

The Service for the Lord's Day Seventh Sunday After Epiphany 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services February 23, 2025

"United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people."

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Joyful Ringers

arr. Eithun

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission - Lunch Bunch

Choral Introit (11:00)

God Is Here Today

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe, as certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

* Call to Worship

- ONE: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions. MANY: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God. ONE: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble. MANY: Come, let worship God! ONE:
- ***** Hymn No. 384

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

Prayer of Confession

MANY: Holy God, forgive us when we fail to live and labor in the light of your good news: when we choose politeness instead of kindness, fear instead of love, and routine instead of revelation. Help us to hear your Spirit calling us to new life and move us to feel your presence wrapping us in love. Give us faith and courage, by your transforming grace, to be steadfast and immovable, always excelling in the work you give to us.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? God has swallowed up death ONE: forever and sin has no more power over us. Beloved people of God, believe this good news:

MANY: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

* Congregational Response No. 251 *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* (stanza 5)

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

WELCOME

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a long-time member, we are blessed to have you with us.

As a congregation, we seek to live as people united in Jesus Christ. Our church consists of people of all ages and stages on faith's journey, from those new to faith to those who have honed their faith for decades. We consider this one of Unity's greatest gifts. We see ourselves as an ever-widening family with room for everyone. We tend to worship in some pretty traditional ways. We study the scriptures and seek to understand the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world.

We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning - a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper connection with the God who loves you! After the service, stick around for a few minutes. Introduce yourself to one of the pastors. If you cannot stay or are worshiping with us online, please visit our website. See if this is a place and a people that God is calling you to be a part of, a place and a people where you might invest yourself in the amazing work God is doing, a place and a people you just might call home.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Children's Time

Congregational Blessing Go Now in Peace Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Second Reading

Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

"Your Labor Is Not in Vain"

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

* Affirmation of Faith - from the Confession of 1967, 9.21-9.26

MANY: The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

MANY: 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.

Offering

As we worship both at home and in the sanctuary, we pause in gratitude to God to prayerfully reflect on the response we make to God's amazing grace in Jesus Christ. Financial gifts can be shared online at <u>https://onrealm.org/</u><u>unityfortmill/give/now</u> through the mail, as the plates are passed, or in the mailbox in front of the Historic Sanctuary.



Offertory Anthem

10,000 Reasons Thomas Monroe, soloist Myrin and Redman

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

(8:45)

Psalm 37:39-40

Sleeth

It's time to sing yo			Leading Worship this morning:
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. (<i>Refrain</i>)			Rev. Dr. Matt Rich Senior Pastor
You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind. For all your goodness I will keep on singing:			Rev. Molly Spangler Associate Pastor
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (<i>Refrain</i>) And on that day when my strength is failing,			Jane Hudson Lay Reader (11:00)
the end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing your praise unending: ten thousand years and then forevermore! (<i>Refrain</i>)			Margaret Monroe Director of Music
(11:00)	O Sons and Daughters of the King Chancel Choir	Sjolund	Acolytes: 8:45 a.m. Blakely Martin
O sons and daughters of the King,			Clara Bickett
whom heavenly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia!			11:00 a.m. Josephine Ryan
On this most holy	day of days		
to God your hearts and voices raise			Children's Ministry
in songs of joy and shouts of praise: Alleluia!			Staff:
And we the holy church unite, as evermore is just and right,			Kathryn McGregor Director of Christian Education
in glory to the King of light.			
O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,			Nursery Caregivers: Angie Benjamin Carolyn Blair
today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia!			Sylvia Coleman
 * The Doxology No. 606 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; 		OLD HUNDREDTH	
	eatures here below; e, ye heavenly host;		
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen			Unity Presbyterian Church
* Prayer of Thanksgiving			303 Tom Hall Street Fort Mill, SC 29715
* Hymn No. 749	Come! Live in the Light!	WE ARE CALLED	803-547-5543 www.UnityFortMill.org
* Charge and Benediction			Facebook: @UnityFortMill
* Choral Response (11:00) Goodness Is Stronger than Evil Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.		Bell	Instagram: <u>@UnityFortMill</u>
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.			YouTube:
* Postlude	Christ Is Alive!	arr. Burkhardt	Unity Presbyterian Church <u>Fort Mill</u>
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^{*} As you are able in body or spirit, please stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are donated to the glory of God and in memory of Greg Kimsey, by Debbie Kimsey and family.

