# St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Worship Leader: Rev. Beryl Orok

"In person" worship has resumed!
Please join us for worship Sunday morning at 10:30 AM!!"

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

1. ANNFEST: Celebrating the life of Ann Savage.

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on Saturday, August 21st at The Cove in Westport to celebrate the life of Ann Savage in a way that truly honours her wishes: with live music, fond remembrances, food & drink, and lots of laughter. The stage will be set up on the lawn of the Cove, and the band, led by Tom Savage (and including musicians Bonz Bowering, Mike Corrigan, Richard Piche, Benji Savage, Tony Silvestri, Kevin Bowers, and Kevin Davidson. Geoff Chown providing the sound.) will get the tunes rolling at 2 PM. We look forward to having some Westport musicians drop by to play songs throughout the afternoon, as well as a few folks getting up to share stories about Ann. [Please send us a message if you want to play a song or say a few words, and we will work to include you in the day's events]. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs, blankets to sit on (there will be some picnic tables as well). We want a festival-type party atmosphere. We will be offering complimentary pulled pork (and veggie alternative) plus salads, so bring your appetite *Please share* and spread the word to those who loved Ann. It will be great to see vou all there!

For more details go to:

https://www.facebook.com/events/984582478983511

2. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) – Summer Service 2021
Because we could not have our usual service in March, our committee has organized an outdoor service in Stewart Park on Aug. 22 at 2:00 pm. The program this year was written by the women of Vanuatu. The title:" Build on a Strong Foundation".

# 3. Preaching Schedule for August

August 15<sup>th</sup> Rev. John McIntyre

## <u>Call to Worship</u> (Exodus 3, 15:1,2,11)

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted.

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise Him; my father's God and I will exalt Him.

Who among the gods is like You Lord?

Who is like you –majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"

This place where we gather today is holy ground.

It is the place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord and hear His word and repeat stories of faith that inspire us.

This is holy ground. Come let us worship the Lord together. **Amen.** 

## **Prayer of Invocation**

God of many surprises, You have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we expect You least; in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock trough, in a stable full of animals and on a wooden cross.

You have a habit of turning our lives upside down with Your radical love.

Help us to fully embrace all You bring into our lives and to recognize when it is You who are calling us to listen, to take off our sandals and stand on holy ground in Your presence.

Help us to recognize You in the surprises You bring our way and with joy to embrace the challenges You set before us, in order that we might be transformed by Your all encompassing grace and mercy. Even today may we be open to Your Holy Spirit as You meet with us in this time of worship as Your church. **Amen.** 

# Hymn: "Be still for the presence of the Lord"

(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics are on the screen.) <a href="https://youtu.be/ZugvUQ4m90U">https://youtu.be/ZugvUQ4m90U</a>

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here;

Come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned: How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place.

#### Call to Confession

Almighty and Holy God; You are a force beyond our feeble understanding. Your presence is dangerous and unpredictable for there is no predicting where or when You alight a burning bush in our lives, and yet, we can find comfort for the light and warmth offer invitation to draw closer. So this day we have opportunity to seek forgiveness for our sin from You; the only true God who can forgive us our sins. So let us now recall our sins and failure.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, all the fancy words expressed in eloquent prose and poetry, filled with emotion and spoken with conviction, cannot compete with a heartfelt, sincere sorry.

There are times we are all too aware of our limitations and conscious that we are sinners, separated from You by our own doing. Sometimes sorry is all the heart can bear to say aloud. Yet You understand us.

Thank You loving Father that You listen to the deep things of our hearts and souls and bring forgiveness to us by Your grace and mercy in Christ our Lord

Redeeming God; Your voice calls us by the power of Your Holy Spirit to confess our sins.

Yet there are times we choose to ignore Your voice and Your will; listening instead to our desires and the voices in the world that would challenge our faith and beliefs.

Forgive us Lord, we pray.

We ask forgiveness also for the times we have ignored the needs of others; when we have been thoughtless and unkind in word and deed.

As You set the burning bush alight, we ask that You would set a fire alight in our spirits, as we realize the great sacrifice You made for us in order that we could be forgiven. Loving God in Your forgiveness You offer to us the invitation to know Your love, to be loved and to

respond to Your call. In hearing your voice may we find our place within Your plans and purpose for our lives, as the redeemed of Your creation.

Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

God has brought generation after generation out of the slavery of sin and promised to be with us always.

We rejoice today that You sent Your only Son, Jesus to die for us and so we can trust that we are forgiven by the sacrifice of His shed blood. We are redeemed and forgiven! Praise be to God. **Amen.** 

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven

Hallow'ed is 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 our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from the evil one.

