



Plymouth  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

CALLED TO  
**GROW**  
IN SERVICE OF ALL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

# Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

October 17, 2021 - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

*When you see an \* and if you can do so comfortably, please stand.*

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## Greetings

## Prelude

### **\*Call to Worship** *(Join in reading)*

Leader: Open our hearts and minds, O God,

**People: that we may know you are calling us by name;**

Leader: calling us to serve,

**People: calling us to share,**

Leader: calling us to praise.

**All: Move among us, loving God,  
as we give you thanks and praise!**

### **\*Hymn**

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

*(See next page)*

### **\*Prayer of Invocation** *(Join in reading)*

**God of Love, you bring life and hope to the neighborhood  
and deep gratitude to all our living.**

**Give us a wider vision of the world;**

**give us a broader view of justice;**

**give us dreams of peace**

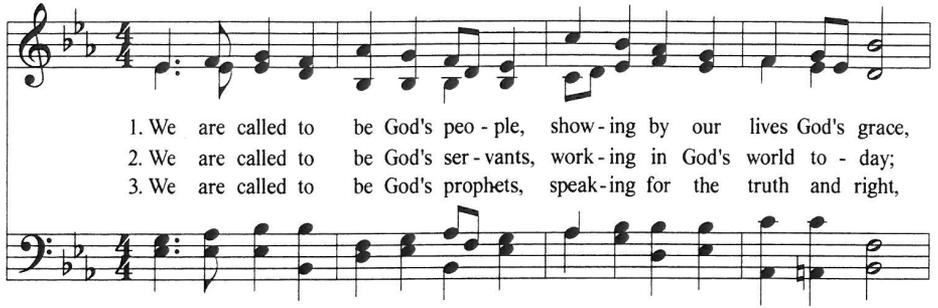
**that are bigger than the world’s structures and systems.**

**Call us to serve, O God, and stir up within us the courage to answer.**

**In the strength of your Spirit and in the name of Christ we pray.**

**Amen.**

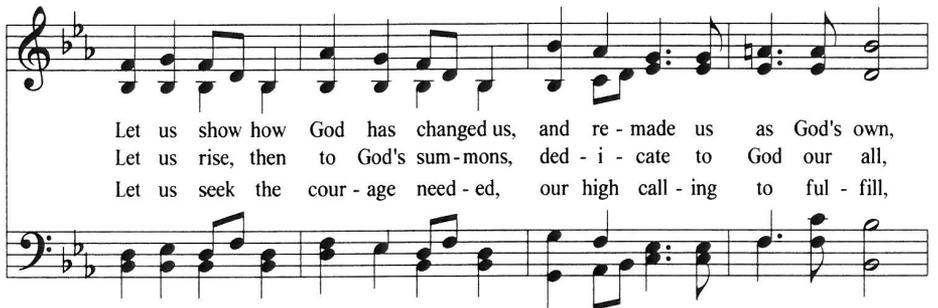
# We Are Called to Be God's People



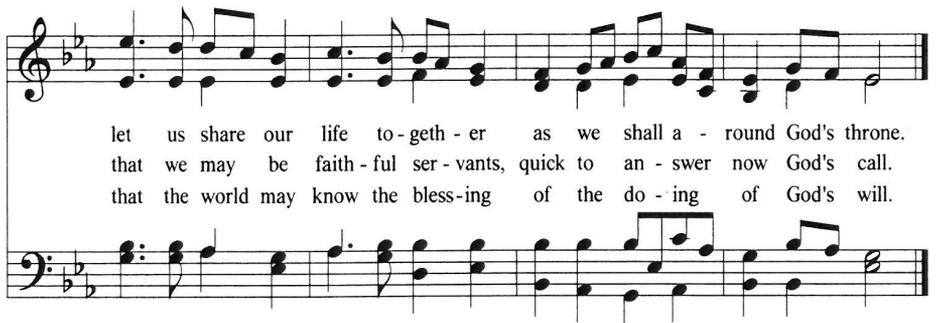
1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our lives God's grace,  
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in God's world to - day;  
3. We are called to be God's prophets, speak - ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.  
tak - ing God's own task up - on us, all God's sa - cred words o - bey.  
stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring - ing e - vil things to light.



