# The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite



you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

→ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

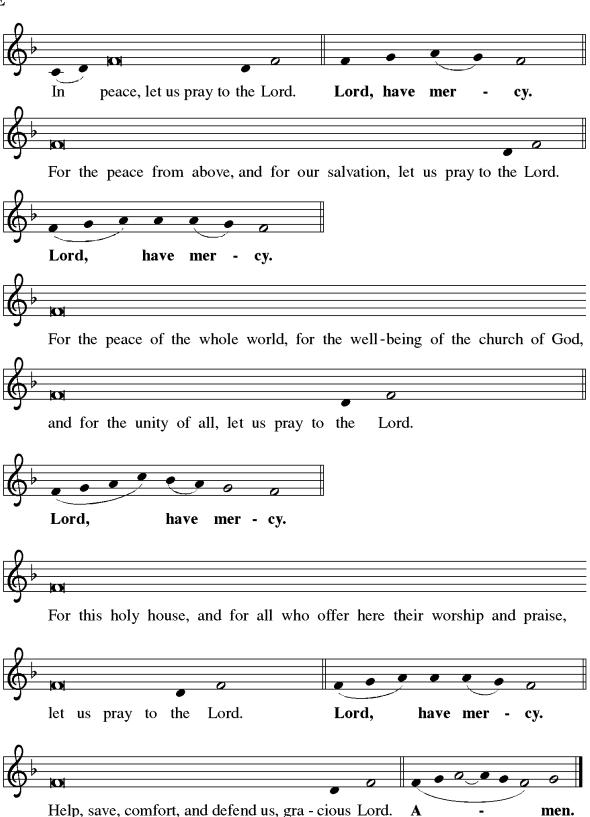
C: Amen.

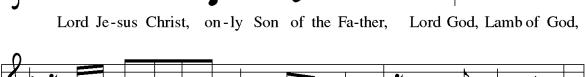
\*OPENING HYMN Gather Us In ELW #532

# \*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.







take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy you on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.







# \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ... O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

# FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-31

<sup>10</sup>A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

<sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

<sup>12</sup>She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

<sup>13</sup>She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

<sup>14</sup>She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.

<sup>15</sup>She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.

<sup>16</sup>She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

<sup>17</sup>She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

<sup>18</sup>She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

<sup>19</sup>She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

<sup>20</sup>She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

<sup>21</sup>She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.

<sup>22</sup>She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

<sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

<sup>24</sup>She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

- <sup>25</sup>Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
- <sup>26</sup>She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- <sup>27</sup>She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- <sup>28</sup>Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
- <sup>29</sup>"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
- <sup>30</sup>Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
- <sup>31</sup>Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 1 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

# **SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>4</sup>:

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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\*Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY
\*HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons) Pastor Traci ELW # 798

# \*APOSTLES' CREED

- P: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
  - I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
  - I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.
- A: Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A: Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A: Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A: Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A: Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A: Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. C: Amen.

# \*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

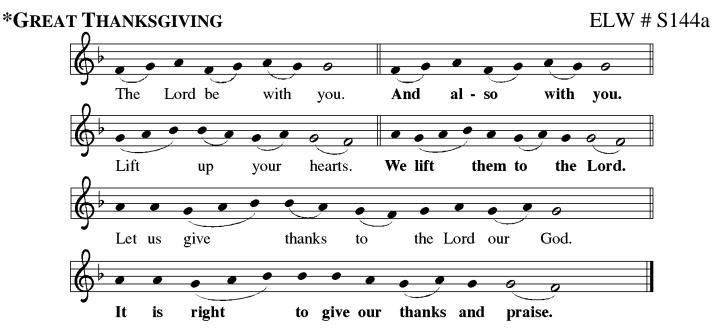
# C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

#### \*Offertory Prayer

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

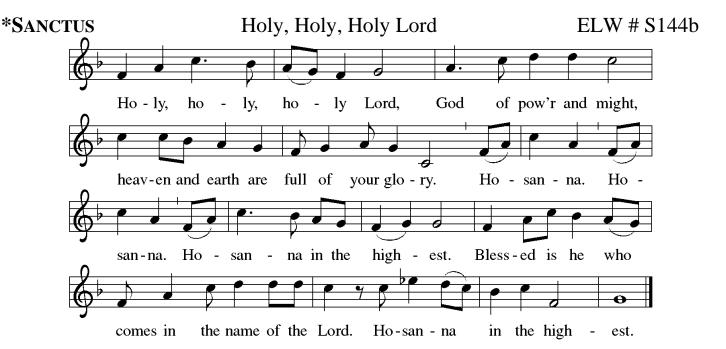
A: Let us pray ... Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.



# \*PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P:You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

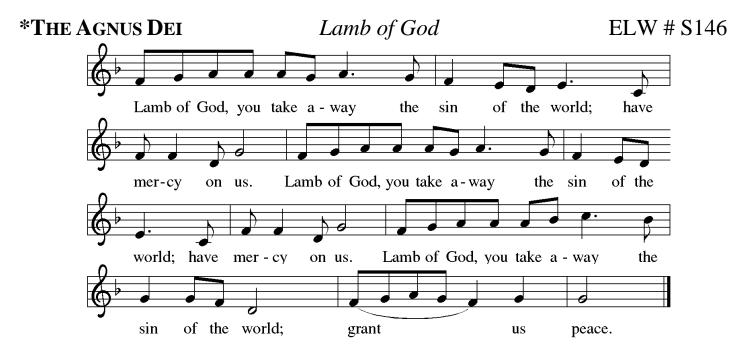
# C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. *C:* **Amen.** 

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C: 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.



#### \*INVITATION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



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#### \*BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray... Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

#### \*BENEDICTION

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. C: Amen.

\*SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. C: Thanks be to God.

\*Postlude

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**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God and in honor of the Ebersole Family. Stephen and Lottie are celebrating 49 years of marriage and their children and spouses Kurt/Missy and Kim/Josh, and 5 grandchildren: Paige and Preston Ebersole, and Mary, Rachel, and Malachi Long.

# Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organists - Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree

Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Assisting Minister – Elaine Smith

Our Lector – Peggy Steinfurth

Our Usher – Martie Gilbert

Our Altar Guild – Jackie Lightner and Laura Orczeck

Our Audio/Video Tech - Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to "OEW and Missionaries"

# This Week at St. Matthew: 814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. Fri.: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### This Week Events

**Today** – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals 1:00-3:00 p.m., Dell Delight Legion Park, Hollidaysburg

Monday – Social Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Tuesday – Knotty Ladies12:30-3:00 p.m., Quilting Room Wednesday – Employee Meeting10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Avery, Virginia Barnes, Randy Barrett, Tana Byler, Caleb, Warren Campbell, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry Creek, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Michelle Iwanski, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Darren Kreutzer, Darlene Krisco, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain, Nathan, Olga Perlov, Deb Peters, John Russell, Paul Ruth, Karyl Sawinski, Jane Metz Short, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Steve Torres, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.** 

Away at School: Max Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine.

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).



The 2024 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones or to honor loved ones. The following date is available: 10/27. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00. If you would like a Sunday(s) you can also call the

church office at 814-793-2413.

# **Prayer Vigil**



On Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church has scheduled our annual World Communion Prayer Vigil. Members are asked to commit one half hour to pray for any concerns of a personal, church, or worldwide nature. We hope to have enough participation to fill a twelve-hour time period with continuous prayer. Please sign this sheet before **Sunday, September 29, 2024**. This is an excellent way for you to enrich your spiritual and prayer life.

# **Martinsburg Food Pantry**



The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, October 3 and October 17 from 9:00am until 11:00am. The Covenant Brethren Church, Curryville will supply 3 or 4 people to help distribute food in addition to regular helpers.



