

Service of Worship August 23, 2020 10:00am 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

# Gathering

PRELUDE

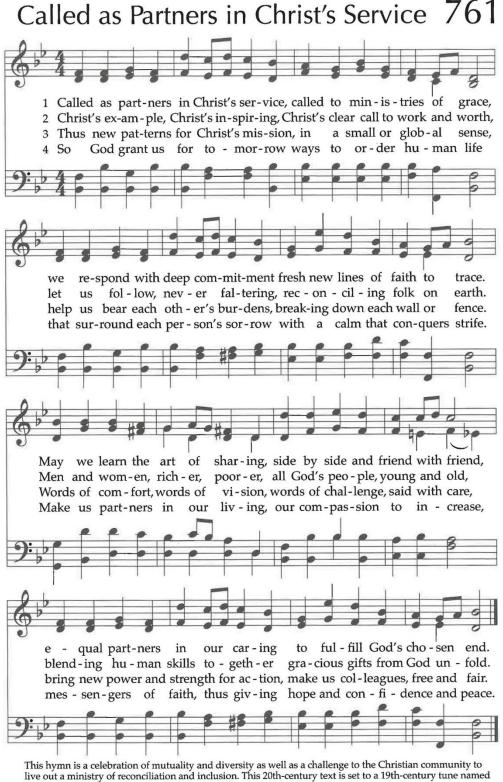
"Andante Theme from the Octet, D. 166" Bob Dover, clarinet by Franz Schubert

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken together)

We come to this time of worship as individual worshipers. We come from Facebook and Zoom. We come as young adults, children, widows, families, single people, employed, retired, and somewhere between. We come with diverse political and theological viewpoints. We come with our own unique perspectives on life and faith. We come separate but are made one body by the love of Jesus Christ. In Christ we are one today, tomorrow, and all the days of ahead. May this oneness be reflected in our worship today and in our lives in the coming days.

Hymn 761	"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"	BEECHER
	Vs. 1, 2, and 4	



for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF ASKING

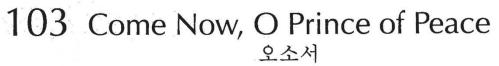
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!











# Equipping

So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is — what is good and pleasing and mature. Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

## Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. Thanks be to God!

by Allen Pote

"Many Gifts, One Spirit" Chancel Ensemble Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. O, God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O, God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow. Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

SERMON

ANTHEM

"The Story of And"

Rev. Sue Trigger

## Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Vs. 1, 3 and 5

DENNIS



\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Festal March" from *Rinaldo* Linda Dover, organist

by G.F. Handel/ Harold K. Marks

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