Psalm 93: 1-5

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

Forever and ever. Amen.

# **Responsive Reading**

The Eternal Reign of the LORD

The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;

The LORD is clothed,

He has girded Himself with strength.

Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;

You are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,

The floods have lifted up their voice;

The floods lift up their waves.

The LORD on high is mightier

# Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea.

Your testimonies are very sure;

Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever

## **Ministry of Music:**

# "Only A Holy God" - CityAlight

(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics are on the screen.) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIFBGUX9 b0

- Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God
- What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

#### Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

 What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God

#### **Chorus X2**

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God Only my Holy God

#### Chorus x2

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

## **Scripture Reading:**

**Exodus 3: 1-10** 

- 1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.
- 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight-why the bush does not burn up."
- 4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."
- 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
- 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.
- 7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.
- § So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey-the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.
- 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.
- 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

This is the word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit; that as the Scriptures are shared and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. **Amen.** 

# Who Me?

Can You imagine God telling you; I am going to deliver 2.5 million people from captivity in a foreign land, and I'm calling you to lead them!

Someone figured out that if you were to march 2.5 million people in a column of 4 abreast; that column would stretch 375 miles in length. Now that is a lot of people God has said He is putting you in charge of; to lead, to feed, to problem solve for, to protect and care for. This gives you some perspective on the task Moses was being presented with, and yet God said; "Moses, I'm calling you." There was no mistaking whose voice was emanating from the burning bush that day in the wilderness.

When we read Exodus chapter 3, we see that Moses is coming to the end of his second stage of life; being some 80 years old and, unbeknownst to him, God has a plan that includes him in a revolutionary venture such as he could never have imagined.



God's plans are often like that! That is why He is referred to at times as "The God of surprises".

It was a day like every other day when Moses set out to do what he always did; attend to the needs of his flock of sheep, when a burning bush caught his

attention. Now a bush burning in the wilderness was not really a terribly unusual sight; at that high altitude, in the extremely hot, dry climate, bushes were occasionally known to spontaneously combust. What was unusual about this bush however; was that it wasn't being consumed by the fire!

When God is trying to get our attention, He will often use something that is more or less familiar to us, or that we are aware of, but He will make something about that situation unusual enough to make us take a second look; or at least it should! He will use the unexpected, the surprising; whatever is required to get our attention; but it will seldom be a fireworks event of sorts.

God had His hand on Moses' life from the very beginning when his Hebrew mother gave birth to him and to save his life, placed him in a reed basket in the river for Pharaoh's daughter to rescue, and then raise as her own son in the palace, where he was educated and known as a Prince; while having Hebrew blood flowing in his veins.

- 20 "At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family. 21 When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son.
- 22 Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action. 23 "When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. 24 He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. 25 Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.
- 26 The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?' 27 "But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? 28 Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'
- 29 When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons. 30 "After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. 31 When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to get a closer look, he heard the Lord say:
- 32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look. 33 "Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.
- 34 I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.' 35 "This is the same Moses they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.
- 36 He led them out of Egypt and performed wonders and signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the wilderness. 37 "This is the Moses who told the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your own people.'

Our focus today begins with Moses the Shepherd in the Midian desert.

Preacher Chuck Smith has said; "The life of Moses can be divided into 3 equal segments. Forty years in Pharaoh's court becoming somebody, forty years in the wilderness learning that he is nobody and forty years finding out how God can take a nobody and make him into a somebody". So what skills would Moses have been learning in his 40 years in the wilderness tending sheep? Well for starter's he had done this same job for 40 years. That takes commitment and commitment was what he would need to answer the call God was about to bestow upon him to lead His people out of Egypt.

Moses had committed himself to tending to the sheep and their needs, finding good pastures for them, caring for them, rounding up the strays, protecting them from predators; and these sheep were not even his own sheep. They belonged to his father-in law Jethro. In all those forty years he had never managed to start or acquire a flock of his own, but was content to be the under shepherd to Jethro. Shepherding was not easy work; but he had contented himself to serve and take on this responsibility; caring for the sheep as if they were his own.

Luke 16: 10 tells us "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." And so it was that

God watched Moses over 40 years, growing into the man He could trust with His important mission. When God calls us to His plan and purposes there will always be preparation that has been taking place; often unbeknownst to us. Moses needed to be humbled and to get the years as a Prince in Egypt out of his system. 40 years leading sheep was preparing Moses for 40 years leading God's people, which would prove to be no easy task.

Now as Moses approaches the burning bush God calls out to Moses by name. It interests me that God called Moses by his name and reminds me of the story of Samuel; whom God called to by name three times in the middle of the night, until Eli the priest realized it was God calling the boy and instructed him to listen. Samuel was to be the bearer of a very special message to be related to his caretaker Eli. God knows our name because He is a personal God to each of us.

