



The Calling of Saint Matthew, 1600 by Caravaggio

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026 + 4pm



Welcome to the AbbeyChurch!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation, and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey but we share a guiding sacred story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarised in our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God—with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, uncertain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

As a witness to unity in diversity, the AbbeyChurch is an affirming (full inclusion and leadership of 2SLGBTQIA+ folk) shared ministry of The United Church of Canada and The Anglican Church of Canada.

We draw on those spiritual traditions, as well as others across the Christian spectrum. We're also connected to Emmaus, an intentional community that is inspired by monasticism and whose members make commitments to prayer, presence and simplicity.

We believe that Christ's love and grace binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.

Land Acknowledgement

The AbbeyChurch acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the Ləkʷəŋən peoples', the Songhees and Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations. We strive to journey toward reparation, right relationship and reconciliation with justice. We confess the complicity of our religious traditions and institutions in the loss of life, lands, languages, spiritualities and cultures of the First Peoples' of these lands.

We pause in silence to remember and to recall the land under our feet, the hidden rivers, the trees and flowers and shifting seasons. We are grateful for the ongoing wisdom, stewardship and tending of these lands and apprentice ourselves to this good work of caring for creation and seeking to live in right-relationship with each other.

We Gather

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome - Announcements - Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing our opening hymn.
Folks of all ages are welcomed to set the table in front of the altar / table.*

Gathering Song: Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His love.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *R*

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
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Opening Words

God of life and wholeness, we come to you broken, and our world is broken.

We reach out for the hem of your garment.

We come to you longing for healing.

We open ourselves to your mercy.

You come among us full of grace.

We feel your spirit move in us, and we are healed.

And so in gratitude, humility and wonder we tell the story of your grace.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes, alt.

Let us pray: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Episcopal Church, USA, Alt.

The Gloria: Praise the Father

Who is the one to whom you belong
Who in your weakness has made you strong?
Who fills your heart with joyful song? It is the Lord your God

Refrain: Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three-in-one, who was and is and is to come
All praise and honour and glory and power O praise God's name forever

Who is the one who for you died
Was mocked and spat at and crucified?
Who rose from the dead and is glorified? It is the Lord your God. *Refrain*

Who is the one whom with you will be
From highest mountain to darkest valley?
Who is the one whom in you dwells? It is the Lord your God *Refrain*

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The Poem

Chosen by Molly LeBlanc - Poet-in-Residence

We Proclaim

The Hebrew Scripture

A Reading from Hosea (6:1-6)

“Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

1 Rejoice in the ~Lord, you righteous; *

it is good for the just ~to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord ~with the harp; *

play to God upon the psalter~y and lyre.

3 Sing for God ~a new song; *

sound a fanfare with all your skill up~on the trumpet.

4 For the word of the ~Lord is right, *

and all the works of ~God are sure.

5 God loves righteous~ness and justice; *

the loving-kindness of the Lord fills ~the whole earth.

6 By the word of the Lord were the ~heavens made, *

by the breath of God’s mouth all the heav~enly hosts.

7 God gathers up the waters of the ocean as ~in a water-skin *

and stores up the depths ~of the sea.

8 Let all the earth ~fear the Lord; *

let all who dwell in the world stand in ~awe of God.

9 For God spoke, and it ~came to pass; * God commanded, and ~it stood fast.

10 The Lord brings the will of the na~tions to naught, *

thwarting the designs ~of the peoples.

11 But the will of the Lord stands ~fast for ever, *

and the designs of God’s heart from ~age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God ~is the Lord, *

happy the people chosen to ~be God’s own.

You are invited to rise in body or spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Come Holy Spirit Come

Come, Holy Spirit, come;

Let thy bright beams arise;

Dispel the darkness from our minds,

And open all our eyes.

Tis thine to cleanse the heart,

to sanctify the soul,

to pour fresh life in every part,

the new create the whole.

The Gospel:

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops. **With our words and with our lives!**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (9:9-13, 18-26)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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And open all our eyes.

from Pentecost Songs, 2011 (c) Hiram Ring, Pageant Music / CCLI

Dwell, therefore, in our hearts;
Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know, and praise, and love
The Holy Trinity. (x2)

The Sermon

Matt Humphrey, ec

Bell. Silence for reflection. Bell.

We rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith:

The Creed

[saying together] Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Our Prayers

Confession

(sung) Lord, have mercy (x4)

Holy Spirit rest upon us - Lead us in the way of your justice

Holy Spirit rest upon us - teach us how to serve in our weakness

Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another: *Silence*
Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy (x4)

Holy Spirit rest upon us teach us how to tend to creation

Holy Spirit rest upon us guide us from our path of destruction

Integrity's Alleluia! Music, Paul Zach Publishing, CCLI

Absolution / Assurance

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

ELCIC, Augsburg Fortress, 2023, alt.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace to those near you.

