

PICNIC WORSHIP AT SUNSET PARK, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 29, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP

For just this hour,

Follow me

Listen to my word

Follow me

Think about your life as my disciple every day

Follow me

Pray

Follow me

Sing

Follow me

Come, let us worship God!

LITANY

You call us, Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,

inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors,

into the uncharted waters of faith

to wander off from our predictable paths to follow You

into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom;

to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany You

into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.

As we wait, in our simple, sometimes crazy,

constantly uncertain lives,

speak to us, Spirit of Grace:

of that hope which is our anchor;

of that peace which is our rock;

of that grace which is our refuge.

(adapted from a worship order prepared by Rev. Bob Gibson for the London Conference of the United Church of Canada.)

SONG: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

SONG: *Standing in the Need of Prayer*

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God who loves us and wants us to love each other,
This is our God.**

**We believe in Jesus who cared about children and held them in his arms. He wanted a
world where everyone could live together in peace.**

This is Jesus Christ.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who keeps working with us until everything is good and
true.**

This is the Holy Spirit.

We can be the Church which reminds people of God because we love each other.

This we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS

Each petition concludes, "God of grace," The congregation responds, "**hear our prayer.**"

COMMUNION

HYMNS: *Freely, Freely*
Come to the Water

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CLOSING LITANY

As you go out into the world

Follow me

At home with your household

Follow me

At school and work

Follow me

In everything you do this week

Follow me

And as you do, remember that I am with you always,
even to the end of the world.

CLOSING SONG: *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

The guitarists will sing the verses, and the congregation will sing the chorus
at the end of verses 1 and 2. The chorus will be sung twice after verse 3.

<i>Chorus</i>	<i>Guitarists</i>	<i>Those Serving</i>
When the roll is called up yon-der	Joe Geerts	Minister Pr. Don Knowles
When the roll is called up yon-der	Renee Ketelsen	Lectors Jerry Johansen
When the roll is called up yon-der	Teri Griebel	Paul Levesque
When the roll is called up yon-der	Bethany Weipert	Video Dave Renneke
I'll be there!	Rhea Frank-Cottingham	

- There will be a *Vespers Service* at the Jenny Lind Chapel in Andover at 7:00 pm tonight.
Pr. Laurie Hensley, Bethany Lutheran, Woodhull, will conduct the service.