

*Call to Worship, 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT, 2018*  
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We extend a warm welcome this morning to those who have answered our invitation to Come and See. It is our hope that you experience a welcoming community of faith, worship and service... a place where everyone has purpose, is valued, is accepted and is invited. It is on behalf of the dynamic and alive parish that I say, "Welcome!" to those of you who have answered this invitation, to those of you who are here for the first time, to those of you who are new to our community of faith. We are delighted that you are here. We know that it takes courage to walk into a new place, to walk through the doors of the church, to be open to a new experience. Thank you for being here.

What does it take to be a welcoming community – it takes every person here to arrive with an open mind, an open heart...with the desire to be with one another...to pray with one another....to serve one another...to console one another, to offer hospitality and a warm welcome to those we see each week, those who are visiting, and those who are here at our invitation.

After Mass we will have a coffee/and reception in the social hall, right across the atrium. Please see us after Mass and sign our guest book so that we may be in touch!

And as we begin this celebration of the Eucharist, let us with grateful hearts turn to our neighbors and offer a warm welcome. Please stand.