



Vocational Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 21, 2024

PRAYERS

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honour all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

—From *All Creation Sings* (ACS), page 47

For Feeling Like your Work Matters

– From *The Lives we Actually Have* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

Blessed are we who remember that we are not our job titles or paychecks or 401(k)s, but we are being called, whether we like it or not, to something greater than ourselves.

God, what is your call on my life? I am listening.

Blessed are you who wonder if you'll ever find your vocation. You who desire to be part of the solution to the world's pain. May God nudge you in exactly the right direction, where your gifts meet great need.

Blessed are you if you have stepped away from a job due to retirement or a diagnosis or a life change. Life is different, but your purpose remains.

Blessed are you when you wonder if your calling will cost too much— you who do the good, hard work of serving others. The way you pour out may often go unnoticed. But today, may you feel fresh wind in your sails because this is more than a job; this is a call.

In our inbox, bless us. In our conference calls, bless us. When we clean and build, punch in and punch out, grant us meaning.

Give us people to serve, customers to love, good work to do.

And pour back into us more than we pour out. After all, we're only human.

Amen.

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (EvLW)

576 – We All Are One in Mission

580 – How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

583 – Take My Life, That I May Be

All Creation Sings (ACS)

1000 – God's Work, Our Hands

933 – Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded