



# Confirmation

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## GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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**PRELUDE . . . “Hallelujah” vs. 2,5**

**WELCOME**

**SINGING BOWL**

**INVOCATION**

*P: God of abundant love, pour your love and your Spirit upon us, that we may recognize our abundance and give our love and our lives completely and freely to you.*

**All: In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God is our refuge and stronghold.

**All: We will place our trust in God.**

L: God’s faithful love protects us.

**All: We will not be afraid.**

L: When times are troubling,

**All: God will be with us.**

L: When we cry out,

**All: God will answer us.**

L: Through the years of our lives,

**All: God is with us.**

L: We look to the future with hope,

**All: for God is our solid foundation.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism.

*P: In the baptismal water we have traveled with Christ from death to life.*

**All: Our past, our brokenness, our mistakes, our despair are drowned and gone here.**

*P: Our fears, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our discouragement are washed away by grace and hope.*

**All: Our pride, our pretense, and other people's opinions of us no longer define us.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so that we may receive and bring God's love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.*

**All: We rejoice that God has claimed us as beloved in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy and gift of grace alone.**

*P: As we begin worship we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. And all God's people said:*

**All: Amen.**

### LITANY OF CALLING . . . by Joanie Thurman Williams

L: Gentle and patient,

**All: God, you are calling.**

L: Careful and persistent,

**All: God, you are calling.**

L: In grieving and in praise, through dawn and midday,

**All: God, you are calling.**

L: Unexpected and planned,

**All: God, you are calling.**

L: In a still small voice and in power,

**All: God, you are calling.**

L: Spontaneous and prepared, willing or protected,

**All: God, you are calling.**

L: Our God is eager to share with us wherever we are in our journey. May we be diligent to listen.

**All: God, you are calling.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Creating God, Giver of life and love, open our hearts to your loving call,

**All: that we may hear your voice and rise to follow you.**

L: We give you thanks for the gift of life,

**All: and pledge to live this gift with love and gratitude.**

L: Guide us, Holy One, to respond to those in need: the widows and the orphans,

**All: the tired and the weary, the lost and the lonely.**

L: We pray in the name of Christ,

**All: who taught us how to love. Amen.**

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### **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**

Reader: You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. And now may we open our ears to your continually unfolding Word. You speak to us in new and vital and imperative ways.

**All: With all the power you have given us, let us be silent and open to listening... for nourishment, comfort, for challenge and new focus. Amen.**

Reader: Today's reading is from the book of Hebrews, chapter ten, beginning with the eleventh verse.

## **READING . . . *Hebrews 10:11-25***

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”  
Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**STATEMENTS OF FAITH . . .** *Annelise Miedema & Marielle Miedema*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

L: When the Spirit flows through us, we are people of honesty and justice.

**All: When Christ works within us, we are disciples of mercy and compassion. Let us be agents of God's overflowing grace as we collect today's offering.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit,

**All: and bless the gifts we return to you now.**

L: May they be as soothing ointment

**All: for a hurting and broken world.**

L: Bless the gifts of our lives,

**All: and inspire us as we share generously and give abundantly, the bounty we have received.**

L: In faithfulness and gratitude, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

L: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation we choose:

**All: Our Father 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.**

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**COMMISSIONING**

*P: With hearts renewed and spirits filled to overflowing with the love of God, our Creator, go from this place to follow Jesus, who taught us how to love.*

**All: We will listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

*P: Hear the word, do the word, and live the word.*

**All: We go in peace. Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE . . . “Will You Come and Follow Me” vs. 1,5**

**SINGING BOWL**

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