

Tuesday Morning Service
Dedication of Kits and Conference Offering
11:00 AM

Persons involved:

Kristin Holbrook
Christer
Bishop Kammerer
Vance Ross
Holy Rollers
Voices of Youth Choir

Greeting

Kristin Holbrook

One: Friends, we gather to remember and celebrate our call to be the hands and feet of Christ our Lord.

Many: We hear him speaking our names, and calling us to live differently.

One: Indeed, Jesus leads us into the deep water! We are called to embrace people who are hungry, hurting, forgotten and brokenhearted. In doing so, we are transformed.

Many: Let us remember that the Spirit of God equips and empowers us as we journey.

All: By God's grace, we will offer radical and extravagant love!

Hymn Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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(refrain/estribillo) Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
y sonriendo has dicho mi nombre.
En la arena he dejado mi barca:
junto a Ti buscaré otro mar.

(V1) Tú has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos.
Tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

(estribillo) Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
y sonriendo has dicho mi nombre.
En la arena he dejado mi barca:
junto a Ti buscaré otro mar.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
by your side I will seek other seas.

Tú sabes bien lo que tengo,
en mi barca no hay oro ni espada,
tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons,
you will find there my nets and labor.

(estribillo) Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
y sonriendo has dicho mi nombre.
En la arena he dejado mi barca:
junto a Ti buscaré otro mar.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
by your side I will seek other seas.

Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descansa,
amor que quiera seguir amando.

You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.

(estribillo) Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
y sonriendo has dicho mi nombre.
En la arena he dejado mi barca:
junto a Ti buscaré otro mar.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
by your side I will seek other seas.

Tú, pescador de otros lagos,
ansia eterna de hombres que esperan.
Amigo bueno que así me llamas

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me,

(estribillo) Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
y sonriendo has dicho mi nombre.
En la arena he dejado mi barca:
junto a Ti buscaré otro mar.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
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Prayer

Kristin and Christer will read this prayer alternating lines in English and Burmese.

Almighty God,

As we gather in this place to worship you,

we know that all across the globe,

men and women, children and youth, gather as well to be your church

in all times, in all places, in all languages, in all cultures.

Pour out your Spirit upon your Church universal,

that all who gather in your name

and all who praise you

may feel your presence,

know your will,

and have the courage to do what you are calling us to do.

We pray in the name of the One God. Amen.

— Kristin Holbrook, UMVIM Brazil 2008

Scripture

Vance Ross

Sermon

Vance Ross

Offering:

Statement of Purpose:

Bishop Kammerer

Friends, we have much to celebrate, for all day long, God is working for good in the world! We rejoice because we have the blessed opportunity to carry God's Good News message to our brothers and sisters in Virginia and around the world! We carry that message in a variety of ways. This afternoon, we recognize our sisters and brothers who have chosen a particularly creative way to share God's Good News Message. The Holy Rollers have biked for miles throughout the Virginia Conference to raise awareness and money for our Annual Conference offering and we thank them for their ministry. We are connected with ministry partners in Arlington, Virginia, Mozambique and Brazil, and this grace-filled connection enables us to share from our abundance, empower others to be in mission, offer hope to those who are hopeless, and authentically embody God's love.

Announcement of the number of kits and cans

David Cunningham

LITANY: "BEARERS OF HOPE"

Bishop Kammerer

Leader: We learn to be Christians in communities of faith; God plants hope in our hearts as our faith grows.

People: Hope is born anew in the child who is coming.

Leader: For many of God's children, hope is a scarce commodity.

People: As God's people, we are called to be bearers of hope.

Leader: Without hospitals and clinics in Mozambique, parents lose hope for their children's health and wellbeing; without education it is hard for their children to hope for a future.

People: As God's people, we are called to be bearers of hope.

Leader: Street children in the cities of Brazil lack food and clean water; poverty leaves no room for hope in their lives. People of all ages in rural Brazil need medical care and sustainable sources of food; it's hard to hope without the basics of life.

People: As God's people, we are called to be bearers of hope.

Leader: In God's global village, children of all ages can work together to plant hope in human hearts. Christians in Virginia and Mozambique and Brazil are building partnerships that nurture hope where hope is scarce.

People: May our hearts, our hands, our gifts bring new hope to our partners in ministry in Mozambique and Brazil. May our own hope be born again in the child who is coming, the one who calls us to be bearers of hope, for we ask it in his name. Amen.

— Judy Bennett

Collecting the Annual Conference Offering

Bishop Kammerer: Brothers and sisters, light bearers, hope bearers, bike riders - let us give generously so that others might know and experience God's extravagant love:

At this point the Voices of Youth Choir begins and the collection of offering begins

**As this song starts, the Holy Rollers will come in and one Holy Roller will place a bicycle on or in front of or somehow near the Communion Table ... and they will gather in a circle and pray*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Ray Sterns and Wendell Golden

O God of every good and perfect gift, we praise you and thank you for the generosity shared here this day. Bless these offerings and kits, bless those who have given them and those who will receive them, that all may come to know you in this sharing. Amen.

Oh Deus de toda boa e perfeita oferta, nós te adoramos e te agradecemos pela generosidade compartilhada aqui hoje. Abençoe estas ofertas e jogos, abençoe aqueles que ofereceram e aqueles que vão recebe-las e que todos venham a conhecer-lhe pelo meio desta partilha. Amem,

After the offering, Voices of Youth leads *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Benediction

Vance Ross

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain,
rejection and starvation, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness

to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

-Franciscan Benediction