Let us show how God has changed us, and re - made us as God's own,  
Let us rise, then to God's sum - mons, ded - i - cate to God our all,  
Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,



let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round God's throne.  
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now God's call.  
that the world may know the bless - ing of the do - ing of God's will.

**\*Gloria** *(Join in singing)*

**Glory to the Creator,  
and the Christ and the Spirit so near,  
as it was from the start,  
so it shall be forever, one God, always here.** *(Repeat once)*

**Children's Choir Anthem**

Cherub Choir

"This Little Light of Mine"

Traditional

Paula Aiken, director; Merilee Dymacek, accompanist

**Children's Celebration**

Kathy Bowen

**Anthem**

Chancel Choir

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Tom Trenney

**Scripture Reading**

I Samuel 3:1-21

Pew Bible HB p. 247

**Word through Music**

Gathering of Grace Band

"How Great Thou Art"

Traditional

**Sermon**

"Called to Grow: In Service of All"

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

Gathering of Grace Band

"Love and Mercy"

Brian Wilson

**\*Doxology** *(Join in singing)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, you heavenly host;  
praise God, and Christ and Holy Ghost.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Plymouth Covenant** *(Join in reading)*

**In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all.  
We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God's ways,  
made known or to be made known to us;  
to love one another; to proclaim the Gospel to all the world;  
to work and pray for the progress of knowledge,  
the promotion of justice, the reign of peace,  
and the realization of our shared humanity.  
And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness  
and the gift of life eternal. Amen.**

**Moment for Mission**

Annual Appeal 2022

**Call to Prayer** *(When prompted, read bold text and join in singing.)*

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: and also with you.**

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

## Lord's Prayer *(Join in reading)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

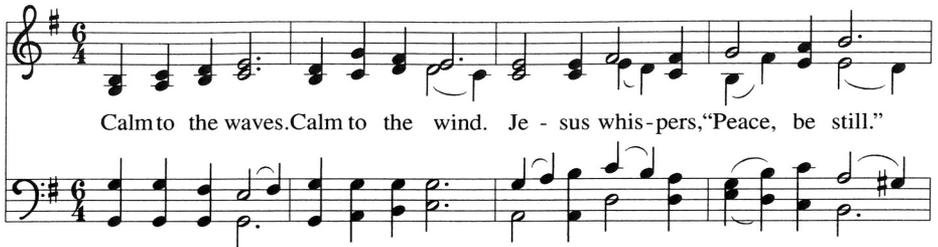
**Give us this day our daily bread**

**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.**

## Response to Prayer



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## \*Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep-est sin      My hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them,      They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them,      My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,      I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone,      Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide      Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them?      Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak My word to them.      Whom shall I send?  
 I will give My life to them.      Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*  
*Unison*

Here I am, Lord.      Is it I, Lord?      I have

heard You call - ing in the night      I will

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## \*Benediction

**Congregational Response** (people seated and singing)

**God be with you till we meet again.**

**Loving counsels guide, uphold you,**

**With a Shepherd's care enfold you:**

**God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

## Plymouth Chimes

### Postlude

"Jesus Loves Me"

Ian Wei

# Participants in the Service

## **Preaching this morning**

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

## **Liturgist**

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

## **Minister of Music & Fine Arts**

Kim Manz

## **Children's Message Leader**

Kathy Bowen

## **Piano**

Linda Mannering

## **Gathering of Grace Band**

Pam Gibbs

Arthur Dodge

Tom Holland

Kenny Pingleton

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## **Cameras and Video Broadcast**

Jeremy Winfrey

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