

Great Thanksgiving
(Called of God)

Lord, we are called of You,
and as Your servants we will serve as You desire.
Honor, glory, power and praise, we give to You.
Shame and scorn and cross You carried;
grant us the grace to carry them too.
We are not looking for prestige or fame,
only the joy of serving beside You.

We want to be like Jesus, who served as You desired.
Jesus emptied himself of honor, glory, power and praise, and gave it all to You.
Jesus accepted shame and scorn and went to the cross for us too.
When his disciples looked for prestige and fame,
Jesus only wanted the joy of serving in Your Name,
washing their feet as a slave.

Called by You,
Jesus shared the bread of refugees with a grateful heart.
Breaking and sharing that bread, saying:
“Take and eat. This is my body given for you.”

Called by You,
Jesus shared the cup of suffering with a grateful heart.
And invited all to share in Your cup, saying:
“Drink from this cup, everyone, for this is my blood poured out in affirmation
of God’s promise of forgiveness for you and for all.”

God of Call, No Respector of Persons;
Once again claim the humble as Your own,
use this bread and this wine to be for us the redemptive body and blood of Christ our Lord.

God of Call, No Respector of Persons;
Once again claim the humble as Your own,
use our lives to become for the world, the church, the redemptive body and bride of Christ our
Lord.

God of Call, No Respector of Persons;
Once again claim the humble as Your own,
Bring spiritual renewal and revival to this district of the United Methodist Church.
Empower it’s leadership with Your Holy Fire,
Call them to prayer,
Open our hearts, our minds, our communities to Your transforming grace.
Lord, we are call of You, to serve, to give, to sacrifice our all
to bring to You, most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Honor, glory, power, and praise, now and forever. Amen.

And now as the called of God, let us answer our call by praying with Jesus:

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.**