**Items most needed for October:** Cereal, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni, Soup, Crackers.

We appreciate your prayers and support with food, paper products or monetary donations!

Looking ahead, we will be having a "Mitten Tree" to provide the need for hats, mittens, gloves, scarves for elementary school children and for children of food pantry. When you are shopping, please purchase any of these items.

Thank you, Linda Smith

# Blessing of the Animals!

Rev. Traci Marriott and Otto Von Scooter Rabbi Audrey Korotkin and Carly for special blessings for all your pets!







Sunday, September 22, 2024 1:00-3:00 Early Christmas Shopping Opportunity!

# Homewood's

# **Annual Fall Bazaar**

Thursday, October 3rd
Friday, October 4th
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day
In the Givler Cultural Center

Choose from a wonderful selection of handmade crafts, gift baskets, and delicious food. Enjoy Chef Wes's soups, sandwiches, and desserts!

Treasures for everyone!

Yard Sale is back!
2309 Cross Cove Road
8 am—12pm FRIDAY ONLY

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Proceeds benefit the Homewood Auxiliary and will be used to purchase items that enhance the lives of Homewood residents.









- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa ter, here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin ing, not in some heav en,



van - ished a - way; yearn for your face; bread of new birth, light years a - way—

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here light of day. in the this to you light called to be to the whole hu man race. call us a - new to be salt for the earth. now is the king - dom, and is the day. now



Gath-er in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the us Gath-er the rich and the haugh-ty, us in, gath-er us in. the give us Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, to the eat Gath-er and hold us for - ev - er, us in gath-er us in and



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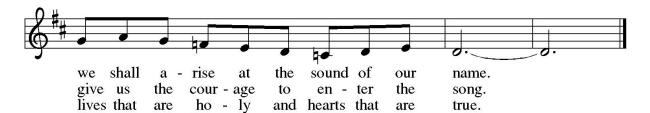
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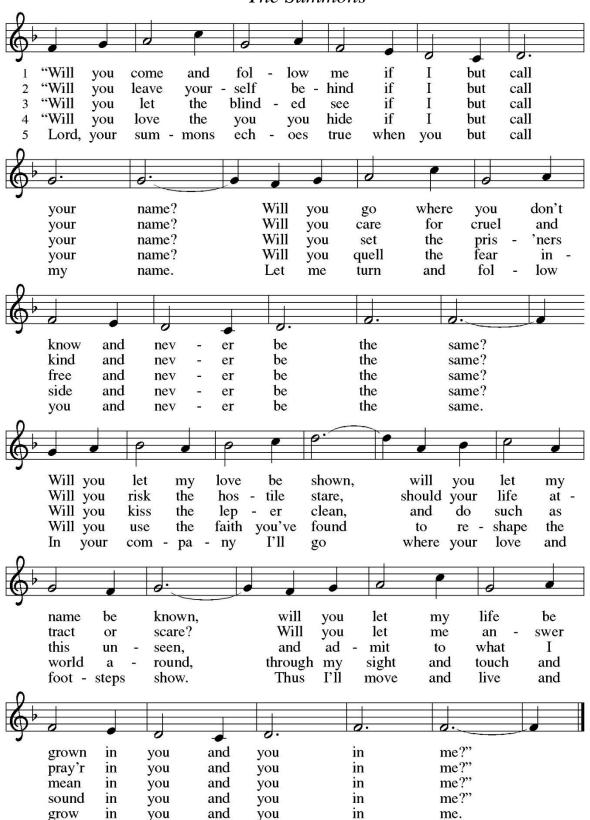
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# Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons



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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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- 1 "Go, my chil dren, with my bless-ing, nev er a lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil dren, sins for giv en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil dren, fed and nour-ished, clos er to me.



am with you, Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I you are my own. I love you, vou learned how what Here much I can cure. Grow ful in love and love by serv-ing, joy and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



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