DEACONS SERVING TODAY at the 8:45 a.m. worship service are Riley Shaftner, Christopher Routh, and Jennifer Smith; at the 11:00 a.m. service are Elizabeth Bowers and Jim Smith.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available at the Deacons desk in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP, GROW, AND SERVE

<u>Worship</u>

SANCTUARY WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED - Please note that as you join us for worship in the Sanctuary, there is a possibility that you will be seen on the online livestream. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know by contacting Dr. Matt Rich at the church office at 803-547-5543.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are welcome in worship. If you find that you need to leave the service to care for your child, Room M201 is open, and is connected to the sanctuary sound system. Ask an usher in the Narthex if you need directions.

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE during today's worship services in Room S104 for infants-18 months and S103 for toddlers/ preschoolers up through age 3. Both rooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary building. Our nursery is run by trained, paid staff with assistance from trained church volunteers. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered throughout the morning. Children may be dropped off up to 15 minutes prior to a worship service or may attend worship with you until the Children's Time, and then will be taken to nursery by our volunteers and staff. If your child plans to leave the service following Children's Time, please complete a bright yellow Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack. Place it on your child's back. Please check "nursery" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.

CIW IS AVAILABLE during today's worship services. "Children in Worship" is a Montessori-based worship program for young children (those who turned 4 before September 1st, 2024, those who are Rising Kindergarten and 1st graders as well as those who have just completed 1st grade). They learn to worship in a way that corresponds to corporate worship yet addresses their needs as young children. Please bring your child with you to worship in the sanctuary and complete a Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack, and place it on your child's back. Check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency. After the Children's Time, your child will be escorted to the CIW Room (M206) on the children's Sunday school wing.

Children's Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2025 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER CAMPS:

- VBS & Mission Camp June 9-12, Ages 4 Completed 3rd Grade (VBS); Completed 4th and 5th Grades (Mission Camp) *Registration opens March 10th*
- Grands Camp July 23-25, Ages 4 -5th grade with a Grandparent or Surrogate Grandparent *Registration opens April 7th*

VBS PLANNING IS UNDERWAY! SIGN UP NOW TO VOLUNTEER. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 9th - Thursday, June 12th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for children in Rising 4K-4th grade. Mission Camp will be held concurrently for children currently in Rising 5th and 6th grade. This year's theme is "Road Trip: On the Go With God". Registration will open for Unity families, grandchildren of Unity members, and Unity Preschool families on March 10th. Sign up now to volunteer and help us make this summer the best VBS ever!: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA9AF22A4FE3-54606563-vbs2025</u>.

Congregational Care

LUNCH BUNCH - Join us **Wednesday, February 26th at 12:00 Noon** for Lunch Bunch! Former IBM executive, Joe Panko, will be our speaker this month. He had a very charming life until the plane he was traveling on plunged into New York City's East River in 1989. This event changed his life and triggered post-traumatic stress disorder, which he has had to learn to navigate for years. He shares his story in an effort to help others recognize the early signs of the disease, get the help they need, and shorten their path to recovery. Bring your sandwich or salad and join us for this interesting presentation. Chips, drinks, and desserts are provided.

Endowment

Please remember Unity in your estate plan.

Faith Formation

MONDAY MUSINGS meets each **Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** with the pastors in Room M201 for conversation about and study of Sunday's sermon and scripture texts.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. There is a place for everyone! A list of all classes and room numbers are below. Scan the QR code to learn more about each adult offering and find the place that is right for you.



Children Birth - 3 years: S103 & S104 4K – Kindergarten: M203 1st-2nd Grades: M205 3rd - 5th Grades: M208 Youth 6th - 7th Grades: M106 Confirmation (8th Grade): M107 High School: M108

As a Child: M312 Faith Connections: Historic Sanctuary Fellowship: M201 Gospel of Matthew: M210 Unity: M102

Adults

GUEST PREACHER MARYANN MCKIBBEN DANA will join us on **March 2nd at both services** and for a **Q&A** with the author at 10:00 am. Rev. McKibben Dana is the author of several books, including Hope: A User's Manual, which is our All-Church Read for 2025. There are two copies of the book left in the church office for purchase if you are interested in reading it ahead of her visit. Plan to worship with us that day to hear a special word about hope in today's world.

PRESBYTERIAN BEDROCK BELIEFS, A SUNDAY ELECTIVE, will be offered on **Sunday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** When it comes down to it, when you boil it down to its very essence, what exactly is it, in just a few words (or phrases) that we Presbyterians believe? Join Rev. Mark Verdery for this one session opportunity to explore what our essential beliefs are. No registration is necessary.

