

GATHERING

Greeting & Welcome

One: This is the day the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

All: Then Jesus said, "Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

One: Let the children gather to ring the bell calling the community to worship!

Prelude: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship/Praise the Lord Together"
Moore, arr. Carol Tornquist

Greeting and Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: What a gift to be called to worship!

All: What a gift to come together in praise!

One: We are different people with different lives and different stories.

All: But, in Christ we are one.

One: So, as we come and worship our God.

All: As one, we set aside our differences and focus on our shared identity in Christ.

One: Let us come together in worship.

All: Let us come together in praise.

One: Let us come together because we are one in Him.

All: Let us worship together as one in Christ!

*Gathering Hymn: #35 "Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty"

Call to Confession – The God who is always present invites us to open our hearts and be honest in our conversations as we come to this place of prayer. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

God of grace, we confess we have done little to advance your kingdom in this world. We have become bogged down with trivialities and lost sight of your vision of unity. We have allowed ourselves to be sidetracked with dissention instead of fostering unity among your people. We have focused on past pains which have embittered us and divided us instead of moving forward in establishing love as the law of life. Free us, we pray, from that which binds us. Enable us to be a people renewed in faith and love. We know that with you all things are possible, and so we ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ, who came to show us how to make your kingdom come.

Silent Prayers may be offered
Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Like the father of the prodigal son, who runs to meet him, greet him, kiss him, forgive him, and welcome him home,

All: So is Almighty God to us when we confess our brokenness and need of forgiveness, wholeness, healing, and grace. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Amen

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious, Gentle, and Generous God! We are in love with you, your Son, and your Holy Spirit! You give us such good gifts! You give us life. You give us love. You call us together into this body of Christ and you make us one. You make us all important and you make us unique. Thank You! Now we pray for the gift of hearing your Word and the gift of understanding your Holy Word. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-14

Special music: "How Great Thou Art" Hine, arr Mana Music

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 31a

Sermon **“You Are Important!”**

*Responding Hymn: #318 “In Christ There is No East or West”

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (pg. 35)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*Sending Hymn: #744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Benediction

Postlude: **“Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You/Thank You, Lord”**

arr. Carol Tornquist

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: June Stannard

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