

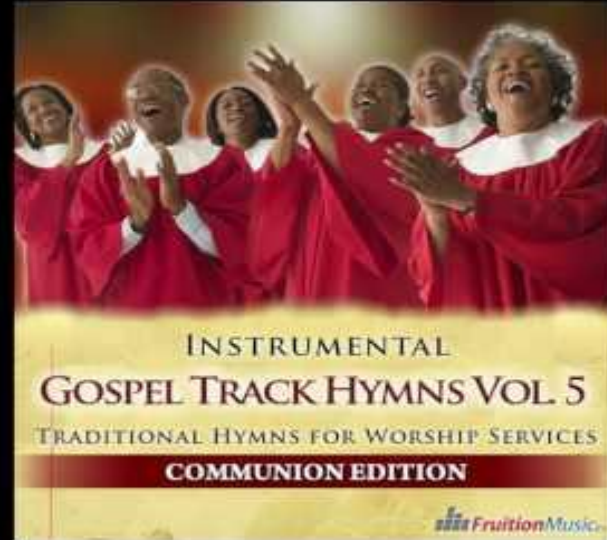
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PRELUDE

The Doxology —
Praise God from
Whom (C)



OPENING PRAYER





Announcements

1. The Session meets, Wednesday, September 15, at 7:30 pm, via GoToMeeting.
2. Weekly Bible study and prayer begins, Wednesday, September 22, from noon to – 1:00 PM (hybrid service)
3. Thursday, September 25th midweek contemporary worship service begins, via YouTube Livestream, 7:00-8:00 pm.



For the entire service, find a quiet place without distractions and fully immerse yourself in worship.



GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL AND EVERLASTING.!



Visit the websites/YouTube channels of the musicians whose music enhances our service.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, we acknowledge you are Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

You alone are our refuge and fortress, our God, our very present help when we are in need.

We look to you for deliverance, guidance, and refreshing our spirit.

You do not disappoint us.

You strengthen us when we are weak and afraid.

You comfort us when we are sad and grief-stricken.

You make a way for us when every path seems blocked or closed.

You take away our guilt and shame.

You have equipped and empowered us to overcome every challenge.

Your Holy Spirit inspires optimism in times and situations that seem hopeless.

You deliver us from dangers seen and unseen.

You work all things to your glory and our good.

That knowledge encourages us.

Thank you for your faithfulness and longsuffering.

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

**OPENING HYMN
#357 (PH)**

*O Master, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, clearer, company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.*

**AFFIRMATION OF
FAITH- THE
APOSTLES' CREED
(TRADITIONAL
VERSION)**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**CALL TO
CONFESSION**

**Let us confess our sin to God
and before one another.**

Dear God, we come to you confessing that we have held back for ourselves, our time, talents, and graciousness. We have failed to give ourselves wholly to loving others as you love us. We have neglected to demonstrate compassion and empathy for the sufferings and struggles of others. We have unjustly labeled others and highlighted their perceived faults, while downplaying our shortcomings. We have gossiped and cast doubt upon other people's character and gifts.

Please forgive our sins, deliver us from evil, and help us be more like Jesus. In His precious, mighty name, we pray. Amen

UNISON READING OF
CONFESSION(based in
part on a prayer written
anonymously)

Brothers and sisters, receive the good news. According to Scripture, when we confess our sin and earnestly repent, God hears and throws our sin into the sea of forgetfulness. Praise God for grace and mercy. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad!

