

Gilead Presbyterian Church March 13, 2022



WELCOME

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

OPENING MUSIC McAfee "Near to the Heart of God" by Cleland B. McAfee

Mary Temple, organ arr. by Karen Keene

OPENING SCRIPTURE Luke 13:29

Leader: People will come from the east and the west.

People: People will come from the north and the south. ALL: Together we will all feast in the kingdom of God.

PURPLE HYMNAL #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,

but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

- 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
- 4. In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at

others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness; so we lift up and into your presence today not only the victims of conflicts, but also those we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness, and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect, and seek the new future which you offer us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer of the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland.

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCOUT APPRECIATION

Scout Oath (or Promise)

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God gave us this command: those who love God must also love all people.

1 John 4:21

Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out.

Hebrews 10:24

How wonderful, how beautiful, when we all get along!

Psalm 133:1

SERMON "Celebrating Diversity" Hadley Behan

MEDITATION

Sojourner "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Mary Temple, organ

Afro-American spiritual setting by Karen Keene

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN "Many Gifts, One Spirit" by Alvin Allison (Al) Carmines, Jr.

1. God of change and glory, God of time and space, When we fear the future, Give to us your grace. In the midst of changing ways Give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain: Many gifts, one Spirit, One love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, From diversity we praise One Giver, one Lord, One Spirit, one Word Known in many ways, Hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, Praise, praise!

2. God of many colors, God of many signs, You have made us different, Blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear, Let your love cast out our fear.
Refrain: Many gifts, one Spirit, One love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, From diversity we praise
One Giver, one Lord, One Spirit, one Word
Known in many ways, Hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, Praise, praise, praise!

3. Freshness of the morning, Newness of each night, You are still creating Endless love and light.

This we see, as shadows part, Many gifts from one great heart. Refrain: Many gifts, one Spirit, One love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, From diversity we praise One Giver, one Lord, One Spirit, one Word Known in many ways, Hallowing our days.

For the Giver, for the gifts, Praise, praise, praise!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
Mary Temple, organ

setting by Karen Keene

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ► Weekly Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Zoom Prayer. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ Bible Study on Zoom, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ► Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse after worship today.
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse after worship today, to sing next Sunday.
- ▶ Deacons meet in the large Sunday School room at 11:30.



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317 In Christ There Is No East or West



This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt. MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

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(alternate tune: ST. PETER, 318)

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Alvin Allison (Al) Carmines, Jr., 1974



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