



Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

Katia Dinas

Mark Hayes

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge.

People: **My praise is continually of you.**

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People: **My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.**

Kathleen Ferguson, Lay Liturgist

◆ OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

GTG 321

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is our hope and our trust. We must admit that arrogance, envy, harsh words, empty hands, and fear are what we often use to fill our lives. Let us confess in faith, trusting in the hope that God's love restores us, delivers us, and makes us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Righteous and Holy God, we do not readily speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We struggle to be loving because of the influence of ridicule and bitterness. We are inconsistent in our faithfulness because the false prophets entice us with simple thoughts. Yet, O God of kindness, you choose to forgive in Jesus Christ, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us, and through whom we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives. In God's forgiveness, we are given the healing we need.

In God's acceptance, we discover the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Down by the Riverside

Arr. Mary McDonald

Katia Dinas, pianist

Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, the riverside.

I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, no more.

Ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more down by the riverside, the riverside.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, (Gonna lay down my burden) standing in the need of prayer. (Down by the riverside)

It's me, it's me, O Lord, (Gonna lay down my heavy load) standing in the need of prayer. (Down by the riverside)

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the river, down by the river, down by the river.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer! It's me, it's me, O Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 4:21-30

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Love: A Still More Excellent Way"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.114

The same apostle calls faith effectual and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to God with confidence and may obtain from God what is useful and necessary. The same faith keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

GTG 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

OFFERING

Offertory

Les Rappel des Oiseaux

Jean-Philippe Rameau

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

Prayer of Dedication

O God who gives the Spirit, we do not need to speak in tongues, but to offer words of encouragement.

We do not have to be know-it-alls, but those who work to lift the burdens off those around us.

**We do not need to give everything, but we will join our gifts with those of others
to reach out in love to those who have nothing, through Christ. Amen.**

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Lord, Make Us More Holy

GTG 313

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆ CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal



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Thanks to the musicians in worship today!

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PRAYER LIST

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| George & Mozelle Mills | Family of John Marxer |

Homebound or Recovering: Freddie Simmons, Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the word.
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

HYMN of DEDICATION

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.

The Session

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