Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 8, 2026



The Pharisee and the Publican, Harold Copping

The Service of the Lord's Day
Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.*
Congregation to recite bolded passages.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Judy Binkley

PRELUDE — "Holy, Holy, Holy with Holy is the Lord" by Tom Fettke — Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP — Sharon Huber-Plano

Come, people of God, let us worship the One who leads us through waters and wilderness.

We come to praise the God who has been faithful through every generation.

Come, all who are weary, all who are hopeful, all who are seeking God's presence.

We come with grateful hearts, ready to hear God's Word.

For the Lord is gracious and merciful, steadfast in love and faithful in every promise.

Let us lift our voices in praise and worship God!

*HYMN # 69 — "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION — Sharon Huber-Plano

Jesus warns those who teach one thing and do another, those who seek recognition for themselves while placing burdens on others. His words invite us to examine our own lives, including how we use the authority, influence, and responsibility we have been given. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Sharon Huber-Plano

God of mercy, we confess that we are often more comfortable talking about faith than living it. We know what it means to love our neighbors, yet we sometimes look away when their needs become inconvenient. We speak of justice while benefiting from things we know are unfair. We are quick to recognize the failures of others and slower to acknowledge our own. We want to be seen as faithful, but we hesitate when following You asks something difficult of us. Forgive us, God. Help us to practice what we profess, to use our gifts in service to others, and to follow you with greater humility and courage. Amen.

(Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Rev. Fred Weimert

Hear the Good News. God's grace is not reserved for those who never hesitate or stumble. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to begin again. God continues to walk with us, inviting us into lives of faith, compassion, and service.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Huber-Plano

God, Your people have followed You through wildernesses and across rivers, sometimes with confidence and sometimes with considerable doubt. As we hear Your Word today, help us listen carefully, especially when it challenges what we think we already know. Give us the courage to hear what You are saying to us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:7–17

Sharon Huber-Plano

The Lord said to Joshua, “This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’ ” Joshua then said to the Israelites, “Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.” Joshua said, “By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.”

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off.

Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "He Leadeth Me" arr. By Sandra Eithun Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 23:1–12 Rev. Fred Weimert

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Trappings of Religion and True Faith" Rev. Fred Weimert

*HYMN # 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Rev. Fred Weimert

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
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 PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Fred Weimert

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 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING — Rev. Fred Weimert

Jesus reminds us that those who would be great among us must be servants. We bring our offerings today to support the work of this congregation and the care of our neighbors, trusting that what we give can be used to help others.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as we leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY — "I Need Thee Every Hour" by Craig Curry — Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 609

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Rev. Fred Weimert

Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for the work of Your church. Help us to care for those who are hungry, welcome those who are strangers, and stand with those who carry burdens too heavy to bear alone. May our generosity extend beyond what we give today and become part of how we live each day. Amen.

*HYMN # 761 “Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

*BENEDICTION Rev. Fred Weimert

POSTLUDE “Since I Have Been Redeemed” Valerie Adelung
by Mary McDonald

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: Sharon Huber-Plano

Thank you to our usher: Judi Forrester

Thank you to our guest preacher: Rev. Fred Weimert

WELCOME, REV, FRED WEIMERT

Fred Weimert was born and raised, with his three sisters, in Buffalo New York. He attended and graduated from the public schools in Kenmore, NY. Following High School, he attended Hiram College where he studied Economics and participated in Track and Cross Country. Upon graduation he entered the U. S. Navy where he was designated to be a Naval Flight Officer.At the end of his commitment, he entered Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, now Palmer Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree.

In 1977 Fred was called to join the staff at Calvary Baptist Church in Towson, Md, and served as Minister to Youth and Young Adults. While in that position he earned an additional Master's Degree in Sacred Theology from the Ecumenical Institute of Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He continues on an ancillary Board of The Ecumenical Institute.

