

August 30, 2020
13th Sunday After Pentecost
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be ... generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin ... Reconciling God,
We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God ... through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE AND CHOIR ANTHEM

Exodus 3:1-15

Chancel Choir Anthem: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*; trad.

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

HYMN

"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?"

"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 pray'r
in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners 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?

"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?"

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *remaining in place, turn and offer a word or bow of peace to your neighbor*

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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