Isaiah 49: 16 God says to Israel, "See, I have written your name on the palm of my hands; your walls are ever before me." God knows all about us and our life journey.

As the discourse between Moses and God begins, Moses responds to God saying, "Here I am" indicating that

God had his attention. Then God gives Moses some very specific instructions. He was not to come near and he was to remove his sandals because he was standing on holy ground. The phrase "holy ground" is found only twice in the Bible; once in the Old Testament and once the New Testament when Stephen reiterated the account described in Exodus as he was preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Sanhedrin. The ground itself was not holy; but the presence of the Holy God radiated to all around, making it holy. The command to Moses to remove his sandals was actually in conformity with what would have been well known to Moses. Being brought up in Egypt, he would have been aware that the Egyptian priests observed this custom when they entered their temples. This action depicts a conscious realization of unworthiness to stand in the presence of absolute holiness. When God announces Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Moses not only removed his sandals, but hid his face; a sign that he understood he was in the presence of divine Majesty, upon which he was afraid to gaze. Moses' obedience to the commands of God indicated respect and submission. God's self-announcement is preparing Moses to listen and remember the lineage of his fore fathers; all men God used for His glory, even though they had all failed God in one way or another.

It is then that God reveals His plan to have Moses lead the Israelite nation to freedom. Moses' immediate reply is, "Who am I?" In other words; God look at me! I'm dressed in this shepherd garb, hot, sweaty and smelling like a sheep. He may have even thought, I'm a nobody, I'm too old to take this on Lord; maybe 40 years ago in my youth! Besides I tried to free my people and it didn't work! Yes, Moses had tried in his own way and his own strength, but this was to be a very different situation.

This answer given by Moses is in sharp contrast to the answer we find the Prophet Isaiah eagerly giving in Isaiah 6: 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying," Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" and I said, "Here I am, send me!"

Moses' answer tells us that his focus was completely on himself and his inadequacies; no eagerness there to serve God!

Do we make the same mistake? When our focus is all on our self, we are definitely in the wrong frame of mind to hear and be obedient to God. We need to remember that we are not doing God's bidding for our self, or by our self! Isaiah gives us an important message to remember as well.

# Now Isaiah 45: 9 tells us New Living Translation

"What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?'

Our authority and resources come from God! He tells Moses "I will be with you." God will be all he needs; but Moses in his blatant humanity and no doubt remembering that he was an outcast in Egypt then asked God, "What do I tell them if they ask what your name is? God's reply is "Tell them, I AM sent you." I AM, indicates the God who Is and always will be the source of

all that is in existence. Notice he doesn't ask God his name! Moses would know well that the name of God was Jehovah or Yahweh. Rather than use these names, God chooses to say His name is "I AM"; indicating He will always lie beyond comprehension; but guarantees He will be to Moses whatever he needs and wisdom when he needs it to carry out his calling.



But Moses is convinced they won't believe him so God (in Exodus Chapter 4 we read) gives him 3 incredible signs to show them; throwing down his staff to become a snake and retrieving it as a staff being the first.

The next excuse Moses can think of is that he is not a good speaker. This excuse might have had some truth to it. He says, he is slow of speech and tongue. God reminds him---I made you Moses so I am fully aware of this. So God sends Aaron with him to be his spokesperson.

Finally, the deep truth surfaces as Moses says in essence: "Send someone else!"

Then, and only then, was God's anger aroused. He had provided Aaron as a spokesperson companion, 3 signs to increase his credibility, but when Moses refused to accept the commission; God was angered. Not when Moses felt weak, unequipped or powerless was God angry, because those areas were no problem to God! But when Moses indicated he was unavailable –Send someone else-- God would not violate the free will he had given to all human beings. However; as He does with us, God persevered with Moses. Exodus 4: 14 Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your

brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. 15 You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. 16 He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. 17 But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it." Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me return to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well."

And so the plan to liberate God's people began.

So what does the burning bush story tell us?

First: God hears the cries of the suffering and is interested in setting people free from oppression. The poor, the hurting, the suffering are cared about by God!

Second: He calls ordinary, flawed people to act on His behalf in caring for the needs of others. In fact, He often calls people no one else would consider or expect. Whenever God breaks into your life with one of His surprises; remember: He is "I AM".

Third: He knows our name and all about us, and despite our failures He still wants to have a relationship with us and will use our lives for His glory.

Fourth: He equips us with all we need to fulfill His calling in our lives. You may think the little things you do in God's name are not too significant, but be faithful. God uses our meager efforts, done in obedience, for His glory.

Fifth: He is "I AM" and always will be.

