



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God’s unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ’s radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 24, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Schönster Herr Jesu (Beautiful Savior)”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Gerre Hancock

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

ACOLYTE VIDEO

Kevin Lee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adrianna Cleveland

Leader: Come, with undivided attention, to meet God, who is our rock and our salvation.

People: **Come and hear Christ’s voice, as he calls us away from old routines.**

Leader: Come, without anxiety or fear, for God cares for you.

People: **Come and follow as Christ leads, stepping forth by faith into new places and restored relationships.**

Leader: Come, during this time of worship, to offer our praise and thanksgiving to the God who was, who is, and who is to come!

HYMN #410

“God Is Calling”

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,
Through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**
¡Alaben a Dios! ¡Aleluya!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God! Alleluia!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-4, 6

Kathryn Ophardt

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

He says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

arr. Deanna Witkowski

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #721 (*vs. 1, 2, 4*)

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for
Wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.**

Refrain: **O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name;
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no
Gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor.** (*Refrain*)

**You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by
Souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me.** (*Refrain*)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON

"New Beginnings: Answering The Spoken Call"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

SPECIAL MUSIC*Improvisation on "Jesus Calls Us"*

Deanna Witkowski

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #720 (*vs. 1, 3, 4*)

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."
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 thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Fugue on the Carillon of Soissons Cathedral"

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Maurice Duruflé



**PARTICIPANTS
IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Adrianna Cleveland
Kathryn Ophardt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/
Music Director*
Adrianna Cleveland, *Cantor*
Michael Painter, *Cantor*
Deanna Witkowski, *Soloist*
A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE (vs. 1, 2, 4)



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
 en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la a -

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

TEXT: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; English trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood,
 and Raquel Gutierrez-Achón, 1988, alt.

MUSIC: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
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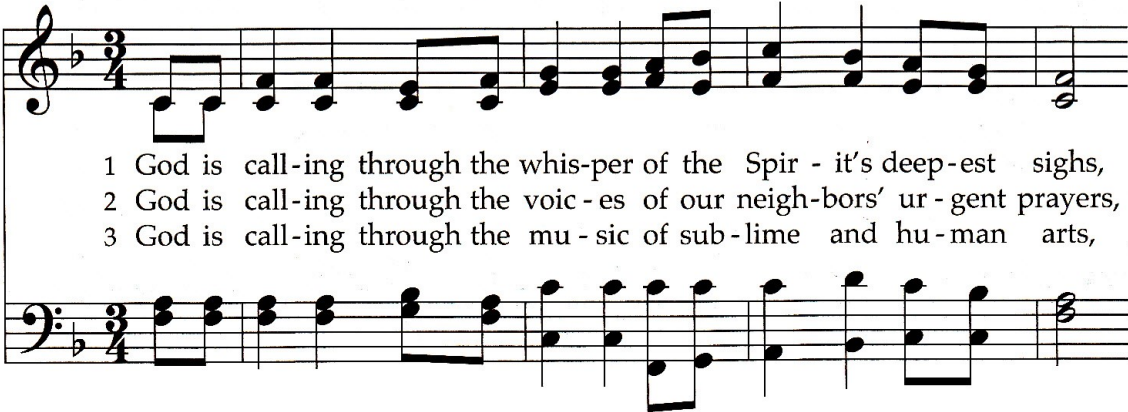
boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me. By your
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a

side I will seek oth - er seas.
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

