



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat 3. Allegro (Rondo)

W. A. Mozart

Andre Richter, French horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67

Tom Lee, liturgist

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

HYMN

O for a World

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, God of the Covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation. You have made us members of the Body of Christ, yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect. Our prejudices tear at the very fabric of the community you have created and intend. Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace. For the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus has shown us God's forgiveness for our sins. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of our sins. May we live as a forgiving and reconciling people in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive Peggy Vaughan, soprano

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 15: 21-28**

SERMON **"Tenacious Faith"** Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC Mazurka in A minor Op 7, No 2 Frederic Chopin

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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** **They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

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.

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 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.

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** **May the Love of the Lord** SOON TI
May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

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