

**Order of Worship**  
**June 19, 2022**

*Gathering Music*    *LET THE WALLS FALL DOWN*

**Chorus**

Let the walls fall down. Let the walls fall down.  
Let the walls fall down. By His love let the walls fall down

**Verse 1**

One by one we're drawn together. One by one to Jesus' side  
One in Him we'll live forever. Strangers He has reconciled

**Verse 2**

In His love no walls between us. In His love a common ground  
Kneeling at the cross of Jesus, all our pride comes tumbling down

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**Welcome**

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

**Call To Worship**

*Liturgist*

**L:** Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

**P:** Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

**L:** Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

**P:** Breathe new life into your people, O God.

**L:** For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

**P:** We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.

**L:** Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

**P:** Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace. AMEN.

*Hymn*

*LET US BUILD A HOUSE – ALL ARE WELCOME*

*GTG # 301*

Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children  
tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace.

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true.

Where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace.

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 3

Let us build a house where love is found,  
in water, wine and wheat.

A banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place.

Verse 4

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone.

To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear  
the image of God's face.

Let us bring an end to fear and danger;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 5

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard.

And loved and treasured, taught and  
claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace.

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### **Call to Confession**

*Liturgist*

*("Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission")*

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers.

## Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

## Words of Forgiveness

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

## *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

## Prayer of Illumination

*Liturgist*

Dear God, Please use these scriptures to reveal more of your love, truth and promises to us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## Epistle Reading:

*Galatians 3:23-29*

*Liturgist*

Before the coming of this faith,[a] we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have

clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**Gospel Reading:**

*Luke 8:26-39*

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They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,[a] which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasene asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

*Verse 1*

*We are One in The Spirit, we are One in The Lord.  
We are One in The Spirit, we are One in The Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*Verse 2*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk side by side.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*Verse 3*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*Verse 4*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ  
Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,*

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Sermon** *"All Of Us Are One In Christ"*

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Liturgist*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

**Invitation To The Offertory**

*Liturgist*

Lead us not into temptation, but toward your will. Lead us not into temptation, but to the sharing of our gifts.

Lead us not into temptation, but to love through actions and through how we spend our money and talents.

We will now take up our morning offering.

**Offertory**

**WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD**

**Westminster Choir**

**Doxology**

**GTG 606**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**Offertory Prayer**

*Liturgist*

**We promise to use these gifts for good. We promise to use these gifts in furthering God's realm.**

**We commit to using these gifts in love and mercy for others. Amen.**

**Hymn**

***THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD***

1. This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world:  
he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

**Benediction**

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

**Postlude**

*Steve Johnson*