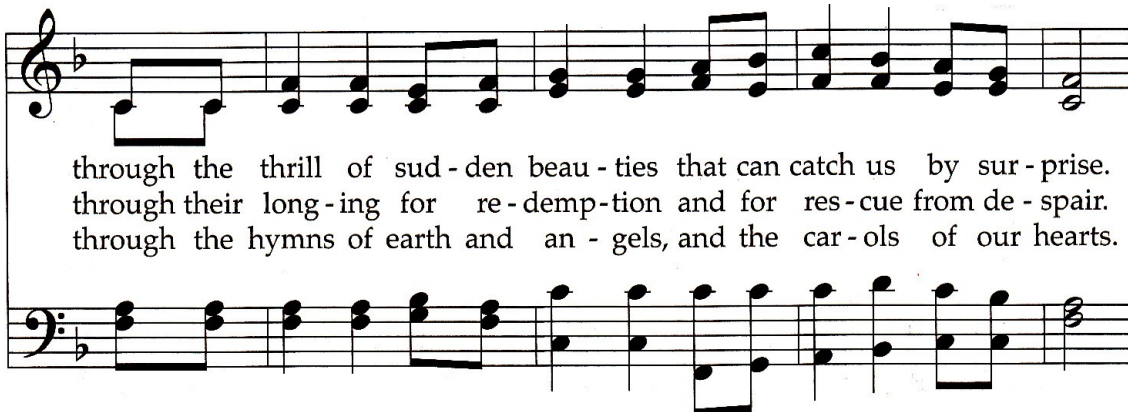
SPANISH

- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla,
 no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
 tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:
 en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
 tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos,
 mi cansancio que a otros descansen,
 amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos,
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
 amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

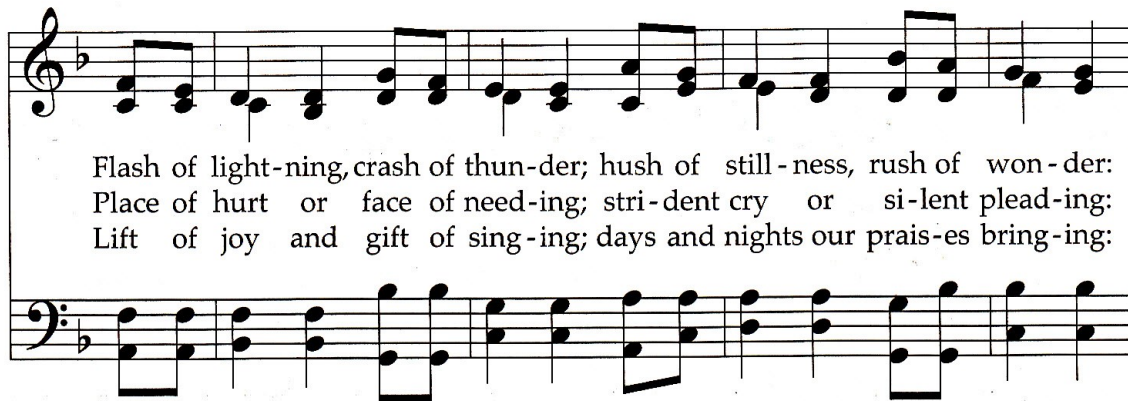
GOD IS CALLING



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



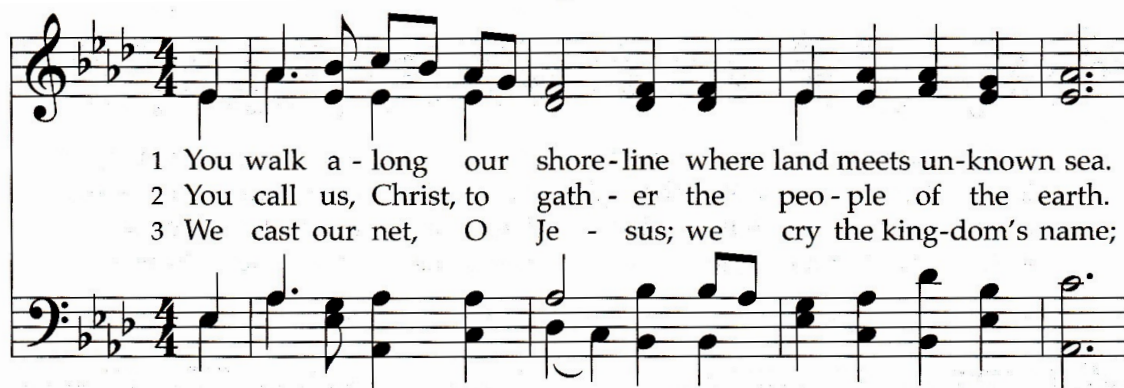
Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



