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if one member is honoured,
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- 1 Corinthians 12:36



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Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship by Teri Peterson

One: As we gather we remember,

Many: We are many, yet one. Scattered, yet united.

One: Whatever your gift — teaching, giving, encouraging; truth-telling, justice-seeking, trailblazing; quiet caring, feeding, organizing; challenging, subverting, provoking —

whatever your gift, you are needed.

Many: You are wanted.

One: You matter to this Body,

Many: and we cannot be
who we are called to be without you.

One: So come, bringing your mind and your heart and your body and your spirit,

to love God with your whole self,
and to find yourself renewed and transformed.

Many: Come, it is time to worship.

Hymn

"In the Garden"

1 I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness by Kathy Swaar

We come, Holy One, trusting you are here. Turning from those things that often define our days and strip our attention from you, we offer our whole selves on your altar of grace. We confess we aren't always aware of your work in the world. "If you had been here," we're tempted to say – especially these days – "these things would not be happening." But you are here,

Author of Life. Our help and stay, our Companion and Friend, you are present in all things. For conforming to the headlines and sound bites of the world, rather than embracing your transforming Word. Pour out your mercy upon us, Sacred Presence. Accept, forgive, and heal us, body, soul, and spirit. Open our hearts, that our confession may be true; that we may declare your praise, proclaim your saving Love to all we meet, honor you in all we do.

Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response *"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.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Scripture *Romans 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2 Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3 We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. eternal.

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Response of Praise

"Doxology"

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

Prayer of Dedication

We will not proclaim our faith with our words only, but with our lives and these gifts we offer to you, O God, we pray that others might be transformed by your grace, your hope, and your peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn "Do Lord"

1 I've got a home in glory land
That outshines the sun (3x)
Way beyond the blue.
Refrain: Do Lord, O do Lord,
O do remember me, (3x)
Way beyond the blue.
2 I took Jesus as my Saviour
You take Him too (3x)
Way beyond the blue. [Refrain]

Charge and Benediction

Liturgy from RevGalsBlogPals:

<https://revgalblogpals.org/2020/08/18/worship-words-for-23-august-who-we-say-you-we-are/?fbclid=IwAR1Z92sqtkn8QEvY2eiav-dPzhDWqFKMEwFJ02n9GB2szzlz025V1qatT9M>