HYMN NOTES: “Will You Come and Follow Me” (The Summons) #726

One of the most important religious communities of the 20th and 21st centuries is Scotland’s Iona Community. Founded on the remote Island of Iona in far western Scotland, the community traces its inspiration back to the 6th century, when St. Columba found his way from Ireland and established an outpost from which he evangelized all of Scotland.

John Bell (b. 1949) grew up in Kilmarnock, a rural town south of Glasgow. He was ordained by the Church of Scotland in 1978 and appointed youth coordinator for the Presbytery of Glasgow. In 1980 he was admitted to membership of the Iona Community. Since then he has become the international troubadour of the Community, giving its publications in worship and music, preaching at conferences around the world and composing many songs that enumerate the themes of the Community.

“Will you come and follow me” (called “The Summons”) is perhaps the most famous of Mr. Bell’s hymns. It asks a series of 13 questions, perhaps a record in the annals of hymnody. Characteristic of Mr. Bell’s style, the text is prophetic, using many words not usually found in traditional hymns. “The Summons” of Christ is to a radical Christianity. We are challenged to “leave yourself behind” and to “risk the hostile stare” (stanza two), “set the prisoner free” and “kiss the leper clean” (stanza three), and “use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around” (stanza four). The tune is a traditional Scottish ballad entitled KELVINGROVE, named after a section of Glasgow.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Judy Peterson In Memory of Minerva Peterson Dick & Connie Evans In Honor of Our 60th Wedding Anniversary

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…. Sunday, January 26th: Mildred Martin, Barbara Musgrave, Westen Patel Monday, January 27th: Linda Feller, Zachary Jones, Katelyn Nelson, David Tothausen Tuesday, January 28th: Garrett Grassmann, Rina McGrath, Dean Rabenstine, Nadia Rodewald Wednesday, January 29th: Lasa Grassmann, Vicki Parker, Jeanne Stephen Thursday, January 30th: Etta Cooke, Gary Jones, Maryann McLarty, Lauren Lapham, Andrew Booth Friday, January 31st: Jim Hightberger, Nicole McMahan, Steve Miskewicz Saturday, February 1st: Sharon Brown, Becky Sharp, Ralf Wolf If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Probst

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Dan Gibson & Mauricio Estavil

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Jean DeFilippo

3rd-5th Grades Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.
Teachers: Andy & Stephanie Streichle

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Dawn Winder & Carissa Johnston

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sunday.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: As we continue to move through the book of John, we see more and more examples of how those who should recognize the Savior compare Him to the devil. Study us and see our gentle Savior - our Shepherd who guides us today.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: When we give money to help others, how much effort should we extend to learn how effective that charitable group is in using the money donated? Do we have any Christian obligation to peruse such an investigation? Do you think that God intended that all charity involve some work on the part of those it is meant to help? The TCI class meets at 9:30 AM in rooms 9 & 11.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: “Christian.” Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you’ll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.

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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church

January 26, 2014
They will call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land, or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls Salvation, and all your portals Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day, By night you will need the brightness of the moon.

Refrain

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Worship.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING Robert A. Hobby
“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI
“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.”

ANTHEM Jack Noble White
“The Third Song of Isaiah” (Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come) Congregation please sing the refrain when cued.

Refrain: Arise! Shine! For your light has come! and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enfolds the people; But over you the Lord will arise, and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they never will be shut. Refrain.

*HYMN #738 MARYTON
“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
“Basse et Dessus de Trompette” (1676-1749)
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.