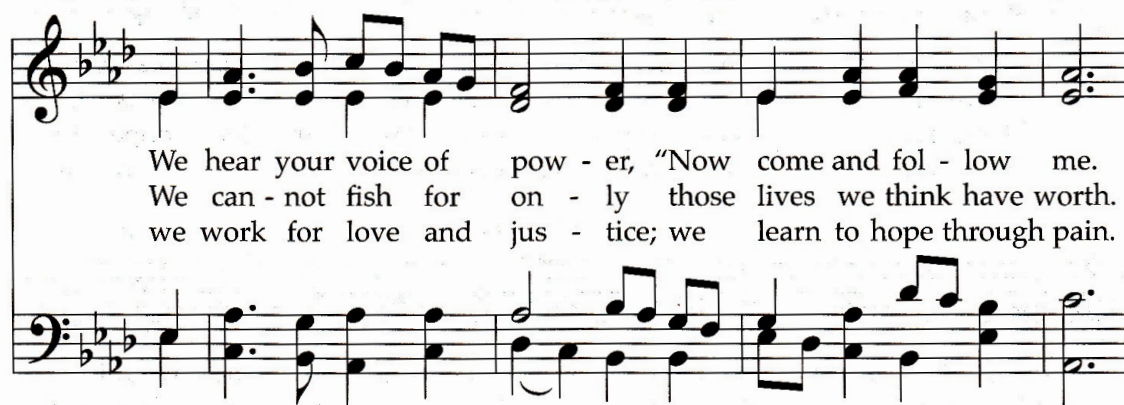
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

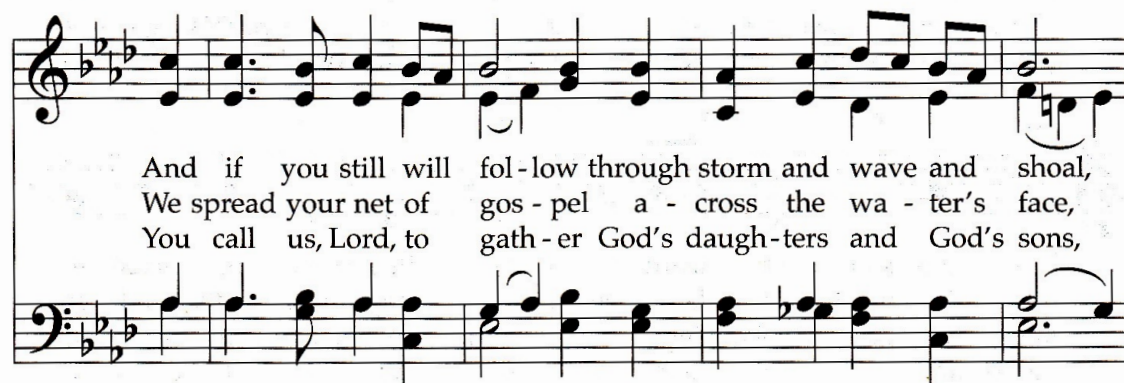
YOU WALK ALONG OUR SHORELINE



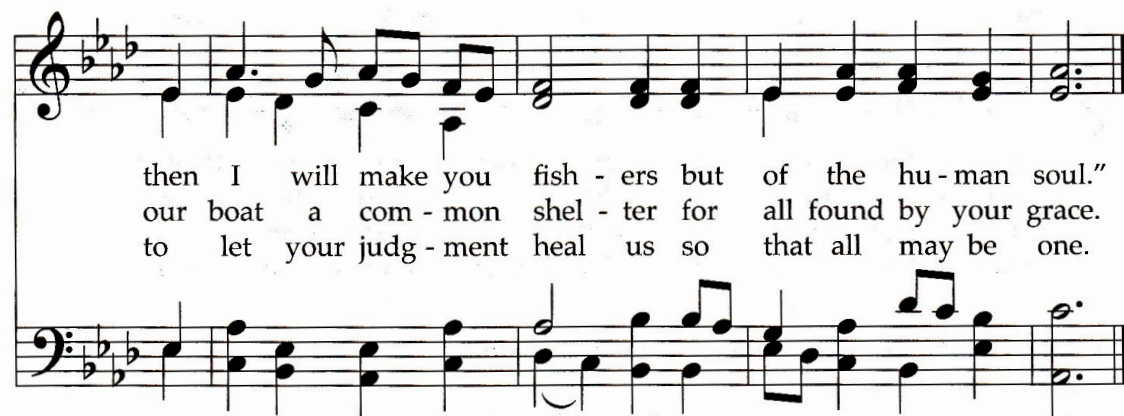
1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



