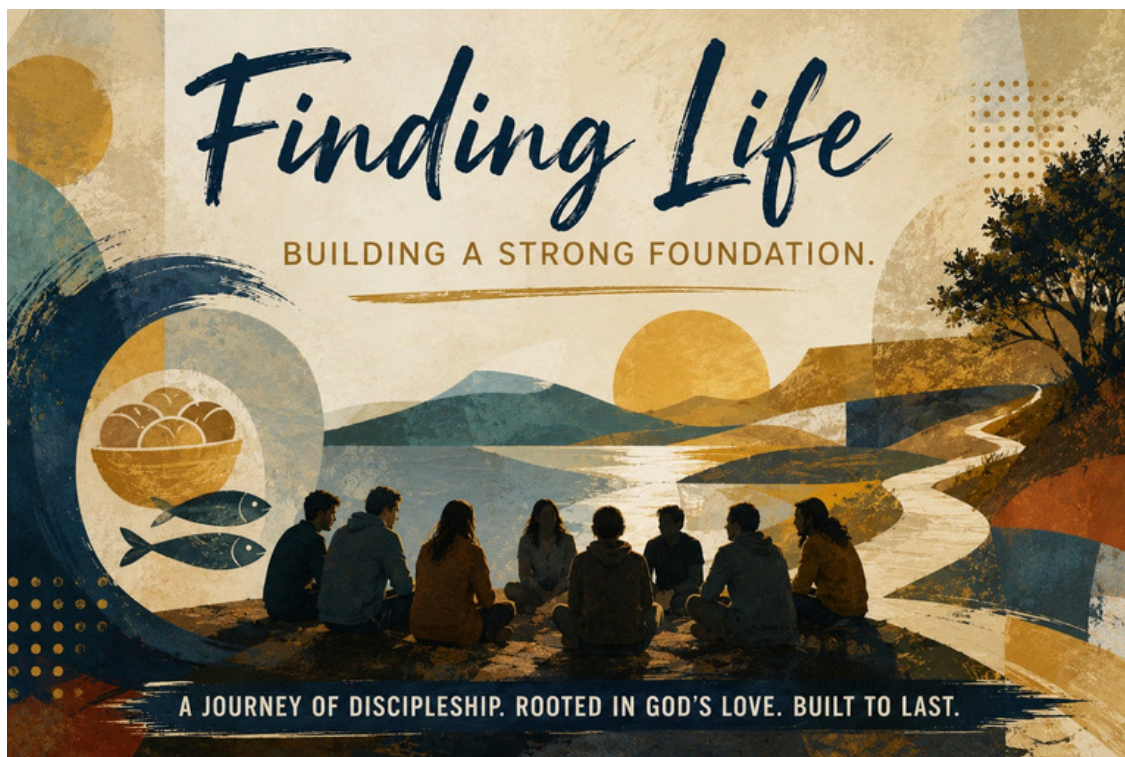




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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 21, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Barbara Dickason, Board Certified Chaplain**

**United in Christ's love, a just world for all!**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JUNE 21, 2026**

**Singing Prelude**

*This Little Light of Mine*

Spiritual

Strings and Things — Mel Burrowes and George Calderone

**Welcome and Announcements**

**We Approach God's Presence**

**Meditation/Bringing in the Light of Christ**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Folk Tune

**Responsive Call to Worship**

John Yahres

Sometimes faith feels simple and clear.

And sometimes it leads us into questions we did not expect.

**Sometimes the path before us is familiar.**

**And sometimes it asks us to leave behind what once felt certain.**

Yet through every season, God remains faithful.

The One who knows the sparrow knows us.

The One who calls us by name calls us into deeper life.

**So we come to worship,**

**to listen,**

**to learn,**

**and to follow.**

**For in losing what cannot last,**

**we discover the life that truly is.**

**\*Hymn**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Spiritual

I'm gonna **live** so.....God can use me...  
Anywhere, Lord.....anytime..... (Repeat)  
I'm gonna **work** so.....God can use me...  
Anywhere, Lord.....anytime..... (Repeat)  
I'm gonna **pray** so.....God can use me...  
Anywhere, Lord.....anytime. (Repeat)  
I'm gonna **sing** so.....God can use me...  
Anywhere, Lord.....anytime. (Repeat)

## **\*Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

God of truth and tenderness,  
You call us beyond easy answers and familiar certainties.  
You invite us into a faith that is living, growing, and always becoming.  
Yet we confess that we often cling to what feels safe.  
We hold tightly to assumptions, old fears, and comfortable patterns,  
even when they no longer bring life.

**Sometimes we confuse certainty with faithfulness.**

**Sometimes we protect ourselves from change  
rather than trusting your Spirit to guide us.**

Transform our minds when fear shapes our choices.  
Transform our hearts when lesser loyalties distract us  
from the deeper call of your love.

**Open our hearts and minds once more.**

Teach us to listen with courage, to discern with wisdom,  
and to follow wherever Christ leads.

**Help us discover again  
that the path of discipleship is not the loss of life,  
but the way into abundant life.**

**Through Christ, our teacher and guide. Amen.**

## **\*Words of Grace**

Hear the Good News:  
Nothing can separate us from the love of God.  
The One who counts every sparrow and knows  
every hair upon our heads holds us in mercy and grace.

**In Christ we are transformed, renewed, and invited to begin again.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **\*Response**

*How Great Thou Art*

Hine

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art.**

## We Encounter God in the Word

**Contemplative Reading**

*Faith after Doubt*

Brian McLaren

God is still speaking. **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Choplin

Jeff Cook, Phillip Munsey, and Congregation

1. Ref. - Jeff & Phillip 2. Ref. - all 3. Verse - Jeff 4. Ref. - all 5. Verse - Phillip 6. Ref. - all

(Refrain) **Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!**

**Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!**

**Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!**

**Hallelujah, halle – lu - jah!**

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 10:24-39

*The Inclusive Bible*

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

**Sermon**

“Finding Life!”

Pastor Barb

## We Respond to God’s Grace

**Congregational Prayers**

**Silent Prayers**

**Prayers of the People and Our Lord’s Prayer**

**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**

## **Musical Response**

*God Will Take Care of You*

Martin

**God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way.  
God will take care of you; God will take care of you.**

## **We Share God's Love**

### **Moment of Mission**

### **Invitation to Generosity**

*(Offering plates are found by each doorway for your use.)*

### **\*Song of Gratitude**

*Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**God of abundant life,  
Receive these gifts and the lives from which they come.  
Use them to strengthen those who are weary, encourage those who are fearful, and  
support the work of justice, compassion, and hope. Teach us to live generously, to  
follow faithfully, and to trust deeply in your care.  
Through Christ, who leads us into life. Amen.**

## **We Go to Carry the Light**


### **\*Hymn**

*Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult (page 6)*



# Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

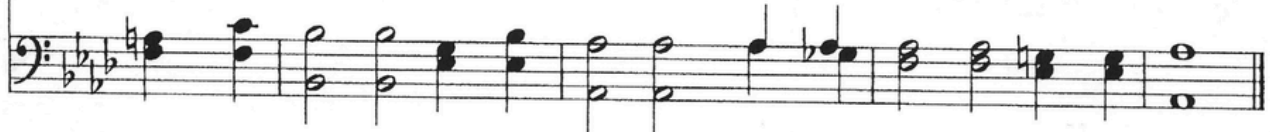
**vs. 1,3,4,5**



1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;  
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,  
4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."  
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."  
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.



*Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.*

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Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.  
William H. Jude, 1887  
Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW

## \*Blessing and Benediction

## \*Sending Blessing

*Go Ye, Go Ye into the World*

**Go ye, go ye, into the world, and tell the story to all believers.**

**Go ye, go ye, into the world, and I will be with you there!**

**Please remain seated in silence for the Postlude as the Light of Christ is carried into the world. The worship has ended; our service begins.**

**Supporting Our Service Today**

**Acolyte:** Bella Clapham **Song Leaders:** Jeff Cook and Phillip Munsey

**Liturgist:** John Yahres **Welcome Table:** Sandy Barrie

**Greeter:** Wendy Seeley

**Head Usher:** Gary Leidheiser

**Usher Team:** Terry Calderone, George Calderone, Sharon Leidheiser, Wendy Seeley

**Technology Team**

(Live Streaming, Camera, and Sound Technicians)

Gary Woodrum, Debra Mosely, Maria Groody, David Jack, Linda Newton, Wally Davis, Patty Fjetland, Scott Mellen, Gary and Sharon Leidheiser

The **Lord's Table** was decorated by Victoria Augustine

The **Sanctuary Flowers** are given by Gayle and Wally Davis  
“in celebration of Barbara Talmage’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday”.

The **Church Sign** was changed by Faye Newton and Lisa Sclafani

**Sunday Librarian:** Ellen Schleicher

**Fellowship Host:** Sara Stafford and Deb Woudenberg

**Senior Minister:**

**Rev. Dr. Barbara Dickason, BCC**

**Music Staff:**

**Barbara Quinn:** *Music Director*

**Lynda Weston:** *Bella Handbell Director*

**Staff:**

**Gary Leidheiser:** *Custodian*

**Marguerite Long:** *Administrative Specialist*

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## **The Week at a Glance**

### **Mon. 06-22**

**12:00 PM** SpiritFed!

Noon Bible Study via Zoom

(scan QR code)

Meeting ID: 835 7659 4637

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SpiritFed QR Code

### **Tues. 06-23**

**9:00 AM** Staff Meeting

**10:00 AM** Finance Meeting — CR

**2:30 PM** VADC — CR

### **Wed. 06-24**

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM** Library open

**10:00 AM** Bible Study—CR

**3:00 PM** Care Task Team — P/Zoom

### **Fri. 06-26**

**8:30 AM** Men's Weekly Coffee at Panera

**9:00 AM** Knit Wits—P

### **Sat. 06-27**

**8:30 AM** Men's Breakfast—Naar Hall

### **Sun. 06-28**

**9:00 AM** Library Hour

**10:00 AM** Worship

(in situ and virtual)

**After Worship:** Fellowship Time—Naar Hall

**11:00-11:15 AM** Library Open

Worship materials are taken from *Faith after Doubt*, by Brian McLaren.

Brian McLaren. *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What To Do About It.* (Broadway, New York: St. Martins Publishing Group, 2022) 99-



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