SELF-GUIDED PRAYER STATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE all day on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary** for people of all ages to reflect and prepare for the season of Lent. These simple and interactive activities will provide a quiet space for those who may not be able to attend the evening worship service and those who would like an opportunity to set an intention for Lent in an interactive and contemplative space. No registration is required. Drop in as you are able.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW. Lent begins Wednesday, March 5th. Children are invited to stop by the Lenten devotion table in the Narthex beginning today to pick up a scratch off prayer calendar to use during Lent. Adults and youth are invited to purchase a *Draw Near: A Lenten Devotion* book written by Rev. Lynn Baab with beautiful watercolor illustrations by her husband, Dave. These devotions are on sale for \$5 with the additional cost underwritten by the Adult Discipleship Ministry Team. Each short devotion focuses on a different psalm each day, has two questions for reflection and a short prayer. Let this devotion book focused on the Psalms help you draw near to God this Lent.

WEEKLY PRAYER AND REFLECTION WILL BE OFFERED DURING LENT. Whether you are choosing to use the *Draw Near* Lenten Devotionals this year or not, you are invited to come when you can to a brief prayer and reflection service offered each week during Lent that will be guided by the psalms in that week's Lenten devotions. Services will last no more than 30 minutes and be offered three different times on Tuesdays so there is hopefully a time that suits everyone! Join us beginning Tuesday, March 11th, at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary for prayer and quiet reflection on a Psalm each week. No registration is necessary.

MONEY TALKS: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT MONEY, FAITH, LIFE, & THE STORIES WE TELL - Join Dr. Matt for "Money Talks," a small group where we'll talk about money, faith, life, and the stories we tell. The group will meet on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 4:00 p.m. in M102. Topics will include reflecting on what we've learned about money and faith from our parents and grandparents; our own motivations for giving of our time, talents, and resources; what scripture tells us about stewardship and money (it's a lot!); and the vision we have for faithful use of our money and resources in the future. Scan the QR code or visit https://bit.ly/UPCMoneyTalks to register. There's no doubt that "money talks," so come and see what yours might be saying.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE INTERNATIONAL TRIP?

Thank you to all who came to hear Dr. Matt share about the "Footsteps of Paul" trip to Greece and Turkey that he and Sarah took in January. Based on such a big crowd, we are beginning to plan for a Spiritual Pilgrimage International Trip with members and friends of Unity. Visit this link (https://forms.gle/oHLqP4pkYr59SwT89) or scan the QR code to express your interest in possible trips to Greece/Turkey; Italy; Egypt; Scotland; Germany/Switzerland, or more, plus to see a recording of Dr. Matt's presentation and slides. With enough interest, we'll look toward traveling together in 2026 or early 2027.

Hospitality & Evangelism

WELCOME TO UNITY COFFEE - If you would like to know more about Unity Presbyterian Church, please join us for coffee on **TODAY in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45**. The coffee is an informal time for those interested in learning more about our church and membership. Members of the Hospitality and Evangelism committee and church staff will be there to greet you, along with others who are also visiting Unity. You will have an opportunity to learn what is involved in becoming a member and answer any of your questions. Children are welcome to join their parents, or they may attend Sunday school. We look forward to seeing you!

Outreach

REGISTER NOW FOR GO MAD DAY: Registration opens today for GO MAD (Go Make a Difference) Day, our intergenerational day of service to be held on **Saturday, March 29th, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** GO MAD Day is for people 4-100 years old and offers small group service projects appropriate for families with children, teens, and adults of all ages. A nursery will be provided for children under age 4. We will be working with many of our local mission partners here in York County. See information on all projects and **sign up for one today on realm using the QR code. Registration will be open today through March 16th.** If you have any questions, contact Molly Spangler at mspangler@unityfortmill.org for more information.



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SUNDAY - Next **Sunday, March 2nd**, is Peanut Butter & Jelly Sunday. Please bring your donations of food and supplies for the Fort Mill Care Center and deposit them in the collection box in the Narthex on Sunday or any time you are at church. Current needs at the Care Center include rice (one pound bags), pasta sauce, canned fruit, applesauce, canned meat, jelly, and snacks. You can also drop off donations, including any refrigerated items, directly at the Fort Mill Care Center. They are open MWF 9:00 AM to noon and Tuesday from 5 to 7 PM. Please have them weigh the donation and please send an Email with the total weight to Larry Terrell at <u>larry.terrell@sbcglobal.net</u>. Last month we collected 410 lbs., bringing our year-to-date total to 1,020 lbs. Thank you for generously supporting our neighbors in need.

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP - There are still open spaces to join other Unity members on our trip to Honduras July 9 -18. Gloria Wheeler, a retired PCUSA Mission Co-Worker will join us. We will be working alongside Honduran families that have been accepted to be a part of this home building project. There is a job for everyone! Please email Joyce Sullivan for more information at jsullivan@comporium.net.

Stephen Ministry

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN IS A STEPHEN MINISTER CHURCH - Stephen Ministers are members of Unity Presbyterian Church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Susan Mobley or Dave Johnson, via email at <u>Stephenministryreferrals@unityfortmill.org</u> or call Rev. Molly Spangler at (803) 547-5543.



