

WCC Hymns for January 17, 2021 - “On being called...”

George Wiese, organist

BE THOU MY VISION

1 Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2 Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*Words: Ancient Irish (circa 700),
translated by Mary E. Byrne in 1905; versified by Eleanor H. Hull*

Music: Irish folk tune (Slane), composer unknown

*Recorded on location: Waterford Congregational Church, Waterford, ME
1899 Mason and Hamlin Style 523 “Liszt” Organ*

YOU ARE CALLED TO TELL THE STORY

1 You are called to tell the story,
passing words of life along,
then to blend your voice with others,
as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing,
filling all with songs of love.

2 You are called to teach the rhythm
of the dance that never ends,
then to move within the circle,
hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing,
touching all with hands of love.

3 You are called to set the table,
blessing bread as Jesus blessed,
then to come with thirst and hunger,
needing care like all the rest.
Christ be known in all our sharing,
feeding all with signs of love.

*Words by Ruth C. Duck, 1992; Music (Alternate tune) by Henry Purcell, 1680,
Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842
1906 Mason and Hamlin Style 559 American Reed Organ*

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my Savior and my Friend;
I shall not fear life's struggles
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will!
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen,
O guardian of my soul!

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be, too;
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow
my Savior and my Friend!

Words by John E. Bode, 1869

Music by Arthur H. Mann, 1881

*Recorded on location: Sweden Community Church, Sweden, Maine
Estey Style T Reed Organ, c.1936*