

Order of Worship for September 25, 2022

Gathering Music We Are One in the Spirit GTG #300

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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.

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We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
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.

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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.

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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.

Welcome

Rev Barbara Macfie

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

L: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

C: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

L: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

C: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

L: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

C: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Hymn Let us build a house All Are Welcome GTG #301

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

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

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

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

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

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us now pray with one another.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Holy God hear our prayer; For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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Words of Forgiveness

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Hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love. Thanks be to God. 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

Almighty God, you are the source of all light. You divinely separated light from darkness so that we may have the beauty of the light of day. Dear Lord, illuminate this day and enlighten us as we seek to know you through your word. May we be led by your light so our hearts may be opened to your word. We pray that we receive every word you speak to us today. Amen.

Reading from Psalm 146

Liturgist

Praise the Lord.[a]. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, an everything in them—he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free,

the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

HYMN **Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet GTG #458 (refrain only)**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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Reading from the Gospel of Luke 16: 19-31

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There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ““No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

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Sermon

“Participating In God’s Spiritual Creation”

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Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith: (https://bumc.net › content › uploads › 2020/03PDF)

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We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, God of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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Invitation To The Offertory

Liturgis

We invite you at this time to share God's abundance—in person, online, or in any way that you feel called to do so. To love our neighbors as ourselves calls us both to pray for them and to act in accordance with our prayers. Our offerings today are one way we respond to our calling to do good works, through the ministries of this community of faith.

Offertory

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

Help us Lord to give you not only our finances but all we are, all we have and all we hold. We open our lives to you for the service of your Kingdom. Please work through our offering today, our lives this coming week and lead us to follow you Christ in all that we do and say. Amen.

Read more at: https://www.living-prayers.com/events/offertory_prayer.html

Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

GTG #801

1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me

The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again,

And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,

E'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark
vale,

Yet will I fear no ill;

For Thou art with me, and Thy rod

And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnished

In presence of my foes;

My head Thou dost with oil anoint,

And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life

Shall surely follow me,

And in God's house forevermore

My dwelling-place shall be.

Benediction

Postlude

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