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The Offertory Song: The Summons

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 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?

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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We Celebrate

*As we prepare for this holy feast, we are reminded that all are welcome at Jesus's table,
wherever they find themselves in their spiritual journey.*

*If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing rather than bread and wine,
simply place your hands across your chest.*

Prayer Over The Gifts

Let us Pray: Holy one, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. **Amen.**

Life in Liturgy, Alt.

Communion / The Holy Eucharist

The Spirit of God be with you all. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them to God.**

Give thanks to our God! **All our thanks, all our praise!**

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, for you are the God of creation and new Creation, of covenant and new Covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom and you have walked the path from the depths of death to the glory of Resurrection Life. And so we gladly praise you, joining with all the company of Heaven and all creation, as we sing of your unending praise:

O- Holy - Holy Holy Lord - O God of power and Might. All
C Am⁷ G D G C Em
Heaven and earth of-your glory are full Ho - sanna in the high - est. O
Bm Em D G G Dsus⁴
Blessed is the one who comes in the name-of-the Lord! Ho-
C Am G D G C Em
-sanna in the high - est. Ho - sanna in the high - est.

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for Christ is risen! And around the table once more we proclaim that Jesus, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying Take and Eat, This is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and gave it to his companions, saying drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the Forgiveness of sins do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. Great is the mystery of faith!

$\text{♩} = 100$ Em C G D G Am Dsus⁴
Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain! Sing
C Am⁷ G D G C Em
Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

Hope and joy are our breath, merciful God, for in a garden of life, you have rolled away the stone of fear and despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of sin, the stone of death. As you did in creation, so too in the wonder of resurrection - send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of the risen Christ. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your life, that all who labour, all who weep, all who hunger, all who rejoice shall meet you in the breaking of the bread. Shape your church to be your risen body, a diverse and beautiful garden of your Spirit, until you come again and we feast together in your kingdom and all are made one in your love. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen!**



A - men, a - men, O Ho - ly One! Ho - san - na and A - men! A -



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As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught:

[said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice]

Our *Father (*or Parent, or Source) **in heaven,**

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life of the world.

Thanks be to God!

All are welcome (none compelled!) to receive at Jesus' table!

The bread is gluten-free, there are also rice crackers available.

Grape juice is in the small cups. It is wine (port) in the larger chalice.

Song (pre-recorded): Agnus Dei

(from Songs of Liturgy, Pillar Church, 2015.)

Song: In the Lord I'll be ever Thankful

(Taize Community, 1986, Gia Publications.)



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a -



fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near!

Song: East/West (Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord O my soul
All that is within me bless God's name
God forgives all our sin
And is slow to anger, full of grace

Refrain: As high as the heavens are up above
So is the greatness of your love
As far as the east is from the west
You have removed our sin from us
Far as the east is from the west x2

For the Lord knows our frame
Short our days from dust to dust we fade
But God's love will remain
Merciful to all who fear God's name *R*
The steadfast love of the Lord - from everlasting to everlasting (4X)
Paul Zach, Our God is a friend of Silence, 2018., alt. CCLI

We Are Sent

Prayer After Communion:

Let us Pray: **O God, we have shared in the mysteries of the body and blood of Christ. Nourish us by this feast, that we may live the risen life and serve you faithfully in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing:

Closing Song: Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice sounding,
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

Brothers Simon, Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
Leaving all for His dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,

Words by Cecil Alexander (1895), Tune 'Restoration' from Southern Harmony, 1835. Public Domain.

From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us—By your mercies,
Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all.

The Sending:

Go forth to serve God and love the world, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!!!

We'll be back here next Sunday, June 14th at 4pm!

Pick up a copy of our Summer schedule (we gather every other week!) at the back of the Church.

Summer Weekday Prayer with the Emmaus Community

Mondays 9 am - Morning Prayer w/ Centering Prayer - approx 45 mins. In-person only in the Upper Room. Enter off of the parking lot up the metal stairs.

Fridays 8:15 am - morning prayer - *on-line zoom only*

Contact us for information on the accessible entrance or zoom/liturgies link. Open to any and all!



CHRISTIAN ANARCHISM: A Roundtable and Discussion

**Thursday June 11 at 7pm
in the Upper Room**

aka the Emmaus/Abbey Prayer space, library, office.
Enter off of the parking lot up the stairs. Text 7789777562 for barrier free.

With Denise Nadeau of The AbbeyChurch and author of *Unsettling Spirit: A Journey into Decolonization* & Rob Shearer - clergy & former Catholic Worker



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