On the retirement of The Rev. Leland Higginbotham, in 1981, Fred was selected to be the Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church serving in that position until 2013. While serving at Calvary Fred was active in the ministry of the American Baptist Churches of the South (ABCOTS) serving as Region President and President of the Board of the Missions Center. Early in his years at Calvary the local ministerial organization opened an assistance center (ACTC) on the grounds of Calvary, and throughout his ministry Fred took an active role in addressing the needs of people experiencing poverty and homelessness serving on the Board of ACTC, Baltimore County's Community Action Agency (CAN), the County's Homeless Coalition (BCCH), and the County's Mental Health Advisory Board.

Fred has been married to Judy for 51 years, and together they raised their three children. We also have the joy of helping to regularly care for two of our four grandchildren, who are living locally. Fred enjoys traveling with Judy, helping several neighbors shop, reading and playing golf.

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69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



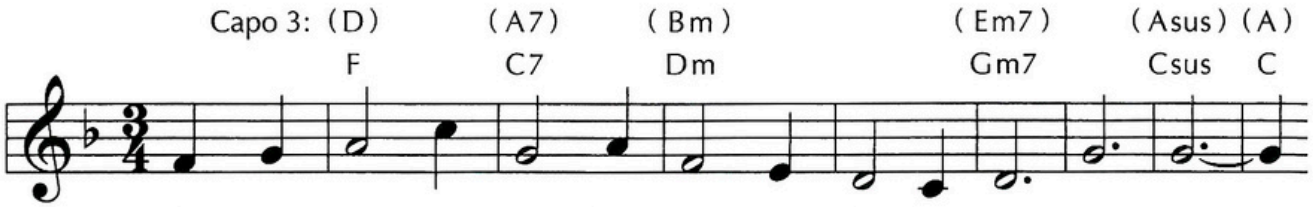
The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt.
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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HERE I AM (Schutte)
7.7.7.4.D with refrain

Will You Come and Follow Me

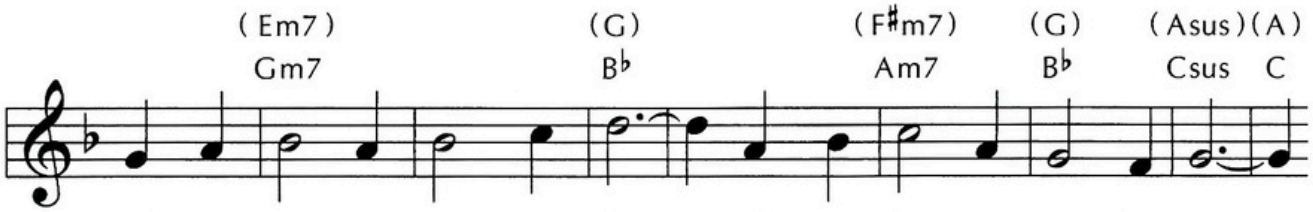
The Summons



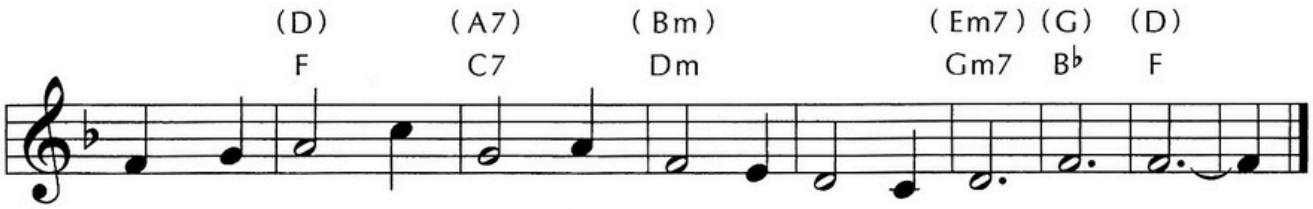
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



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.



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.



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.

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KELVINGROVE
13.13.7.7.13

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870
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BEECHER
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate tune: EBENEZER)