The joyous part of answering God's calling is that we get to know more and more about who "I AM" is; the Holy, eternal and powerful God, who is also a personal God.

As we obey and follow His plans, which, in His infinite wisdom, He seldom completely outlines all at once, we become different people and sometimes we start a whole new chapter in our lives. We may do things we never thought or dreamt of! Don't be surprised about that!

Finally: God is never finished with us. As long as we have breath our life has a purpose for and in Him.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn: "What Grace Is Mine" – Keith and Kristyn Getty (Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics are on the screen.)

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What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light Called through the night to find my distant soul And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me That I might live and in His name be known

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me Beneath His wings my wakened soul may soar All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome My Savior lives and reigns for evermore

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him
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# <u>Offering</u>

Presenting our tithes and offerings is an act of worship. I want to encourage you to write a cheque and drop it in the mail to the church using your envelope, if you have one. (St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, PO Box 161, 1 Drummond St W,

Perth, ON K7H 3E3) We also have another option for you for giving and that is you can make an e-Transfer. This note from our treasurer.

E-transfers are now accepted. Please note the new email address for this purpose only. <a href="mailto:standrewsperthoffering@gmail.com">standrewsperthoffering@gmail.com</a> Please include your Offering Envelope # in the message section of the INTERAC transfer page you fill in. If you wish any part of your donation to go to a specific fund (eg Presbyterian Sharing) please mention this in your message.

# Invitation to Offering (Leviticus 27;30)

Every tithe of the land, whether of seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lords; it is holy to the Lord.

So let us bring our offering to the Lord this day and present it with joyful hearts. **Amen.** 

## **Offertory Prayer**

With this offering we bring you praise Lord.

We pray these gifts may help our church fulfill its purpose and calling. We offer these gifts with gratitude for Your steadfast love and mercy. May Your will be done and may these gifts enable that to happen for Your Glory. **Amen.** 

# **Pastoral Prayer**

Loving and eternal God may we never take for granted the privilege of gathering together in Your house, and the freedom we have to worship and praise You.

Creator God who nurtures and sustains all life: You are "I Am", may we be who You created us to be and live-in obedience to Your calling in our life. Help each of us to discern our true calling —to fulfill our life's purpose; using and sharing our greatest gifts and our smallest talents in loving our neighbor and serving those in need.

Empower us to do good work in the world; trusting that Your very presence strengthens our human inabilities and dissolves our limitations.

Loving God we ask Your blessing upon us, Your church, that we would grow and flourish in Your love and grace, for the purpose to which You have called us individually and corporately.

May St. Andrew's Church be a strong and vital church in this community; showing thru the ministries, the programs, and our lives that You are real, and that through Christ, and Christ alone, we are saved. We pray for Pastor

Gerry and his family as they prepare to move to Perth and become part of the community here. May their house sell and their transition go smoothly. As Your people we are called to pray; so today we ask that You would guide us in this time of many shadows; keep us from despair when we see so much hatred and injustice around us. We pray for our indigenous people; that they might find healing for their souls and spirits. Show us Lord what we can do to ease their pain and trauma as they grieve the loss of their children, and look for answers which may never come. We pray for peace and stability for those countries of the world where war ravages and so often the innocent suffer.

To all living in grief and bearing the loss of loved ones, we pray they will be comforted; knowing that in You the circle will be unbroken. Send us to do Your bidding Lord; to promote peace wherever we can; to show mercy and forgiveness.

Remind us Lord to use our words for encouragement, and that often a simple greeting and smile can mean so much to the lonely. Our governments at all levels need Your Holy Spirit to guide in their decision making. May the egos, pride and power plays, be set aside for the common good of the people they have been elected to serve. God some here today bear burdens that are too personal to express. You know the intents of their hearts. Please meet their needs. Our children and youth, the elderly, those struggling in relationships, the financially compromised, and those battling mental illness come to mind today. We put them into Your loving hands this day Lord. May they feel Your Holy Presence caring for them, and our prayers undergirding them. We continue to hold in prayer, all whose lives have been intimately touched or impacted by the Corona virus. May we be ever mindful of Your Presence and guidance in the week ahead; so that we might glorify You in all we do and say. **Amen.** 

### Hymn:

## "Will You Come and Follow Me"

(Click on the link below to play the video. Lyrics are on the screen.) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiXnbOORTAU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiXnbOORTAU</a>

1. 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?

- 2. 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?
- 3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners 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?
- 4. 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.

## **Benediction**

Go out into the world to join God in the work of love, peace and justice. Take off Your shoes; know that you are ever in the presence of the Holy and Living God; the one who calls you by name and has a plan and a purpose for your life.

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord and each other. Amen.