



**Minooka  
United Methodist  
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**Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church**

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

11:30AM

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**Mark 1:14-20 (The Voice)**

<sup>14</sup> After John was arrested by Herod, who ruled the Jewish lands on behalf of Roman interests, Jesus went back into the region of Galilee and began to proclaim the good news of God.

**Jesus:** <sup>15</sup> It's time! The kingdom of God is near! Seek forgiveness, change your actions, <sup>a</sup> and believe this good news!

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He met the first of His disciples, two brothers, Simon and Andrew, both fishermen who were casting their fishing net into the shallow waters.

**Jesus:** <sup>17</sup> Come and follow Me, and I'll send you to catch people instead of fish.

<sup>18</sup> Simon and Andrew left their nets and followed Jesus at once.

<sup>19</sup> When He had walked a little farther, He saw the sons of Zebedee, James and John, in their boat repairing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Right away He called to them, and they dropped what they were doing and left their father Zebedee and the hired men aboard the boat to follow Him as His disciples.

***\*Stand if you are able.***

**Leaders in Today's Worship Service**

ACCOMPANIST: JILL KOHLER  
LAY READER: KIM NAVE  
SONG LEADERS: GAIL GIRARD & RUTH SATORIUS

**Entering Music** Accompanist

**Welcoming** Pastor Dave

**Preparing** Accompanist

**\*Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: Each new day is a gift. Each new phase of life brings generous possibilities. Each new question brings learning and growth. We give thanks for the awesome mystery embodied in every person.

**Many Voices: Through us, God comes to unique and personal expression. May we be people of hope today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.**

**\*Singing** "Welcome" Worship & Song #3152, v1

**Blessing Children**

**Singing** "There is a Balm in Gilead" UMH #375

**Praying** Lay Reader

[Centering Silence: May we find in the simplicity of silence connection to and wisdom from the God of All People.]

Reader: We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

**Many Voices: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.**

Reader: There are some things in our social system to which all of us ought to be maladjusted.

**Many Voices: Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear, only love can do that.**

Reader: We must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation.

**Many Voices: The foundation of such a method is love.**

Reader: Before it is too late, we must narrow the gaping chasm between our proclamations of peace and our lowly deeds which precipitate and perpetuate war.

**Many Voices: One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at that goal.**

Reader: We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means.

**Many Voices: We shall hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope.**

[quiet reflection]

Reader: Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying...  
[Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

**\*Singing** "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH #156

**Giving** Pastor Dave

**Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer** Accompanist  
& Lay Reader

**Many Voices: God of splendor, your goodness sustains us and your graciousness gives us hope. Use us and our monetary offerings to further your way of love, hope, and justice in the world. Amen.**

**Reading Scripture** Mark 1:14-20 (The Voice) Lay Reader

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**Proclaiming** "How Soon is Now? How Close is Near?"  
Pastor Dave

**Singing** "The Summons" TFWS #2130

**\*Sending Forth** Pastor Dave

**Exiting Music** Accompanist

## The Summons

### Verse 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?

### Verse 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?

### Verse 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?

### Verse 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?

### Verse 5

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.

# HYMNS

## Welcome

### Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place  
You're invited to come and know God's grace  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

### Verse 1

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin  
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,  
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

### Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place  
You're invited to come and know God's grace  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
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## **There is a Balm in Gilead**

### *Refrain*

There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul,

### *Verse 1*

Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again. (Refrain)

### *Verse 2*

Don't ever feel discouraged,  
For Jesus is your friend,  
And if you look for knowledge  
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

### *Verse 3*

If you can't preach like Peter,  
If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the Love of Jesus,  
And say He died for all (Refrain)

## **I Love to Tell the Story**

### *Verse 1*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

### *Verse 2*

I love to tell a story; more wonderful it seems  
than all golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell a story, it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.  
(Refrain)

### *Verse 3*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

### *Verse 4*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.  
(Refrain)