A welcoming community alive in serving Christ.

# Online Worship Resource



*Invitation to Follow* 

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

People: Why should we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

**People:** What have we to fear?

Leader: Let us shout with joy to God!

Let us sing and make music before our

God.

Welcome to worship.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Author: Walter Chalmers Smith (1867) Music: Welsh melody from Canaidau y Cyssegr, (1839)

# **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 27: 7-9 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,

God my Savior.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

# TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dianna Sheely

\*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise #103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

# **HYMN**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
#348 v1

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

#### **Refrain:**

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

#### PRAYER OF BROKENNESS

By Mary Petrina Boyd

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love.
O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger.
We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day.
We come with song and music to celebrate your love.
We come with longing to seek your presence.
Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises.

God of light,
we live in the darkness of despair:
worried about our lives,
concerned for our health,
fearful that we are lost from you.
The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us:

our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels.

We long to turn from the dark and live in the light.

We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness.

Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love, that your promised realm may draw near.

Hear us as together we share in the words Jesus taught us to pray saying: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

#### ASSURANCE

By Mary Petrina Boyd

The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair. The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!.

# **HYMN**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

#### **Refrain:**

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Words & Music: Will L. Thompson, 1880)

# **GIVING**

#### \*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

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.

# **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 40:1-2 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### MESSAGE

Invitation to Follow
Rev. David W. Brown

\*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us #398

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

> Author: Cecil Frances Alexander (1852) Music: William H. Jude (1874)

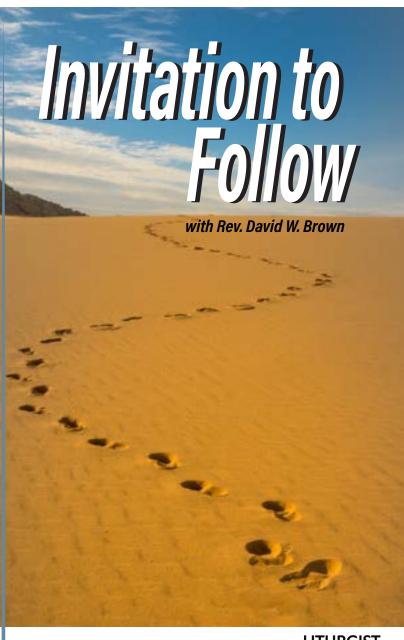
#### BENEDICTION

By Mary Petrina Boyd

Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God's love. Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God's light! May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—bless you with the radiance of love. Amen.



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**MUSIC** 

Chancel Choir led by Ben Basone Organ & Piano, Stacy Haney

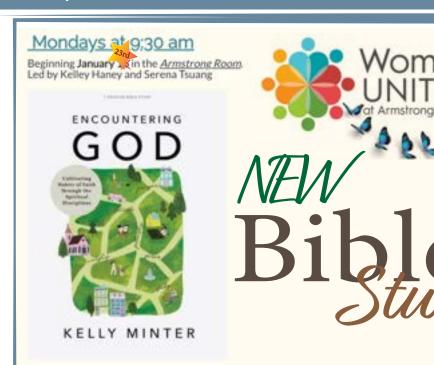
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LITURGIST Beth Eberle



ENCOUNTERING GOD, CULTIVATING HABITS OF FAITH THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

by Kelly Minter

# Practice His Presence

Spiritual disciplines are essential to a more vibrant spiritual life and to know God more intimately.

This Bible study unpacks the biblical foundation for these sacred habits along with approachable ways to practice disciplines like prayer, study, worship, rest, simplicity, generosity, celebration, and many more. Instead of being just one more thing on your to-do list, you'll find that these habits of faith can actually create more margin in your life—providing peace and rest as you walk closer to Jesus.

The cost is \$23.00, including a digital access code for the lesson videos.



# Would you like to sew a quilt block for a table covering for Coffee Fellowship?

Blocks can be pieced, appliqué, embroidery, etc.

Patterns can be provided if needed. Connect with

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