

and despise those who are different.

**Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to seek your blessing
and to be a blessing for others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Jessica Farris

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars
of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest
bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his
people with peace!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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SPEAKERS Afghan Resettlement in Norman Lans Roth & Brent Smith

*SONG OF FAITH Will You Come and Follow Me Hymnal, No.726

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Holy Spirit, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG O Beauty Ever Ancient Hymnal, No. 650

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Abide With Me

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for January 16: Isaiah 62:1-5 and Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **January is canned soup and chili**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

If you would like a Star Word, you may choose one from the basket in the narthex at the back of the church. A Star Word is an intent or prayer guide. It might be a challenge, or maybe a comfort. It is a word to carry with you throughout the year, helping you to learn more about yourself as well as strengthening your spiritual life. "And there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was." Matthew 2:9b

11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud



1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel-ter, Light,
2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser-vant, Lamb,
3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De-fend-er, Mer-cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
Well and Wa-ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com-fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En-er-gies that nev-er tire:



May the church at prayer re-call that no sin-gle ho-ly name



but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.



726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

O Beauty Ever Ancient 650

Capo 3: (D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
 F B^b Gm E^b B^b Gm C F

1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
 2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
 3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
 4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,

(G) (Em) (F#7) (Bm) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
 B^b Gm A7 Dm B^b Gm C F

di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
 O beau-ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,
 O beau-ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,

(D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (Dsus)(D) (G)
 F B^b Gm E^b B^b E^b Fsus F B^b

in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!