



# The Shepherd's Voice

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## “Jesus Is Calling You”

“And Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’ And the disciples called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart. Get up, He (Jesus) is calling you.’” Mark 10: 49

This Sunday's Gospel is the story of blind Bartimaeus. He was a blind beggar and sat constantly by the roadside hoping someone would have pity on him. Jesus and His disciples were walking by and Bartimaeus heard that it was the famed rabbi, Jesus of Nazareth. Crying out with what could be his only possible request he begged “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Others rebuked him, trying to silence him, as he was an embarrassment to them. But, the blind man was persistent and made even more vocal appeals. And Jesus heard him. And Jesus stopped in His tracks. He noticed. He took the time. He had compassion. He asked, “What do you want me to do for you?” (I think it is poignant to observe that's the same question He gave to His disciples James and John earlier in verse 36—and they were desirous of prideful positions! Last Sunday's Gospel and sermon—“they were deceived!”)

Bartimaeus is given his eyesight back in a miraculous healing! Quite a contrast! Jesus knew His need. It was a quality of Bartimaeus' character that instructs us though. He was “faithful” the Scripture says. He was faithful in the way of ‘persistence’ and ‘perseverance’. And of course, after the healing, he followed Jesus! Wouldn't you?!

I love that phrase, “He is calling you”, as this is what Jesus came to do. He is calling us to get up, seek that which we really need from God, be persistent in our prayer and pleading, and persevere in prayer until we know we have been with Jesus!

When He calls us, we are challenged to come near. He's calling us now. It's our response of enthusiastic and energetic leaping up in our spirits to engage Jesus' Spirit that really matters to Him. Remember, He is calling. Often we think we are just lifting up these prayer requests for ourselves or others because well it's our Christian duty and we're suppose to do that. Actually, Jesus is calling us to engage with His mission of healing for those persons or circumstances. He wants us to join with Him to be close to Him and seek what He seeks for the welfare and benefit of those in such need. Or in fact, our needs. Especially healing. He's calling us to come near in worship, to recognize He is the Healer. In worship our souls are healed and often our bodies respond with healing too. Come near to Jesus. Each Sunday we have healing prayer here. Each Sunday we have the healing power of the Holy Eucharist, communing with Jesus' Body and Blood. Jesus is calling you...will you come?

Here's a vital way Jesus is calling you. In a few weeks we will be hosting a wonderful man of God who is engaged in the healing ministry. His name is the Rev. Mike Endicott, known as “The Blind Healer”! Interestingly, this passage for Sunday made me think of Bartimaeus going on and talking to people, engaging them in prayer, introducing them to Jesus; knowing He healed him, they could be healed too. Mike, although blind, has immense faith to lead people to Jesus and many are healed. Jesus is calling us through this healing mission of Mike's to come to Grace Anglican on the Veteran's Day holiday, **Monday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00am. Mike will be here and lead us in a wonderful healing mission. The cost is very reasonable as we are tagging on to his tour through the states (he's from England). There will be three sessions—9-noon; 1-3:30; and 7-9pm. The cost is even broken down to sessions...\$20/one session; \$35/two; \$40/all three. We have sign up sheets here at church but if you want to come just email or call

the office and we'll save you a spot. Paying at the door is the same price.

When called by Jesus, Mike Endicott sprang up and came to Jesus! He's quite a witness to 'faith' and persistence and perseverance in seeking Jesus' touch upon His life. I know you and I will be equally touched by His ministry and the presence of the Lord here at Grace! Please make this one of your top priorities to support our mission here at Grace. We expect to have people here who 'spring up' from there conditions, illnesses, and

debilitations. We have high expectations! Jesus is calling you...won't you come?!

I pray for everyone in our parish to show up to at least one of these sessions so that you will gain the faith that Bartimaeus had when he sprang up for Jesus and followed Him.