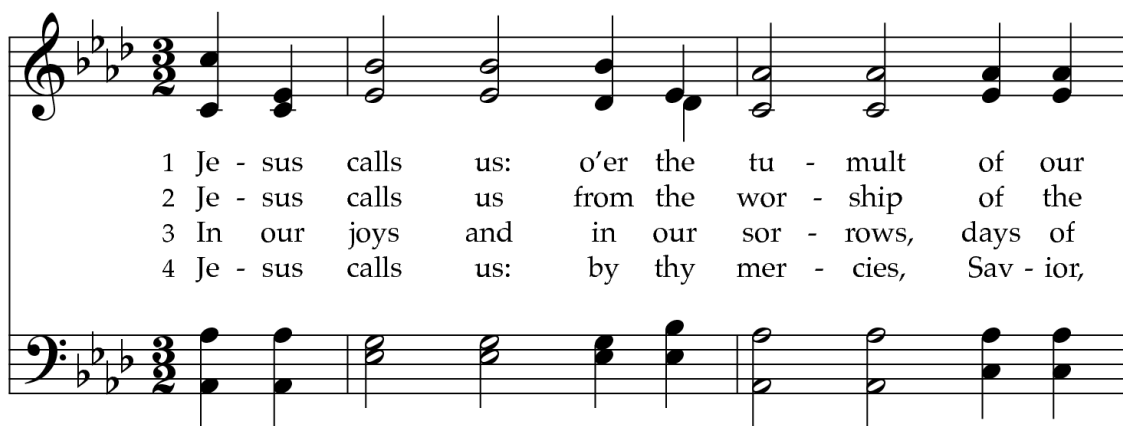
And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



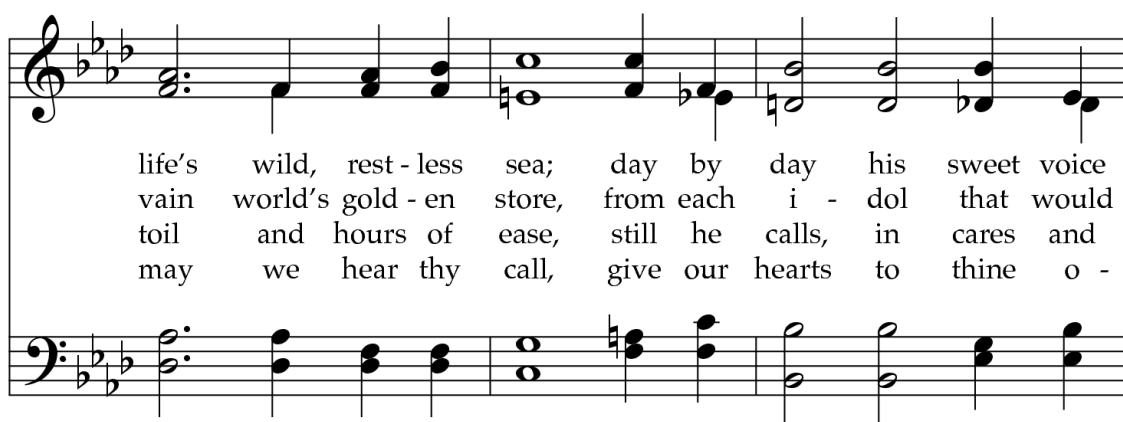
then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18-22/Mark 1:16-20/Luke 5:4-11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

JESUS CALLS US (*vs. 1, 3, 4*)



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.