

# The Master Has Come, and He Calls us

Words By Sarah Doudney (1871)  
Tune: Ash Grove/Traditional Welsh Melody

The Master has come, and He calls us to follow  
The track of the footprints He leaves on our way;  
Far over the mountain and through the deep hollow,  
The path leads us on to the mansions of day:  
The Master has called us, the children who fear Him,  
Who march 'neath Christ's banner, His own little band;  
We love Him and seek Him, we long to be near Him,  
And rest in the light of His beautiful land.

The Master has called us; the road may be dreary,  
And dangers and sorrows are strewn on the track;  
But God's Holy Spirit shall comfort the weary;  
We follow the Savior and cannot turn back.  
The Master has called us: tho' doubt and temptation  
May compass our journey, we cheerfully sing:  
"Press onward, look upward," thro' much tribulation;  
The children of Zion must follow their King.

The Master has called us in life's early morning,  
With spirits as fresh as the dew on the sod;  
We turn from the world with its smiles and its scorning,  
To cast in our lot with the people of God:  
The Master has called us, His sons and His daughters,  
We plead for His blessing and trust in His love;  
And through the green pastures, beside the still waters,  
He'll lead us at last to His kingdom above.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

# Old Orchard Church

July 28, 2013 — 10:15 to 11:50 am.

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## Celebrating Jesus Christ, Caller of Disciples

“Where he leads, I will follow.”

So says every true disciple of a master who is good.

God is Creator, we the creatures;

God is Lord, we the servants;

Christ is Master, we the disciples.

Praise the Lord in the highest!

For he who made us has not abandoned us,

But instead comes to teach, to shape, and to lead us.

Blessed be the Name of the One who takes us up  
Into his grand work of restoring good to the world!

Worship the One who calls us

To walk the same path of rejection he walked.

Adore him, for he, the high Master

Who could have kept us but servants,

Became for us a Friend who sticks closer than a brother!

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“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

### Scripture Readings

**Old Testament Lesson:** Exodus 3:1-15

**Gospel Readings:** Mark 8:31-38

### Christianity in Ephesus, Christianity in St. Louis Series

#### Sermon

“Becoming the ‘We’ in ‘We/They’:

The Healing Goodness of Telling the Truth”

Ephesians 4:20-25

Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching

## Master and Disciple

God is a God who *bears*. The Son of God bore our flesh, he bore the cross, he bore our sins, thus making atonement for us. In the same way his followers are also called upon to bear, and that is precisely what it means to be a Christian. Just as Christ maintained his communion with the Father by his endurance, so his followers are to maintain their communion with Christ by their endurance. We can of course shake off the burden which is laid upon us, but only find that we have a still heavier burden to carry—a yoke of our own choosing, the yoke of our self. But Jesus invites—all who travail and are heavy laden to throw off their own yoke and take his yoke upon them—and his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. The yoke and the burden of Christ are his cross. To go one’s way under the sign of the cross is not misery and desperation, but peace and refreshment for the soul, it is the highest joy. Then we do not walk under our self-made laws and burdens, but under the yoke of him who knows us and who walks under the yoke with us. Under his yoke we are certain of his nearness and communion. It is he whom the disciple finds as he lifts up his cross. As Martin Luther [has God] put it:

*Discipleship is not limited to what you can comprehend—it must transcend all comprehension. Plunge into the deep waters beyond your own comprehension, and I will help you to comprehend even as I do. Bewilderment is the true comprehension. Not to know where you are going is the true knowledge. My comprehension transcends yours. Thus Abraham went forth from his father, and not knowing where he went. He trusted himself to my knowledge, and cared not for his own, and thus he took the right road and came to his journey’s end. Behold, that is the way of the cross. You cannot find it yourself, so you must let me lead you as though you were a blind man. Wherefore it is not you, no man, no living creature, but I myself, who instructs you by my Word and Spirit in the way you should go. Not the work which you choose, not the suffering you devise, but the road which is clean contrary to all that you choose or contrive or desire—that is the road you must take. To that I call you and in that you must be my disciple. If you do that, there is the acceptable time and there your master is come.*

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer in The Cost of Discipleship (1937)