

“Calling Disciples” by He Qi

THE INTERNATIONAL PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BRUSSELS

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Small Prelude and Fugue in E \flat ” (J. C. Fischer)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Dykes / arr. Ray)

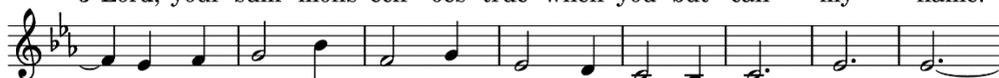
CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN (KELVINGROVE)

“Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons)”



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*HYMN (GALILEE)

"Jesus Calls Us"

1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu-mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea,
2 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the vain world's gold-en store,
3 Long a-go ap-os-tles heard it by the Gal-i-le-an lake,
4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of work and hours of ease,
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cy, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,
day by day his voice is sound-ing, say-ing, "Christian, fol-low me."
from each i-dol that would keep us, say-ing "Christian, love me more."
turned from home and work and fam-ily, leav-ing all for his dear sake.
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
give our hearts to your o-be-dience, serve and love you best of all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" So Samuel ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:12-17a; 23-24

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

* GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Look to Your Calling”

* HYMN (REPTON)

“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a -



call to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re -
 bear; if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can -
 sure: whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we
 lone, in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to



freshed, re - stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 not un - wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 wear your name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 look to you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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Those Serving Today

Pastor:	The Rev. Dr. David B. McCarthy
Worship Leader	David Sanders
Pianist/Organist:	Philippe Jonckheere
Camera operator:	Étienne De Vries

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT IPC

Sunday, 17 January	Children's Zoom Sunday School 10:30 Second Sunday after Epiphany worship 11:30. Online Zoom Fellowship Time 13:00.
Wednesday 20 January	Adult Education class meets by Zoom 20:30
Sunday, 24 January	Children's Zoom Sunday School 10:30 Third Sunday after Epiphany worship 11:30. Online Zoom Fellowship Time 13:00.

For January's **Mission of the Month** we are supporting the Zinga pastors in Rwanda. More information can be found below.

Everyone is invited to online **Zoom Fellowship** at 13:00 today and next Sunday.

Sharing our Treasures

How can we support the International Protestant Church of Brussels?

Please direct *virement* (transfer) deposits to the following accounts:

Fortis: IBAN: BE72 2100 5701 3016 (Pledges and congregational support)

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Zinga pastors of Rwanda

Dear members and friends,

Our brothers and sisters in Rwanda desperately need our help. The Rwandan church has struggled since the 1996 genocide killed over half a million people, including several pastors. After torrential rains and decimated harvests left the country in dire financial straits, the coronavirus pandemic has made the plight of Rwandans even more critical. In March, the Rwandan government ordered all churches to close, leaving their pastors and church workers without any financial support.



The Brussels Brabant district of the United Protestant Church of Belgium (EPUB) has initiated a “twinning” program with the Zinga region of the Rwandan Presbyterian Church. Located in the east of Rwanda, the Zinga region is the earliest to have welcomed Christian missionaries.

The churches are now entirely self-supporting and receive no government funds for their pastors. In this region alone, there are more than 30 pastors and church workers who are not receiving any salary. Our goal is to raise 4,000 euros (together with the other churches in the Brussels-Brabant district), which is the equivalent of one month’s salary for everyone. Divided among thirty people, that works out to 133 euros per person, for one month’s salary. How many pastors and church workers can we support with our gifts?

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