

BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Chiming

Prelude

Come, Christians Join to Sing

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Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns

GATHER TOGETHER, SING AS ONE

Gather together, sing as one,
raising up a joyful song
high and loud, into the air,
broadcast praises everywhere.
Deep in our heart we tend the flame,
and as your servant we remain.
By this, we will our voice unite,
bringing glory day and night.

Liturgy of Servanthood

O Lord, our God, your wisdom and power are beyond our comprehension. Yet our hearts know you intimately.

Our love for you and our awe of you join together in our praise to your holy name.

You are the one we turn to when we hear your invitation to be your disciples; when we feel the call to servanthood.

You, O Lord, provide strength and wisdom for each day and hope for the journey.

It is by faith in you that we respond to your call to serve.

We believe that you are our source of love and provide the resources for loving.

We believe that you redeem not only our lives but also our actions so that our small human offerings have divine results.

We believe that your Spirit empowers us to be all that you created us to be for your purpose.

GOD, THE LORD OF ALL CREATION

Holy God of all creation, give us vision, love and nerve
to respond to our first calling on this earth to care and serve.
Show the world by our example how to live each waking hour,
as we strive to humbly follow, sharing your creative power. © IBOC/MMF

Yet the call to serve can, at times, be overwhelming. The need before us is more than one person can handle alone.

We thank you, Lord, for calling us to work as one body. Your Body is made manifest in us as we work together to serve your children.

Lord, many people in our community show your love through their actions.

They shelter the homeless. They feed the hungry. They accompany the elderly. They champion the battle with mental illness. They help others become better parents. They donate their blood, their sweat, and their personal belongings.

Lord, many people in our church generously offer their lives to your service.

They teach your word. They visit the sick and home-bound. They provide fellowship for our church family. They serve as leaders and decision makers. They make worship a meaningful experience. They support our ministry in prayer.

Let us identify the organizations in our church and community that make up the tangible Body of Christ.

(The loving service from this church and community are shared.)

Lord, we thank you for these people whom you have joined together for your purpose.

We thank you for people who live what they believe and believe what they live. We thank you for the Spirit of Christ which dwells in such people in our church and community.

By your grace, Lord, we stand among those who will hear you say, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

And we will say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked or in prison?"

And you will assure us, Lord, with your words, "Just as you have done it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

OUR LAMB HAS CONQUERED

In loving service may our lives be spent,
in other's gladness finding sweet content,
striving to show God's fellowship to all.
To show God's loving work - the servants' call.
In loving service may our lives be spent.

Prayers for the People

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Interlude

His Mercy Is More

MATT BOSWELL AND MATT PAPA

Meditation

JESUS CALLS US

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

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

Jesus calls us; by your mercies,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Benediction

Postlude

Sinfonies de Fanfare: Rondeau

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