

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is a time-honored tradition held at many high schools, colleges and universities. It is a spiritual service that celebrates the achievements, accomplishments and aspirations of our graduating students.

Senior Participation: SENIORS, Baccalaureate is about you. Every member of the senior class is welcome to participate. This means planning and performing. It is the time to share your talents with friends and family to make this an evening of memories to last a lifetime. It is not too soon to start planning!

The service will also feature clergy representing several faith traditions, along with a musical celebration. A small reception will follow the program. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Nancy Vonderhorst at pastornan@frontiernet.net or Carol Laput at stann@ptd.net.

Please complete the Baccalaureate worksheet prior to the Baccalaureate Meeting.

The student/parent meeting for the class of 2015

Will be held:

7:00pm - Monday, June 1st

at the

Eldred Jr/Sr High School

Baccalaureate – 7:00pm June 8th

Pond Eddy United Methodist Church

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Class of _____

Service Location (to be decided by the Bridgepoint Clergy): _____

Speaker chosen to give the Baccalaureate Address: _____

A community leader, faculty member or local religious leader selected by the graduating class.

NAME of READERS

First Scripture Reading (1-____) _____

Second Scripture Reading (1-____) _____

Third Scripture Reading (1-____) _____

Fourth Scripture Reading (2-____) _____

Fifth Scripture Reading (2-____) _____

Sixth Scripture Reading (3-____) _____

Definition of Baccalaureate (Optional) _____

Senior Reflection (Valedictorian or Salutation) _____

All graduates will be dressed in academic (cap & gown) attire and will process into Church.

Preference Sheet for Baccalaureate Readings & Music

Old Testament Reading (Choose 3)	New Testament (Choose 2)	Gospel (Choose 1)
1-a Jeremiah 1: 4-8	2-a 1 Corinthians 12:4-13	3-a Matthew 5:1-12
1-b Jeremiah 18: 1-6	2-b Colossians 3: 12-17	3-b Matthew 5: 13-16
1-c Jeremiah 29:11-14	2-c 2 Timothy 2:22-26	3-c Matthew 6:25-34
1-d Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	2-d 1 Timothy 4:12-14	3-d Matthew 7: 24-27
1-e Wisdom 9:1-5	2-d 1 Peter 4: 8-11	3-e John 15: 1-8
1-f Proverbs 3:1-8	2-e 2 Peter 3-11	3-f John 15:9-17
	2-f Ephesians 4:1-6	3-g John 17:11b, 17-21

Opening Hymn (circle one)	Hymn (circle two)	
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You	Blest Are They	Now in the Days of Youth
We Will Serve the Lord	Go Light Your World	Praise the Source of Faith and Learning
God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand	What is Our Service to Be	Canticle Of The Sun
Go Light Your World	Servant Song	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Closing Hymn (circle one)	The Servant Song	The Summons
God Bless America	Lean On Me	Amazing Grace
What is Our Service to Be	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	
	Here I Am, Lord	

Student Contact: _____ phone number: _____

Parent Contact: _____ phone number: _____

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Jeremiah 1:4-8

Call and Commission

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know
how to speak, for I am only a youth.”
But the Lord said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; To whomever I send you,
you shall go;
whatever I command you,
you shall speak.
Be not afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

Jeremiah 18:1-6

The Potter and the Clay

The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying,
“Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will announce My words to you.”
Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something on the wheel.
But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into
another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.
Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,
“Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter *does*?” declares the LORD.
“Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

God’s Promise

For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord,
‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.
You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.
I will be found by you,’ declares the Lord,
‘and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where
I have driven you,’ declares the Lord,
‘and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.’

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A Time for Everything

There is an appointed time for everything.

And there is a time for every event under heaven—

A time to give birth and a time to die;
A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.
A time to kill and a time to heal;
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn and a time to dance.
A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.
A time to search and a time to give up as lost;
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;
A time to be silent and a time to speak.
A time to love and a time to hate;
A time for war and a time for peace.

Wisdom 9:1-5

Solomon's Prayer

God of my ancestors, Lord of mercy,
you who have made all things by your word
And in your wisdom have established humankind
to rule the creatures produced by you,
And to govern the world in holiness and righteousness,
and to render judgment in integrity of heart.
Give me Wisdom, the consort at your throne,
and do not reject me from among your children
For I am your servant...

Proverbs 3:1-8

Advice to the Young

My child, don't forget what I teach you. Always remember what I tell you to do. My teaching will give you a long and prosperous life. Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck; write them on your heart. If you do this, both God and people will be pleased with you.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are; simply obey the Lord and refuse to do wrong. If you do, it will be like good medicine, healing your wounds and easing your pains.

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1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Spiritual Gifts

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom,

to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit,

to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

to another miraculous powers,

to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits,

to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,

and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Colossians 3:12-17

God's chosen ones

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

2 Timothy 2:22-26

Follow that which is good

Flee the evil desires of youth

and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace,

along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

and that they will come to their senses

and escape from the trap of the devil,

who has taken them captive to do his will.

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1 Timothy 4:12-14

Following Gods Plan

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers in speech,
in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture,
to preaching and to teaching.

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

1 Peter 4:8-11

Living for God

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Peter 3-11

The Christian's Call and Election

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature. For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For anyone who lacks these things is short-sighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Ephesians 4:1-6

Unity in the Body of Christ

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:13-16

Salt and Light

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:25-34

Do Not Worry About Tomorrow

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 7:24-27

The Wise and Foolish Builders

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

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John 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:9-17

Abide in my Love

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

John 17:11b, 17-21

Priestly prayer of Jesus

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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The American Heritage dictionary defines this as:

- (1) The degree of Bachelor conferred upon graduates of most U.S. colleges and universities.
- (2) The farewell address delivered in the form of a sermon to the graduating class of a High School or College.

Legend states the Baccalaureate ceremony originated back to a statute dated 1432 at Oxford University that required each bachelor to deliver a sermon in Latin as part of his academic exercise. Because the earliest universities in this country were founded primarily to educate ministers, the British practice of a Baccalaureate service continued. Today, the service is usually an interfaith one that celebrates the completion of an undergraduate academic career. In our modern times, the sermon doesn't have to be done by a religious person, but can be done by the dean or principal of the school, an invited guest (often famous or well-respected) or by the school valedictorian. The baccalaureate can be serious or light-hearted. In some cases, a time limit is set on the length of the speech, depending on the size of the graduation class.

In other cases the weather is a big factor if the ceremony is held outdoors.

The baccalaureate might be included in the graduation ceremony while for other schools it is a separate event that takes place before the commencement.

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SONGS

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

We Will Serve the Lord

1. Wealth can be an idol, built of gleaming gold,
bringing dreams of paradise, futures bought and sold.
Some will choose to gather it, all that they can hoard,
but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!
2. Pleasure is a siren, promising the flesh,
brief relief from emptiness, a hiding place from death.
Some will choose to chase it until it leaves them bored,
but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

Refrain

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,
we will serve the Lord, we will serve the Lord!
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,
we will serve the Lord, we will serve the Lord!

3. Power is a hunger, burning in the breast,
to walk among the mighty and trample on the rest.
Some will choose to gain it by lie or guile or sword,
but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!
4. Father of all mercy, giver of all life,
here we speak our covenant above the noisy strife.
Hear us shout in glory above the pagan horde:
as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!

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God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

1.

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

2.

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*

3.

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever-sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

Go Light Your World

*There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
And there is a spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes his home*

*Carry your candle, and run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
And hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world*

*Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame*

*So carry your candle, and run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
And hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world*

*'Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times*

*Carry your candle, and run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world*

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Take your candle, and go light your world*

Chris Rice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUTWR4vVIjU>

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Blest are They

1.

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.*

Refrain

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

2.

*Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill.*

3.

*Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God!*

4.

*Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.*

5.

*Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dz-kNR-sOn8>

What is Our Service To Be

1.

*What is our service to be,
Our sacred ministry?
What does God ask?
Walk with integrity,
Do justice faithfully,
Love others tenderly:
This is our task!*

2.

*What is the good news we bring?
In whose name shall we sing?
Dare to proclaim
Courage in face of fears,
Laughter in place of tears,
God's favor all our years
In Jesus' name!*

3.

*What is the mission we share?
Whose is the image we bear?
Let us acclaim
Each person's dignity,
Human equality,
Love that has set us free:
Christ we proclaim!*

4.

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<http://www.spiritandsong.com/products/99935>

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Servant Song

What do you want of me Lord? Where do You want me to serve You?
Where can I sing Your praises? I am Your song.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.
I hear You call my name Lord, and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self. Sing Your songs in me.
Jesus, Jesus, You are my Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.
Above, below and around me. Before, behind and all through me.
Your Spirit burns deep within me. Fire my life with Your love.
Jesus, Jesus, be the warmth of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.
You are the light in my darkness. You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded. Come see for me.
Jesus, Jesus, You are my light.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.
I am your song, your servant. Singing Your praise like Mary.
Surrendered to Your Spirit. "Let it be done to me."
Jesus, Jesus, let it be done to me.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.

by Donna Marie McGargill, OSM

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPVRicy9_J4

The Servant Song

Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.
We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.
Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.
Richard Gillard of New Zealand 1976-77

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdmgpMfnjdU>

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Lean On Me

*Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow*

*Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on*

*Please, swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show*

*You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on*

*Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on*

*You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on*

*If there is a load
You have to bear that you can't carry
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load
If you just call me*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XHrhZ4Cmr0>

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Chorus:
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*Chorus:
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

*Chorus:
Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOvQLMfppN8>

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Here I Am, Lord

*I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send ?*

Refrain

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my Heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain.
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for live of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
Who will speak My word to them? Whom shall I send ?*

Refrain

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my Heart.*

*I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My Life to them. Whom shall I send?*

Refrain

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my Heart.*

Dan Schutte

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

Now in the Days of Youth

*Now in the days of youth,
When life flows fresh and free,
Thou Lord of all our hearts and lives,
We give ourselves to Thee;
Our fervent gift receive,
And fit us to fulfill,
Through all our days, in all our ways,
Our heavenly Father's will.*

*Teach us where'er we live,
To act as in Thy sight,
And do what Thou wouldst have us do
With radiant delight;
Not choosing what is great,
Nor spurning what is small,
But taking from Thy hands our tasks
To glorify them all.*

*Teach us to love the true,
The beautiful and pure,
And let us not for one short hour
An evil thought endure.
And give us grace to stand
Decided, brave, and strong,
The lovers of all holy things,
The foes of all things wrong.*

*Spirit of Christ, do Thou
Our first bright days inspire,
That we may live the life of love
And loftiest desire;
And be by Thee prepared
For larger years to come;
And for the life ineffable,
Within the Father's home.*

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Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

*Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked
and stoked the mind*

*With a passion for discerning how the world has been
designed.*

*Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we
survey*

*Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to
pray:*

*God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and
our art*

*And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth
impart.*

*Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
Where Your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are
found.*

*May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our
thought*

*Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient
prophets taught.*

*May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith
can breed*

Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

*As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a
single course,*

*Till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to You,
their Source.*

Canticle of the Sun

Refrain

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

And all creation is shouting for joy!

Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,

And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!

Verse One

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the
light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars
who light up the way unto your throne!

Verse Two

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the
seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze; they blow
where they will, they blow where they please to please
the Lord!

Verse Three

Praise for the rain that waters our fields, and blesses
our crops so all the earth yields; from death unto life
her mystery revealed springs forth in joy!

Verse Four

Praise for the fire who gives us his light, the warmth of
the sun to brighten our night; he dances with joy, his
spirit so bright, he sings of you!

MARTY HAUGEN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qv222BaAKMU>

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I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)*

2
*I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)*

3
*I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)*

4
*I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABUTPedTr_A

The Summons

- 1. 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?*
- 2. 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 pray'r
In you and you in me?*
- 3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners 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?*
- 4. 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?*
- 5. 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.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5bkfmQQukl>