



Summer Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026 | 10:30am

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning.
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Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

New Hymns from Voices Together

Ring of the Trinity

Luke Dowding

We Gather in the presence of God - Creator, Christ, and Spirit

Welcome

Paula Zanello Antunes

If joining on Facebook Live or YouTube we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Gathering Song

God Welcomes All

399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a clear melody and harmonic accompaniment.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008
MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008
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THEMBA AMEN
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Childcare is provided at this time - Godly Play resumes September 8

***Summoning Prayer**

Words in third stanza are from Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

Gather us in... from homes and from cottages, from work and from play, that we might rest in the company of friends.

Gather us in... from sandy beaches and waterfront boardwalks, from peaceful porches and tourist-filled sidewalks, that we might celebrate life as the people of Jesus.

Gather us in... to remember good news: that sometimes faith is the blunt refusal to stop speaking into the Divine silence; that stopping and paying attention might be the antidote that we need.

As we rest and celebrate, may we discover wonder in creation, humility in our knowing, and joy in the gift of being alive. Amen.

*** Hymn (next page)**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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Summer Reading from Job 38-42

Through the summer, we will read the closing chapters in the book of Job. These chapters depict Job waking-up to the world around him as God presents Job a new and more expansive vision of God, humanity, and Creation. God speaks not with answers or explanations, but with invitations to notice: notice the dawn, notice the rain, notice the stars, notice the ostrich, notice Leviathan. What emerges is not a solution to suffering, but a re-enchantment of the world.

Job 41:26-34

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- ^{41:26} Though the sword reaches it, it does not avail,
nor does the spear, the dart, or the javelin.
²⁷ It counts iron as straw
and bronze as rotten wood.
²⁸ The arrow cannot make it flee;
slingstones, for it, are turned to chaff.
²⁹ Clubs are counted as chaff;
it laughs at the rattle of javelins.
³⁰ Its underparts are like sharp potsherds;
it spreads itself like a threshing sledge on the mire.
³¹ It makes the deep boil like a pot;
it makes the sea like a pot of ointment.
³² It leaves a shining wake behind it;
one would think the deep to be white-haired.
³³ On earth it has no equal,
a creature without fear.
³⁴ It surveys everything that is lofty;
it is king over all that are proud.”

*Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

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Gospel Parable: Luke 18:1-8

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- ^{18:1} Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to

him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Humanity comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection: Summer Practices Series

The Practice of Feeling Pain

Luke Dowding

Prayers of the People

Peter Boudreau

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

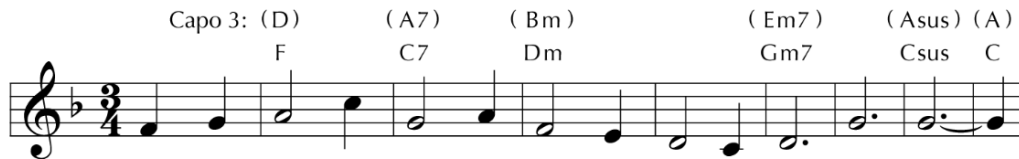
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

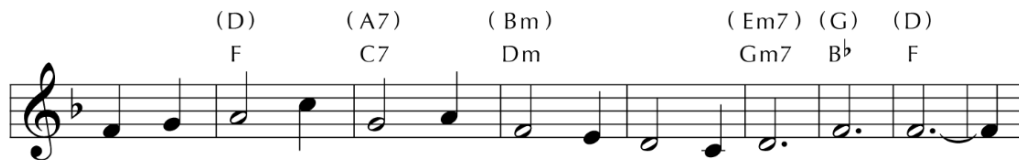
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726 Will You Come and Follow Me

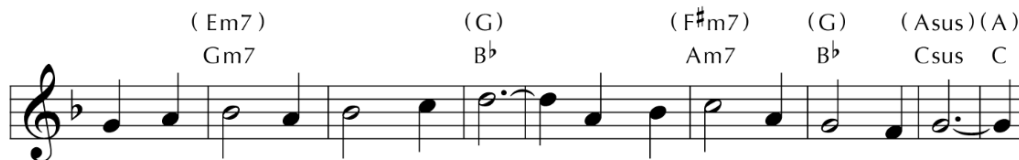
The Summons



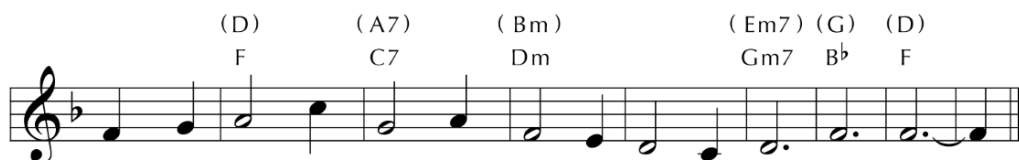
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but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

Benediction

Luke Dowding

Sending Song

841 As You Go Out from Here

SENDING SONG Irregular
Capo 3: (D) (D/F#) (G)
F F/A Bb

As you go out from here, may the Lord go
with you. The face of God shine on you ev - 'ry day.
We are sent by God wher - ev - er we are liv - ing,
salt and light as peo-ple of the Way.

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A)
F F/A Bb C

(D) (D/F#) (G) (D)
F F/A Bb F

(Em) (D) (A7) (G/D) (D)
Gm F C7 Bb/F F

Text: Bryan Moyer Suderman (Canada), 2001
Music: Bryan Moyer Suderman, 2001; acc. Charlene Nafziger (Canada)
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Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Piano

What a Friend We Have in Jesus - arr. Schrader

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Sunday Worship

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