**A Service of Lessons to Celebrate the Ministry of the Laity**

**June 20, 2021**

**Order of Service**

**Gathering Music**

**Greeting** Martha Stokes

**Congregational Singing** *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord* Paul Joseph Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

**Opening Prayer** Lori Valentine de Segovia,

Elizabeth “Lily” and Robert Segovia Valentine

Leader: Merciful God, we come before You with praise and thanksgiving!

**People: Through Jesus Christ, you have lavished on us every spiritual blessing we could possibly imagine!**

Leader: Before the world was created, you already knew us and loved us.

**People: You adopted us as your own children and redeemed us through the blood of Christ.**

Leader: Even more, you have made us your heirs, and given us your own Spirit as a sign and guarantee.

**People: How we praise you! Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us here.**

Leader: May our worship this day bring you honor and glory, as we offer the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray saying…

**ALL**: **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.**

***-*** *Inspired by Ephesians 1, Written by Tianna Durbin*

**First Lesson – The Heart of Christian Ministry** Deborah Cali

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 24-27

**Second Lesson – The Ministry of the Laity** Tom LyonsMatthew 28:18-20 and Reflection on Call

**Music and Arts Offering** *True Light* Keith Hampton

Heart of Praise Choir &The Blacksburg Children's Chorale, Blacksburg UMC

**Third Lesson – The Ministry of the Community** Angie Williams

Colossians 3:12 – 17

**Fourth Lesson – Ministry as Gift and Task**  Carolyn BainEphesians 1:11 - 19 and Reflection on Call

**Music and Arts Offering**

**Fifth Lesson – Mission as Active Expectancy** Judy Diggs

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

**Sixth Lesson – Calling and Gifts of Leadership** Aaron McCartney

1 Corinthians 12:4-12 and Reflection on Call

**Music and Arts Offering** *I Choose Love* Mark Miller

Youth Choir, Reveille UMC, Richmond District

**Seventh Lesson – Christian Discipleship** Robin Lee

Micah 6:6-8 and Philippians 1:3-6

**Eighth Lesson** **- The Unity of Ministry in Christ** Lay Members of the Older Adult Council: John 17:20-23 Wayne Reynolds, Brenda Brooks,

Janie Nuttall, Marie Hawks, Joan Tipton

**Prayers of the People**  Nancy Walsh

**Invitation to Offer Your Gifts** Albert Weal

**Music and Arts Offering**

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Closing Reflection** Martha Stokes

**Congregational Singing** *The Summons* ***The Faith We Sing***, #2130

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 your self 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 prisoner 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?

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?

**The Blessing/Benediction** Blake Mitchell

**Closing Music**

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Heart of Praise Choir &The Blacksburg Children's Chorale

Blacksburg United Methodist Church, Roanoke District

Cristen Mitchell, Director of Music Ministries

Youth Choir

Reveille UMC, Richmond District

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Mosaic cross in the worship setting created by Karen McElfish and daughter, Rebecca, Arlington District Lay Leader, for the former Arlington Commons UMC congregation

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**Resources**

Opening Prayer inspired by Ephesians 1 and written by **Tianna Durbin**, Minister of Worship and Arts, Arcola UMC, Arlington Districtand Director, Virginia Conference Lay Servant Academy

Prayers of the People, United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, 2020 Laity Sunday Worship Materials. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/laity-sunday-2020-therefore-go-with-hope-through-engagement>

Offertory Prayer based upon Exodus 33:12-23, United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, 2020 Laity Sunday Worship Materials

The Blessing/Benediction, United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, 2020 Laity Sunday Worship Materials