



Service of Worship
August 23, 2020 10:00am
12th 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”
Vs. 1, 2, and 4

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

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!**

HYMN 103

“Come Now, Oh Prince of Peace”

O-SO-SO

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

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 service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. 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!

ANTHEM

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

by Allen Pote

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

“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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*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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