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### **COME AND SEE**

This liturgy connects with the sermon starter and offering talks "Come and See" based on John 1:35-51. It can be adapted to stand alone if the pastor preaches a different sermon or focuses on an alternate Scripture reading.

#### INVOCATION:

Holy One, on this Human Relations Day Sunday, thank you for knowing us.
Open us to the presence of your Spirit.
Remove prejudices that would keep us from celebrating the gifts of our neighbors.
Move us to respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him.
And give us the words to invite others to come and see

that greater things are possible when we cross boundaries, build trust and share our abundance through your church. Amen.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: We gather from far and near,

- PEOPLE: Gathering to come and see the Good News of Jesus.
- **LEADER:** We connect with one another on this Human Relations Day,
- PEOPLE: Connecting to experience the humanity in one another.
- **LEADER:** We follow the one proclaimed by Moses and the prophets.
- PEOPLE: Following Jesus, we invite others to come and see the promise of Beloved Community.



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#### **OPENING HYMN:**

*Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult* UMH 398

#### **OFFERING PRAYER:**

Thank you for the gifts of each person you created.
We offer back a portion of what you have given to us,
trusting that in community, they will be multiplied
to strengthen relationships with you and with your people
who are wonderfully made and known by you. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

Beloved, Following the voice of Jesus who calls you: cross boundaries, extend grace and grow in God's love, expecting to see "greater things than these." Go now in peace.