Women of Unity

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH with all things happening with the Women of Unity by sending an email to wouministry@gmail.com. We would love to add you to our communications! Follow us on Instagram: @woufortmill.

PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD 2025 NOMINATION GUIDELINES: Thank you for choosing to nominate a candidate for the PW Honorary Life Membership Award. Each year the Women of Unity nominate and select an extraordinary woman to receive the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award. This is a national honor originating in 1912 from the Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). It recognizes women that are known for their commitment to Christ and the mission of the church. This award honors the woman who has given of herself over her lifetime in devoted service to her church and community. A woman who has impacted the lives of many with her love, generosity, and actions. The following guidelines apply for this nomination:

- Any woman who has been active member of Unity Presbyterian Church for no less than 5 years.
- The nominee should be no younger than 30 years of age.
- The nominee may or may not be currently active in a Women of Unity Circle.
- Consider how this nominee has used her time and talents to service God, the church, her family and the community.

Deadline to receive nominations is Sunday, February 23rd. There's a brown envelope in the Narthex where you can get a nomination form, or you can visit <u>https://unityfortmill.org/ministries/adults/women-of-unity/honorary-life-member-award/</u> or <u>click here</u> to fill out a nomination form. Forms can be submitted to <u>ftmillhowell@comporium.net</u>, or placed in the brown envelope for "completed forms" in the Narthex or WOU box across from the church office. Questions? Contact Emelia Howell at <u>ftmillhowell@comporium.net</u>.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE MOTHER DAUGHTER SISTER FRIEND LUNCHEON - Women of Unity will host our annual Mother Daughter Sister Friend Luncheon on **March 23rd, 2025**. Our theme this year is "Learning to Share Our Stories" with Rev. Julie Hester. We are people formed by stories - the stories we've heard and lived through, the stories we tell ourselves, and the stories we tell together. Join us as we explore how the spiritual practice of writing can help us understand and share our stories as part of God's beloved community. We'll listen, learn, write, and share around our small group tables. No writing experience is needed, and grammar and spelling don't count! **Scan the QR code to register. Registration deadline is March 12th, or until**



the event sells out. Contact Event Co-Chairs Karen Compton Fuqua (<u>kfuqua@comporium.net</u>) and Stephanie Faherty with any questions! *WOU will be in the Narthex one last time on Sunday, March 2, 2025 at both the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services to register for MDSF.*

Worship & Music

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR - Would you like to honor a family member, friend, or a special group of people? Placing fresh flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God is a perfect way to remember and celebrate a special person/s or occasion in your life. You may order flowers from a local florist or provide your own arrangement with flowers from your yard or another place of business that sells fresh-cut flowers. Your name along with the name or occasion being honored will be printed in the church bulletin. Dates for 2025 have now been added to a sign-up genius for reserving a Sunday to place flowers in the sanctuary. You may visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA5A729A0FCC25-53403724-unity#/ and complete the steps for selecting your choice of Sunday(s). All instructions are included. If you have questions, please contact Michaela Braswell at mbraswell@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543 ext. 130). Early sign-up is recommended to ensure the Sunday of your choice.

YOUTH CHOIR - All Youth grades 6-12 are invited to sing in Youth Choir this spring. We will rehearse in the choir room after 11:00 worship on the following Sundays: March 2, March 9, and March 23. We will be singing in worship on Sunday, March 30th at both services. Use the QR code to sign up. Contact Margaret Monroe at <u>mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org</u> with any questions or for more information.



Youth Ministry

JOIN FOR FEASTING ON THE WORD TONIGHT! All youth are invited to join us for a cooking class with professional chef, Chris Routh, TODAY from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please note the time change.

JOIN US FOR TRIVIA NIGHT FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND FROM 4-5:30PM! All youth, parents, and families are invited to join us for a fun evening of trivia in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring an appetizer to share. We will also collect food donations for Hurricane Helene recovery. Scan the code to RSVP and view the list of needed items!



SIGN UP FOR THE 2025 UNITY YOUTH LENT CHALLENGE! Sign up now to receive a daily text message during all 40 days of Lent with prompts designed to invite you into deeper relationship with God and others. Text @unitylent to the number 81010. Challenge begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5th).

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN! There are countless opportunities for middle and high school youth to engage in meaningful outreach and faith formation trips this summer. High schoolers are headed to St. Simons Island and Montreat Youth Conference and middle schoolers at headed to Massanetta Middle School Conference! Save your spot by registering now on Realm.

Hymns for February 23, 2025 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King. No more crying there: we are going to see the King. No more crying there: we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King. No more dying there: we are going to see the King. No more dying there: we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King!

Hymn

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God, REFRAIN: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. [REFRAIN]

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. [REFRAIN]

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