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January 25, 2026

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather: "Worship"

James Southbridge

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Welcome

Call to Worship Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: But following Jesus isn't easy.

One: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

All: It will change our whole lives.

One: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

All: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance. AMEN.

Hymn #172....“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! Today we remember that Jesus is calling you! Yes you! Let us go to Christ in prayer!

All: As I gather together with my family in Christ I remember and rejoice that Jesus is calling me! I wonder if I am ready? I wonder

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

172

Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

1. Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu-mult
of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us,
say-ing, "Chris-tian, fol-low me."
2. As of old, Saint An-drew heard it
by the Gal-i-le-an lake,
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred,
leav-ing all for Je-sus' sake.
3. Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship
of the trea-sures we a-dore,
From each i-dol that would keep us,
say-ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sor-rows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Je-sus calls, in cares and plea-sures,
"Chris-tian, love me more than these."
5. Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies,
Sav-ior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your o-be-dience,
serve and love you best of all.

Matt. 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; John 21:15

if there is something I am forgetting? But then Jesus calls my name, (*Say Your Name*)! And suddenly, I snap out of my brain fog and remember that Jesus is calling me! Jesus is calling me! Amen!

Confession Response Hymn #170, Verse 1

**Your ways are not our own,
O gracious God most high,
Yet we would follow in your paths
and on your love rely.**

Assurance of Grace

One: Beloved community, we gather together with bated breath to listen as Jesus calls us!

All: And Jesus said, “ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.” -John 10-27-28

Response to Words of Assurance Hymn #170, v 4

How shall we show your love,

Your pardon to believe?

You bid us share as we are blessed

And give as we receive.

Scriptures

Danny Collier

Reading 1: Isaiah 9:1-4 (page 553)

Reading 2: Matthew 4:12-23 (page 779)

Congregational Response 🎵 (aka prayer for grace)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Moment

Sermon: "Called by Name"

Rev. Becky Sausser

EPIPHANY SEASON

1. You have come down to the lake-shore
seek-ing nei-ther the wise nor the wealth-y,
But on-ly ask-ing for me to fol-low.

Refrain:

O Je-sus, you have looked in-to my eyes;
kind-ly smil-ing, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have a-ban-doned my small boat;
now with you I will seek oth-er seas.

2. You know full well my pos-ses-sions.
Nei-ther trea-sure nor weap-ons for con-quest,
Just these my fish-nets and will for work-ing.

Refrain:

3. You need my hands, my ex-haus-tion,
work-ing love for the rest of the wea-ry—
A love that's will-ing to go on lov-ing.

Refrain:

4. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters;
you, the long-ing of souls that are yearn-ing:
As lov-ing Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain:

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Matt. 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; Luke 5:1–11

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Hymn#173... “ You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

(Note: Ushers will collect “Prayer Cards” during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)

Morning Prayer and 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.

Prayer Response  Hymn #516 Verse 1

O grant us, God, a little space

From daily tasks set free.

We meet within this holy place

And find security.

Chancel Choir “Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My
Name! Arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

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Announcements

Jeff Rissell

Offering

“Christ the Cornerstone” Benton Price

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* Doxology 

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Hymn #502...** “Dear God, Embracing
Humankind”

* Commission and Blessing

* **Threefold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Music to Go Forth

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

502

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt.

1. Dear God, em-brac-ing hu-man-kind,
for-give our fool-ish ways;
Re-clothe us in our right-ful mind,
in pur-er lives your ser-vice find,
in deep-er rev-erence, praise.
2. In sim-ple trust like theirs who heard,
be-side the Syr-ian sea,
The gra-cious call-ing of your word,
let us, like them, by spir-it stirred,
rise up and fol-lowers be.
3. O sab-bath rest by Gal-i-lee!
O calm of hills a-bove!
There Je-sus met you prayer-ful-ly:
the si-lence of e-ter-ni-ty,
in-ter-pret-ed by love.
4. Drop your still dews of qui-et-ness,
till all our striv-ings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our or-dered lives con-fess
the beau-ty of your peace.

"Praise Be to God"

Matt Powers

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front pew, and at the rear of the sanctuary.

Follow **EXIT** signs

**No matter who you are or where you are on
life's journey, you're welcome here.**

God is still speaking, ...

Serving St. John's...

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor

Lois Mease... Music Director and Organist

April Riddick.....Custodian

Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton

And too many volunteers to list!

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