



Discussion Questions

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30 *The Yoke of Discipleship*

Matthew 11:28 reads: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In her sermon, Pastor Karin pauses to appreciate this “call, invitation, beckoning.” Have you had an experience of being called? To what were you called (or to what are you being called)?

The “priesthood of all believers” refers to the Lutheran teaching that all the baptized are priests, doing God’s work in the world. Do you think of yourself as a priest? Why or why not?

As she preached, Pastor Karin wore a stole to mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women. On it was embroidered the names of women of the Bible. Whose names and stories would you hope to include on such a stole?

Who are the women in your own life who have influenced your faith? *(If these persons are still living, why not take a moment to write a note to thank them for being a minister or an example to you?)*

Pastor Karin makes the point that it took ten more years, after the ordination of women, for the ordination of the first women of color. It took an additional forty years for the ordination of LGBTQIA+ persons. As the church came to more broadly understand who God calls, we began opening doors that never should have been shut. To whom are the doors shut today? Who else is God calling?

If you are (or someone you know is) discerning a call to ordained ministry, contact [Pastor Tracey](#) for conversation and more about candidacy in our Gulf Coast Synod.

