The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian Church, it is the fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude"God of Our Fathers"

Amy Bender, organ

Call to Worship

Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

"[your name], follow me."

A simple call. A hard call.

Because following requires leaving.

And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

But we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.

Courtesy of Joanna Harader

*Hymn #545

"The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written Samuel Stone. He put them to the hymn, AURELIA, written by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, a grandson of Charles Wesley. Stone was born in 1839 in Whoitmore, England. He was the son of a Church of England priest. Stone followed in his father's footsteps and became a priest in 1862, the same year he graduated from Oxford. He followed his father as vicar of St Paul's Haggerston Church. It was in a poor section of London. Stone would open the church early at 6:30 in the morning so working class people could have services and prayer before work. He later moved to All Hallows London Wall church and was there until he retired. The church got its name because the north wall of the church was built on the old Roman city wall of London. He died in 1900 in London.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, That we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. >

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Worship Through Music

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. Joel Raney

Judy Elias, flute

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Offertory

"Here I Am Lord"

arr. Joel Raney

*Doxology #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!

*Prayer of Dedication

All things come from you, O God, And with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, that we might have abundant and eternal life. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all that you have done, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, In union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #398

"Jesus Calls Us"

Scripture Matthew 18:20

The word of God for the people of God **Thanks be to God.**

Message

YSP Mission Team

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, I confess that I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have failed to be an obedient follower. I have not done your will, I have broken your law, I have rebelled against your love, I have not loved my neighbors, and I have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive me. Free me for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Words of Forgiveness

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Response: In the name of Jesus Christ, I am forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

*Hymn #206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Benediction

*Benediction Sung Response "Go Now In Peace"
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen.

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G. F. Handel

Postlude "Fireworks Music"

Altar Flowers are presented by Deb & Dale Lewis In Honor of their daughters Tiffany Hughes and Mallory Miller

Beginning July 2, there is only
Modern Service at 9 AM and Traditional Service at 11 AM
both livestreamed

Today, Communion will be after services in the Chapel.

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July 2, 2023 Traditional Worship