**ASSURANCE OF
PARDON**

PASSING THE PEACE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

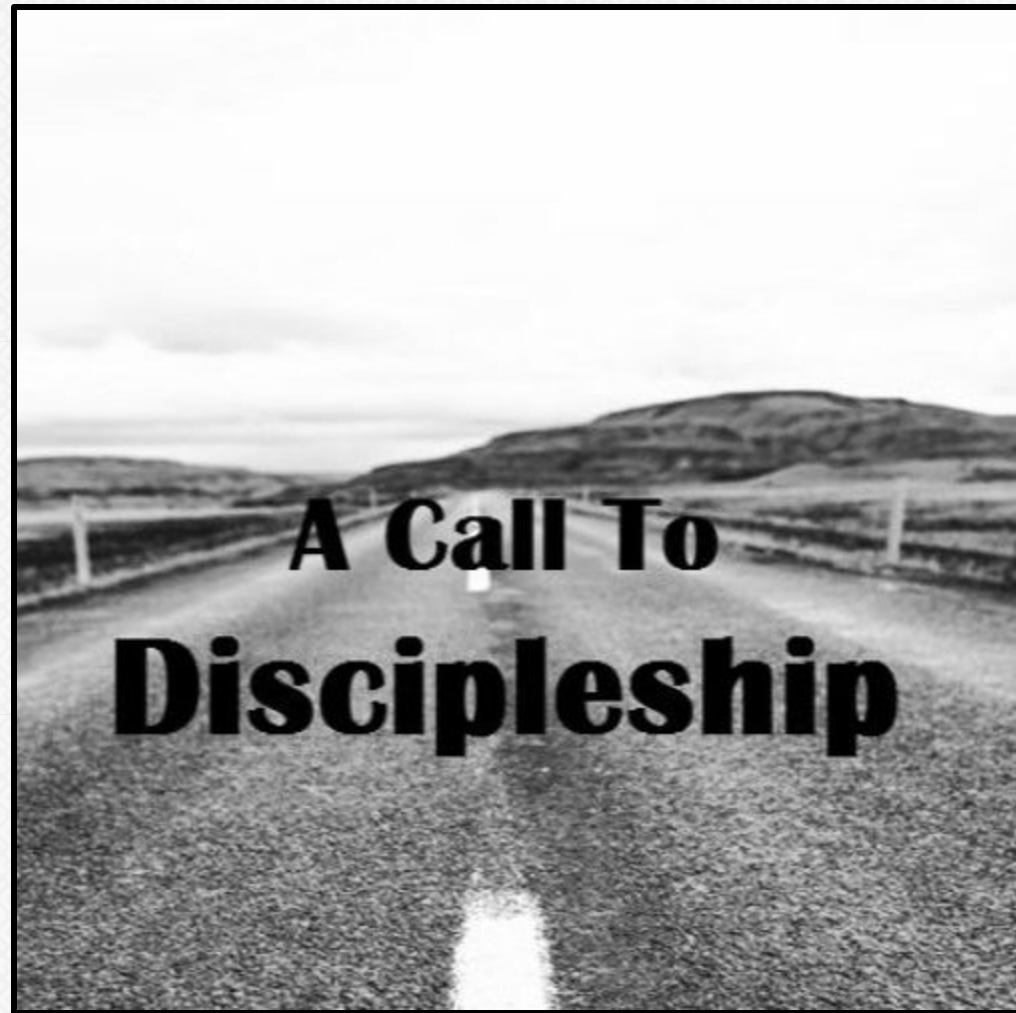


The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles. So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?” He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

READING THE WORD - Mark 7: 1-8

THE MEDITATION

***“The Heart of the
Matter”***



**A Call To
Discipleship**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNDERSTANDING

RIGHT MOTIVES

ADAPTABILITY

FLEXIBILITY SELF-REFLECTION

BETTER TIME

MANAGEMENT

GRACIOUSNESS GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT

SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

OPTIMISM

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**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 our debts as
we forgive our debtors. Lead us away
from temptation, and deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S
PRAYER**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



**CLOSING HYMN
#372 (PH)**

THE BENEDICTION

**May grace and peace be ours in
abundance in the knowledge of
God and of Jesus our Lord.**

Amen

POSTLUDE

**Lead Me, Guide Me I
Piano Instrumental
Hymn With Lyrics I Key
of C**