Love to all, with true faith in Christ,  
Fr. Joe

**Sunday Servers this week...**

October 28, 2012		8:00 a.m. Service	10:15 a.m. Service
First Reader	Isaiah 53:4-12	Nancy White	Pat Seelig
Psalm Reader	Psalm 13	Choir	Pat Richardson
Second Reader	Hebrews 5:12-6:12	Stephen Thould	Frank Comstock
Intercessor		Joy Rosendale	Chris Kilby
Lay Euch. Ministers		John & Myrna Lipnicke	KC Winward, Cline Handy
Acolytes		Joy Rosendale	Chris K (C); David A (T1); April K (T2)
Welcomers		Maureen Green	Mary Kinmon, Carolyn Blumberg
Ushers		Chris Corey, Dick Sholly	Dink Nash, Ted Vallas, Ken Putnam, Alex Teixeira
Announcers		Kay Focke	Petey Seibold
Healing Ministers		Jan Simon, Rudy Theobald	Donna S, Sarah F, Ann & JR Fox
Counters			Cline Handy & Michael Murphy

**Angel Tree Sunday  
November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Be sure to pick up a name of a child to buy gifts for Christmas. These are children with at least one parent who is incarcerated. Your gift may be the only present they receive at Christmas.

**November 12, 2012**

**OSL Healing Conference  
at Grace with Mike Endicott  
See flyers for more information and to register.**

**Shoebox Ministry  
Operation Christmas Child**

The shoeboxes will be out on Sunday with a list of possible items to fill the boxes. Please pick up one or two of these boxes and help make Christmas special for a boy or girl who may not receive anything for Christmas without your help.

**Tuesday Evenings at Grace  
It's the place to be!**

**For 7 weeks beginning on October 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a teaching series entitled**

**“Christianity Explored”**

**This is for everyone interested in deepening their understanding of the Christian Faith. Come at 6:30 with a dish to share for the potluck fellowship dinner and stay for the class. You will be blessed!**

## Sunday at Grace

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Choir  
9:30 a.m. – Fellowship &  
Adult Forum  
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with  
Worship Music

Mike Endicott  
Healing Conference  
November 12<sup>th</sup>  
(See flyers in Narthex)  
Sponsored by OSL

## Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 59:1-19

Psalm 13

Hebrews 5:12-6:12

Mark 10:46-85

We are using the English Standard  
Version of the Bible and the Lectionary  
from the Book of Common Prayer (Year B)

### This Week at Grace –Oct. 23-Oct. 30

#### Tues. October 23

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study – Isaiah  
4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at the Oasis  
6:30 p.m. Potluck Fellowship Dinner  
7:15 p.m. "Christianity Explored"

#### Wed October 24

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

#### Thurs. October 25

7:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
8:00 a.m. Clergy Meeting  
10-Noon Play Group  
11:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist – Oasis  
3:30 p.m. Alpha Club  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Fri. October 26

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Healing at Grace

#### Sat. October 27

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
2:00 p.m. Women's Autumn Country Tea

#### Sun. October 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Adult Forum  
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens  
10:-15 a.m. Family Worship Service  
& Children's Church  
Shoebox Collection Sunday  
4:00 p.m. Healing Service at the CHC  
4:00 p.m. Saints & Angels Party at Grace

#### Mon. October 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

#### Tues. October 30

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study at Grace  
4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at the Oasis  
6:30 p.m. Potluck Fellowship Dinner  
7:15 p.m. "Christianity Explored" – new series.

### Rector's Bible Study

Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.

Fr. Joe is leading the group through a study of  
the Book of Isaiah. Everyone is welcome.  
B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch)

**Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Morning Prayer At Grace Anglican**  
**All are welcome to attend.**

**Weekly** – There are over 25 small groups meeting  
during the week. Check our newsletter for a list of  
all the groups or you can find the list on our website:  
[www.graceanglicanchurch.com](http://www.graceanglicanchurch.com).

## Save the date!

- Oct. 23 New Tuesday night teaching –  
Christianity Explored
- Oct. 27 Women's Autumn Country Tea
- Oct. 28 Saints & Angels party at Grace
- Oct. 28 Turn Shoe boxes in today.
- Nov. 4 Angel Tree Sunday
- Nov. 10 Prayers & Squares
- Nov. 10 2:00 p.m. – Helen Fritz Memorial Service
- Nov. 12 Mike Endicott – OSL Healing Conference  
at Grace Anglican Church
- Nov. 17 Military Outreach – Childcare for shoppers.

## Did you know?

There's a service of Evening Prayer and Healing on  
Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Stop by on your way  
home from work and decompress for the weekend.