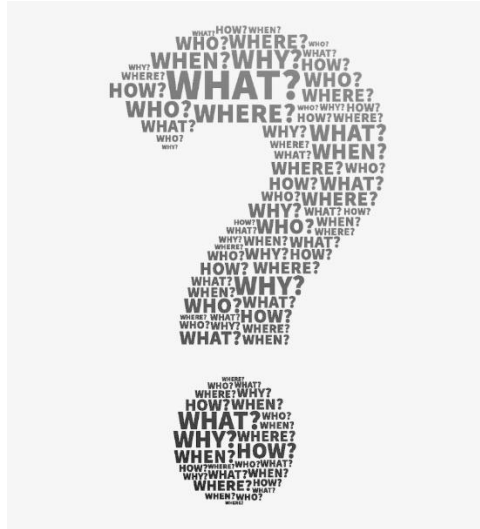


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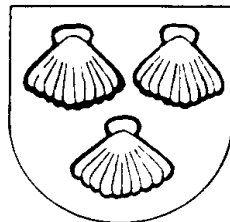


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WE GATHER

Prelude

“We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit” (Dietrich Buxtehude)
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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Introit

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” (vs. 1 & 4)

TFWS 2223

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

Chorus

And they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
by our love

Call to Worship

Barbara Cook

Come, seekers of wisdom and truth,
God’s wisdom has called us here.
Come, lovers of Christ’s teachings and guidance,
Christ’s love has called us here.
Come, singers of thanksgiving and praise,
Spirit’s presence has gathered us here!

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” (vs.4)

TFWS 2223

Verse 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

Chorus

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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Opening Prayer

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Living God, we give you thanks for sending Jesus to give his life as bread for the world. Fill us now with your Spirit that we may make the most of the time, seeking and understanding your will and expressing your wisdom in the midst of the people you have chosen. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Become to Us the Living Bread”

UMH 630

Verse 1

Become to us the living bread
By which the Christian life is fed
Renewed and greatly comforted
Alleluia alleluia

Verse 2

Become the never-failing wine
The spring of joy that shall incline
Our hearts to bear the covenant sign
Alleluia alleluia

Verse 3

May Christians all with one accord
Unite around the sacred board
To praise Your holy name O Lord
Alleluia alleluia

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Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-20 (CEB)

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¹⁵ So be careful to live your life wisely, not foolishly. ¹⁶ Take advantage of every opportunity because these are evil times. ¹⁷ Because of this, don't be ignorant, but understand the Lord's will. ¹⁸ Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, be filled with the Spirit in the following ways: ¹⁹ speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts; ²⁰ always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:51-58 (CEB)

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² Then the Jews debated among themselves, asking, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “I assure you, unless you eat the flesh of the Human One^[a] and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. It isn't like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

Anthem

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Clarice Snyder, vocalist

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Prayers for God’s People, the Church and the World

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Let us pray to God, saying,

“You have redeemed your people”. **Response: Holy and awesome is your name.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Mission Moment

Blessing of Backpacks Ministry

Beth Shipley

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Closing Hymn

“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning”

TFWS 2004

Verse 1

Praise the Source of faith and learning
That has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning
How the world has been designed
Let the sense of wonder flowing
From the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing
And renew our need to pray

Verse 3

May our faith redeem the blunder
of believing that our thought
has displaced the grounds for wonder
which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error

Verse 2

God of wisdom we acknowledge
that our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge
Only partial truth impart
Far beyond our calculation
Lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation
And the pulse of life are found

Verse 4

As two currents in a river
Fight each other’s undertow
Till converging they deliver
One coherent steady flow
Blend O God our faith and learning

which unthinking faith can breed
lest we justify some terror
with an antiquated creed.

Till they carve a single course
Till they join as one returning
Praise and thanks to you their Source

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Benediction

Postlude

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Question for Reflection

“At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, ‘Ask what I should give you’” (1 Kgs. 3:5). If God said to you, “Ask what I should give you,” how would you respond?

Household Prayer: Morning

*I praise you, Lord, and give you thanks for the gift of this new day.
Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Let your songs fill my heart.
Give me a wise and discerning mind to walk in your way,
making the most of the time as I go out among your people. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Loving God, if I have not lived wisely this day, show me my foolish ways.
Fill me with the Spirit that I may know your will and live by your truth,
for I long to be your faithful child
and to abide eternally with Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

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