFERING

THANKSGIVING SONG

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise TFWS 2031

We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

CLOSING SONG

We Are Called TFWS 2172

1. Come! live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters
and brothers united in love!
We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

CLOSING PRAYER *(responsive)*

Lord Jesus,
The one and only Christ,
You called many people
From many walks of life -
To leave their own ways and follow you;
To be your disciples;
And to prize people as something to seek, find and restore.

Lord Jesus,
The one true leader of every church,
We choose to stand as one church - your church -
And to lift our focus from our differences and divides.
We will leave our own ways and follow you together;
Support each other as we seek to be your disciples;
And work together to focus on fishing once more.
For we must act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly together
Before you - and each other.
For the sake of our worship of you,
Our love for each other,
And the future and freedom of all those still living in poverty.

Lord Jesus,
We ask for your Spirit's help with this
For we are quick to focus on ourselves, our labels and our differences
Rather than the same nets in our hands, and the same leader before us.

For we must act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly together
Before you - and each other.
For the sake of our worship of you,
Our love for each other,
And the future and freedom of all those still living in poverty.

Christ have mercy - in your precious name which unites us all. Amen.

(adapt.) The Monthly Prayer Page of the Christian Aid Website

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

Readers: Patty Staggs & Phyllis Elving