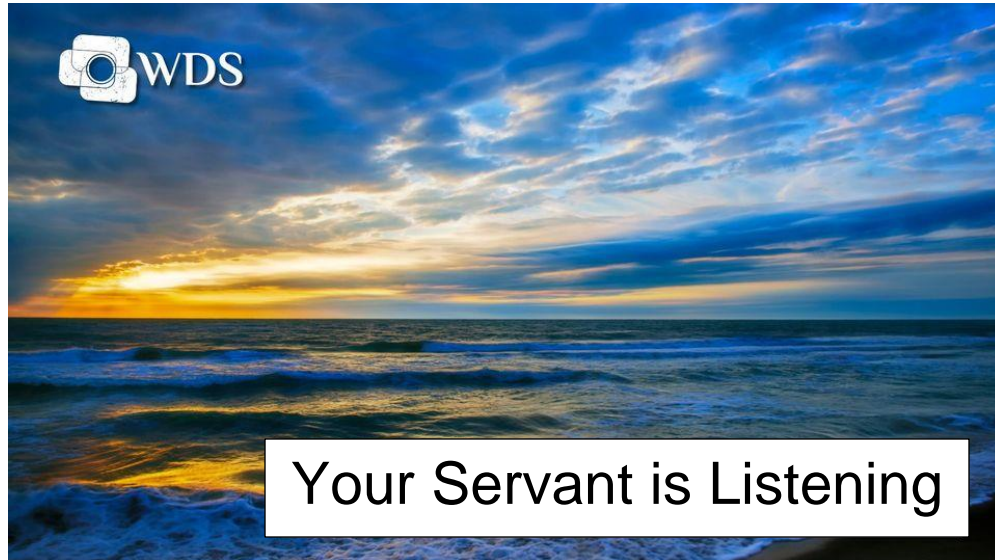


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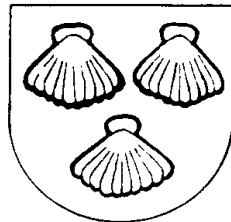
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“Becoming People of God: Your Servant is Listening”

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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me; Father We Praise You” settings by John Behnke

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

“All Who Hunger” (vs. 1 & 3)

TFWS 2126

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread,
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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Call to Worship

Mary Ann Espenshade

The one who calls us together this day yearns for each of us and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Opening Prayer

Mary Anne Espenshade

**God Beyond our Knowing and yet right here in our midst,
grow us beyond our narrow beliefs into your expansive vision for our future.
Guide us, Holy Spirit, Nudge us, Teacher Jesus. Love us, Holy One. Amen.**

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care.

We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will.

We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves.

Give us ears to hear your wisdom.

**Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Response: Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace of Christ

*Opening Hymn

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH 454

1. Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free

Chorus
Silently now I wait for thee
Ready my God thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me Spirit divine

2. Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear

Chorus
Silently now I wait for thee
Ready my God thy will to see
Open my ears illumine me Spirit divine

3. Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share

Chorus
Silently now I wait for thee
Ready my God thy will to see
Open my heart illumine me Spirit divine

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Children’s Moment

Edie Candee

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) John 1:43-51 (CEB)

Mary Anne Espenshade

Hymn

“Christ Beside Me”

TFWS 2166

1. Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me, never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.

3 Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

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Message

“Becoming People of God: Your Servant is Listening”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Response to the Word

God calls us this day:

**by touching our minds with wisdom and truth,
by healing our hearts with love and joy,
by blessing our bodies with vitality and strength,
by reviving our souls with fullness of grace.**

With every fiber of your being, offer your reply:

“Here I am, for you called me.

Response: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God All creatures here below

Alleluia alleluia

Praise God the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts

Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH 399

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

2. Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose

3. Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

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Benediction

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Wherever you go, speak words of love and grace to everyone you meet.

We will speak words of hope and faith to gladden the heart and strengthen the spirit.

As those who are called by the living God, invite others to hear Christ's call in their lives.

We will remind all God's children that God is speaking still.

Let us go into the mission field+

And all God's people said, "Amen!"

Postlude

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" setting by John Behnke

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Questions for Reflection

Where, in what place, and through what person or persons do you hear the call of the Lord?
Consider it each day this week. Who has awakened in you a new prayer, a hope, an insight?
Give thanks for those persons and moments as signs of God's love for you.

Household Prayer: Morning

As I rise this day, O God, I give you thanks for breath and life,
for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends,
and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity.

Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings
and show me sides of life that I have not known or do not welcome.

Urge me to follow you today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As the evening comes and the time for rest draws near, O God,
I give you thanks for another full and mystifying day.

I have not done everything I had hoped to do. I have not forgiven myself or others as I ought.

I ask now that you, who know me through and through,
will lead me to let go of what I cannot change and seek anew tomorrow for a more enlightened path.

I long for your guidance and your care.

Guard my sleep, and let me rise renewed; in Jesus' name. Amen.

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