



GLORIA PATRI | *Sung*

*Glory to God 581*

**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 OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor David

**WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING                      Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16  
*God's covenant with Abraham: I will make of you a great nation.*

GOSPEL READING                                      Mark 8:31–38  
*Jesus says: Deny yourselves; take up your cross and follow me.*

SERMON    “Decision Point”                                      Pastor David Schaefers

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP | “Will You Come and Follow Me”                                      *Glory to God 726*

“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 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 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?”

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children, healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 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

OFFERTORY

“Safe Within Your Arms”

Mark Hayes

Lauren Carter, Soloist | Edwin Walker, Pianist

DOXOLOGY | *Sung*

*Glory to God 606*

**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. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude and Fugue in E minor”

J. S. Bach

Edwin Walker, Organist

(1685-1750)

