**POSTLUDE & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING** **Mr. Kevin Crone & Acolyte**

**SENDING WORDS**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***All people:*** ***Lord, let us turn and follow you and never be the same.***

## The Summons

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 love 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 prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoner 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 you love and footsteps show.
Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

July 19, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost
***Never Be the Same – Answering the Summons of Christ***

**PREWORSHIP MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE & CANDLELIGHTING** **Mr. Kevin Crone & Acolyte**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ calls us to trust God's work, even when we cannot yet see the harvest.

**Congregation:** **We will follow Christ when and where he summons.**

Leader: The world is filled with both beauty and brokenness.

**Congregation:** **Yet God continues to nurture life, hope, and faith.**

Leader: When we are tempted to judge, Christ calls us to love.

**Congregation:** **When we are tempted to fear, Christ calls us to trust.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose mercy is patient, whose justice is sure, and whose love never fails.

***All people:*** ***Let us worship God!***

**HYMN** ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** **Bulletin Insert**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: The God who calls us is also the God who forgives us. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***All people:*** ***Patient and loving God, you know our hearts. We confess that we often grow impatient with ourselves, with others, and even with you. When life feels unfair, we long for quick answers. When we see injustice, we want immediate solutions. When people disappoint us, we are tempted to judge before we understand. Forgive us when we forget that your wisdom is greater than our own. Teach us to live with patience, to love with compassion, and to trust that your justice will come in your perfect time. Shape us into faithful disciples who bear witness to your kingdom through***

***kindness, mercy, and steadfast hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Hear the good news. The One who calls us also forgives us. Christ does not call perfect people; Christ calls willing hearts. Again and again, God meets us with mercy, renews us with grace, and invites us to keep following. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

***All:*** ***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**PRAISE HYMN** ***Halle-Halle-Halleluja*** **Blue Hymnal #41**

**JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"**

**HYMN** ***You are the Seed*** **Bulletin Insert**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

***All people:*** ***Living God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, quiet every voice that distracts us. Open our ears to hear Christ's teaching. Open our minds to understand your wisdom. Open our hearts to trust your promises. May your Spirit strengthen us to live faithfully as citizens of your kingdom, bearing witness to your love until the day of your harvest. Amen.***

**GOSPEL READING** **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**SERMON** ***When to Weed*** **Mrs. Vicki Donbaugh**

**PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***All people*:** ***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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**SPECIAL MUSIC** **Summer Choir**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist: The Psalmist asks, "What shall I return to the Lord for all God's goodness to me?" As God has been faithful in providing for us, we now offer our gifts with thankful hearts, trusting that God continues to bring life, hope, and blessing through even the smallest acts of faithfulness. Let us stand in body and/or spirit and offer what we give with a song and prayer.

**DOXOLOGY** ***Praise God*** **Blue Hymnal #46**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***All people:*** ***Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use all that we offer this day to bring hope where there is despair, peace where there is conflict, healing where there is hurt, and love where it is needed most. May these gifts help your kingdom continue to grow until all creation rejoices in your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**HYMN** ***The Summons*** **Inside Bulletin, last page**

**COMMENDATION**

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all God's goodness to us?
**Congregation:** **We will return lives of faithful trust.**
Leader: Jesus asks: Will you come and follow me?
**Congregation:** **With God's help, we will.**
Leader: Will you receive God's Word with open hearts?
**Congregation:** **With God's help, we will.**
Leader: Will you nurture the Kingdom seeds of love, mercy, and trust.
**Congregation:** **With God's help, we will.**
Leader: Will you answer Christ's summons through worship, service, generosity, and love?
**Congregation:** **With God's help, we will.**

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: As you leave this place, remember that Christ has called you. Go into the world with compassionate hearts, With courageous faith, With hands ready to serve, And with hope that trusts God's promises. Don't be discouraged by what you cannot yet see. The Lord of the harvest is faithful.

***All people:*** ***Amen.***