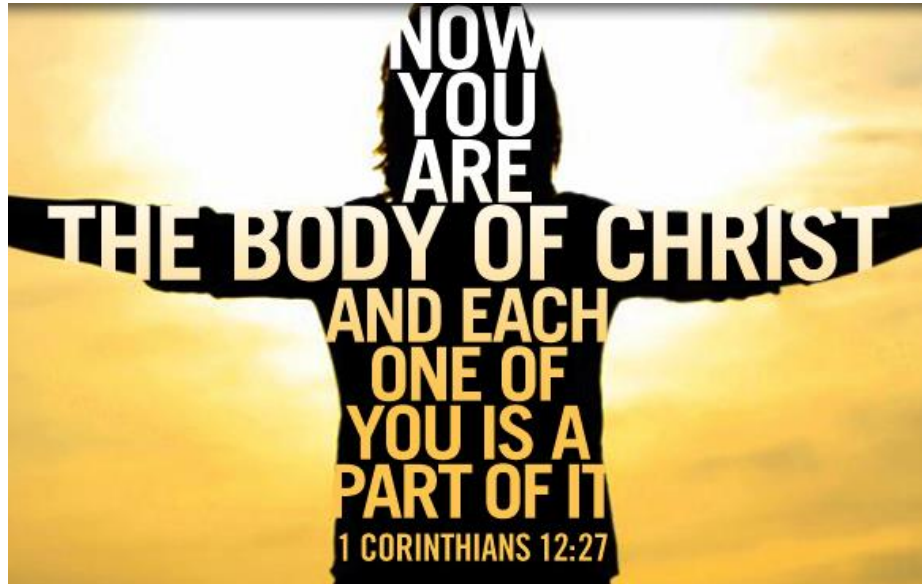


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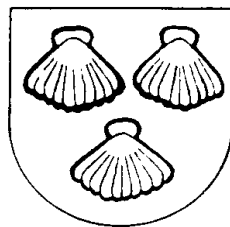


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WE GATHER

Prelude

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. by David Schelat

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Approaching the Threshold

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Handbell Choir

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Call to Worship

Barbara Cook

Holy, loving Creator of all, the heavens declare your goodness each day and night proclaims your love.

You call us to witness to your power and grace.

You give us mouths to sing your praises, hands and feet to do your will.

You call us to proclaim the good news of your reign.

We yearn to become your people, the body of Christ, living for the sake of the world.

Let us worship the God who calls us.

Crossing the Threshold

"We Are the Body of Christ"

TFWS 2227

Chorus

One heart one spirit
One voice to praise You
We are the body of Christ
One goal one vision
To see You exalted
We are the body of Christ

Verse

And to this we give our lives
To see You glorified

Chorus

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Opening Prayer

Barbara Cook

Surprising, sustaining Giver of grace, you make us part of your holy body, awakening us with glimpses of your glory. You allow us to see shadows of your astonishing beauty in the bright blue of the winter sky. Your frosty breath leaves sheets of shimmering ice on windshields and doorsteps.

You make our words write trails of steam in the crisp morning air.

You invite us into your very breath—

as the Holy Spirit breaths us into awareness of your loving presence.

In our prayers, in our songs, and in our silence, teach us how to be your holy body, to bring good news to world that yearns for you. Amen.

ONE: The **PEACE** of Christ be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

Opening Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

UMH 548

Verse 1

In Christ there is no East of West
In Him no South or North
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth

Verse 2

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind

Verse 3

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek
And neither slave nor free
Both male and female heirs are made
And all are kin to me

Verse 4

In Christ now meet both east and west
In him meet south and north
All Christly souls are one
Throughout the whole wide earth

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Children’s Moment

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (CEB)

Barbara Cook

¹² Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Certainly the body isn’t one part but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, “I’m not part of the body because I’m not a hand,” does that mean it’s not part of the body? ¹⁶ If the ear says, “I’m not part of the body because I’m not an eye,” does that mean it’s not part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. ¹⁹ If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many parts but one body. ²¹ So the eye can’t say to the hand, “I don’t need you,” or in turn, the head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” ²² Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. ²³ The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren’t presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. ²⁴ The parts of our body that are presentable don’t need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor ²⁵ so that there won’t be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. ²⁷ You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. ²⁸ In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ All aren’t apostles, are they? All aren’t prophets, are they? All aren’t teachers, are they? All don’t perform miracles, do they? ³⁰ All don’t have gifts of healing, do they? All don’t speak in different tongues, do they? All don’t interpret, do they? ³¹ Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I’m going to show you an even better way.

Luke 4:14-21 (CEB) (for reference only, will not be read)

¹⁴ Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. ¹⁷ The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,
¹⁹ and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*^[a]

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. ²¹ He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Anthem

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Handbell Choir

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Message

"The Gift of Working Together"

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Leading Into Prayer

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TFWS 2227

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

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[A time of silence is kept after each petition.]

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, *God, in your mercy, fill us with the power of your Spirit.*

Offertory

“One Bread, One Body”

Handbell Choir

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Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

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

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Closing Hymn

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH 57

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

Verse 2

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name

Verse 3

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

Verse 4

He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Verse 5

He speaks and listening to his voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe

Verse 6

Hear him ye deaf his praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

Verse 7

In Christ your head you then shall know
Shall feel your sins forgiven
Anticipate your heaven below
And own that love is heaven

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Benediction

We stand together in this house of love,
each of us having received amazing love and gifts of grace from God.
We leave this house, bearing God's love to others,
that everyone might experience the joy, hope, courage and gifts of God.
Rejoicing in the good gifts of our Creator,
and filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit,
let us go out into the mission field ready to love and serve the world as the body of Christ.
Go to be good news to all we meet. And all God's people said, "**Amen!**"

Postlude "O Love, How Deep/Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. by Paul Manz
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Questions for Reflection

*The Holy Spirit enlivens each of us with unique gifts that nurture faith and serve the common good.
To identify those gifts we can ask ourselves such questions as,*

When do I feel most alive? What do I love to do?

What things, tasks, or actions fill me with a sense of purpose?

What am I doing when time seems to stand still?

These questions help us discern the Spirit's movement in our lives.

Created in the image of God, each of us is uniquely gifted to reveal divine likeness.

When our deep joy is united with meaning and purpose, vocation is birthed.

How or where is God calling you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this new day.

Help me to stay attentive to your creation and mindful of your teachings as I travel through it.

Empower me to see and spread the good news of your grace for all people. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, thank you for the gift of today.

Thank you for all the ways that I saw your glory and learned your teachings, beyond speech and words, in the course of this day. As I drift to sleep this night, draw me closer to you, my Rock, my Redeemer, & my Renewer. Amen.

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