**The Dayton Church**

***Where the Welcome is Wide***

**January 24, 2021**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said: I am the light of the world.  
 **Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in darkness  
 Whoever follows Jesus will have the light of life.**

Therefore, let us follow Jesus Christ!  
And let us worship the Lord our God.

**OPENING HYMN** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.  
  
Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.  
  
We share our mutual woes;  
our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.  
  
When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.  
  
From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:

While we were sinners

Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,

we dare to approach God with confidence.

In faith and penitence,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,**

**you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,**

**nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,**

**or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.**

**In your great compassion,**

**cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,**

**and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence,**

**or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation**

**and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ.

And Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away;

See, everything has become new!

Brothers and sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father,**

**And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**It now and ever shall be.**

**World without end.**

**Amen. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

And may the words of our mouth and the dedication of all our hearts

Be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Mark 1:14-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Known & Needed*  Student Pastor Peter Manning

**HYMN** *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

**“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?”  
  
“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?”  
  
“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?”  
  
“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?”  
  
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.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERINGS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

All things come from you, O God,  
and with gratitude 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.  
 **All that we are, and all that we have,**

**is a trust from you.  
   And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,  
   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 let us follow him   
 in ministry to all the world;  
 We ask this in his holy name. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**In quietness my Lord conferred  
two truths I now declare:  
no greater love than God’s is known;  
no power can compare.**

**God is my rock; God is my strength;  
God is my salvation,  
my refuge, my abiding peace.  
I shall not be shaken.**

**BENDICTION**

**Worship Leaders**

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Noel Werner

Bruce & Sue Scurato

Elder Sophie Werner, technical support

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