

Call to Worship

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,”
And believe in your heart that God raised him from dead,
You will be saved.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified.

And it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

God of grace, we profess our faith in you. Please show us your grace as
we worship you today.

Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God (VT 737) vv 1, 3, 4*

Verse 1:

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew,
that I may love what you so love, and do what you would do.

Verse 3:

Breathe on me, breath of God, my will to yours incline,
till all this selfish part of me glows with your fire divine.

Verse 4:

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

Text: Edwin Hatch (England), Between Doubt and Prayer, 1878, alt.

We offer thanksgiving to our Creator (VT 864)

Leader: We offer thanksgiving to our Creator,
 recalling that Christ is the center of creation
 and our lives as Christians.

As we face east, the direction of the rising sun,
we offer thanks for the gifts of the tree world
 and for new beginnings.

All: *Help us to be honest with you and others
and to be wise and just in our use of the resources of the earth.
We give thanks to you, O God.*

Leader: As we face south, where we receive warmth,
we offer thanks for the gifts of the animal world
and for the call to be humble.

All: *Enable us to walk good paths,
to live as family should,
and, with you, to renew the face of the earth.
We give thanks to you, O God.*

Leader: As we face west, where we receive teachings of faith,
we offer thanks for the gifts of the rock world
and the purifying and fruitful waters.

All: *Sustain us and the earth through your Holy Spirit,
and give us faith as strong as the rock.
We give thanks to you, O God.*

Leader: As we face north, the direction of wind and snow,
we offer thanks for the plant world,
and for kindness and wisdom.

All: *Breathe your strength and endurance into us,
and give us wisdom to treat each other with kindness.
We give thanks to you, O God.*

Leader: As we face center:
From above comes the unconditional love of God.
from the earth comes the gift of life.

All: *We give thanks for love like the wings of the eagle.
We dedicate our lives to you, our Creator and Savior.
As we walk on this earth,
may we learn together
and celebrate the way of peace, harmony, and tranquility.
We give thanks to you, O God.*

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Hymn: *Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing (VT 344) all verses*

Verse 1:

Seeking warmth from charcoal blazing,
Peter fought the chill night air.
Someone spoke, "I saw you with him."
Peter said, "Not me. I swear."
Two more times was Peter questioned,
two more times he answered "No!"
Then from deep within the shadows
came the promised rooster crow.

Verse 2:

Bread and fish, a fireside breakfast
for a weary fishing crew.
Jesus queried, "Do you love me?"
Peter said, "You know I do."
Two more times his master questioned,
two more times did Peter vow.
"Feed my lambs," was Jesus' bidding.
"Tend my sheep; they need you now."

Verse 3:

Questions asked and answers given,
timeless faces warmed by flame;
bitter night of love's denial,
with the dawn redemption came.
We still hear these ancient voices
and the lesson that they give.
"Do you love me?" is the question
meant to guide us as we live.

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Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me (VT 540) vv 1, 2, 4, 5*

Verse 1:

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?

Verse 2:

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?

Verse 4:

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the 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?

Verse 5:

Christ, 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.

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Benediction

Ever-present God,
in Christ Jesus you never leave or forsake us.
Teach us to be faithful to your call,
to persevere in commitment,
and beyond all else,
to know the strength and joy
of being near to you,
in the name of our savior. AMEN