

**Hymn The Summons (see insert)*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?
 Will you let my life be grown in you, And you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare, Should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you And you in me?

Will you let the blinded man see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen?
 And admit to what I mean in you, And you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you, And you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go, Where your love and footsteps show,
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, And you in me.

A Litany for the Closure of a Ministry (see insert)

**Charge and Benediction*

Andy Morgan

**Congregational Benediction*

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
 Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you**

Postlude

- Greeters** Susan Espiritu, Gail Giffin*
- Ushers** Brian Cartledge, Joe Schnorr, Linda Schnorr, Darlene Miller*
- Liturgist** Diana Davis*
- Music** Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*
- Minister** Dr. Andy Morgan*

The flowers this morning are in gratitude for the magnificent preaching and teaching ministry of Dr. Andy Morgan. We rejoice in Andy's life changing, pastoral ministry and thank God for his example of a Christ centered Husband, Dad, Pastor, and a friend in ministry. May God bless you on this next step of your journey of faith, Andy! With love and thanksgiving, The members of Andy's Zick Preaching Group: Dr. Tom Tewell, Jay Howell, Jessica Patchett, Rachel Rhodes, Jessica Vaughan Lower, and Andrew Whaley!



May 14, 2023

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Recognition of New Members

Cathy Forester, Pat Lipps, Darrell and Roxie Williams

Minute For Mission

Linda Sullivan

Mother's Day Litany

Leader: As a mother hen gathers her chicks, so the Lord gathers and protects his children. As a mother will not forsake her nursing child, even more will the Lord remember those who call on him.

All: We thank you, mothering God.

Leader: Holy Spirit, You are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life. We praise You for the gift of mothers, through whom You give us life.

All: We thank You for their willingness to nurture life, for their trust in You to guide them through the labor of childbirth, the uncertainties of youth, the letting go of young adulthood.

Leader: We thank you for all those women, who did not give us birth but through whom You give us abundant life.

All: We thank you for adoptive and foster moms; aunts, grandmothers, and sisters; teachers, social workers, mentors, supervisors, and friends who share wisdom.

Leader: We ask your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus; on those mothers who have buried sons and daughters. We ask your care on those who struggle with infertility or have felt the devastation of miscarriage.

All: Grant them your peace, which passes understanding, and the grace to trust their loved ones to your never-ending care.

Leader: We pray for mothers and daughters who are separated from one another by distance or differences; for those mothers who struggle to provide for their families; and for those whose longing for motherhood goes unfulfilled.

All: Grant them sufficient trust in your grace, and wake in us compassion for the welfare of all.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the women who have taught us something of Your tender love and fierce care.

All: We pray that our lives might reflect your love and theirs, in all things giving honor to Jesus Christ – your son and the son of Mary. Amen.

Call to Worship

Diana Davis

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

All: We are called to love with all our heart and soul

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

All: We are called to love with all our mind and strength

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

All: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!

Prayer of the Day

Diana Davis

Leader: Gracious and loving God, as we gather for worship on this bittersweet Sunday, with transition on the horizon, help us to feel your presence with us. As we reflect on what it means to love you with our whole selves, help us to remember that our steps into the unknown will be guided by you and your abiding presence. Amen.

***Hymn All Are Welcome** *(see insert)*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where Saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness And a symbol of God's grace,
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat,
A banquet hall on holy ground Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus Is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Ritual of Friendship

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register
located on the center aisle under the pew in front*

Andy Morgan

Call to Confession

Leader - The world teaches us many ways to love, but all are based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

Diana Davis

Prayer of Confession

All: We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Diana Davis

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Leader: In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do; In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't; in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

Diana Davis

All: Forgiven, loved, sent forth—we are not far from God's Kingdom! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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.*

***Passing the Peace**

Leader: God's love for us is the foundation of our lives as people and as a people. Let us respond to this love my sharing it with one another, assured of God's everlasting love in our lives and in our midst. The peace of Christ be with you all.

Diana Davis

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Diana Davis

Leader: Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading *Mark 12:28-34*

Diana Davis

Anthem Hymn #3 Holy, Holy, Holy

Ladies Only

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Men Only

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Choir Only

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Everyone

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Holy, Holy, Holy Amen

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

Andy Morgan

Sermon The Basics (Revisited)

Andy Morgan

***Affirmation of Faith**

Diana Davis

All: 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.

Belize Commissioning *(see insert)*

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

All: 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

Call for Offering

Diana Davis

Leader - Every good thing is a gift from God — the food we eat, the things we have, the time we spend, our whole lives. We give our lives back to God as a way of saying thank you — sharing money with those who are in need, giving food to those who are hungry, and spending our time to help others.

Offertory

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Diana Davis

All: Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you. Things that are both visible and invisible. The coins and paper represent our work, and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the dreams and hopes that we have for FCPC. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God, that we may more fully love you.