

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
March 3, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Trio in C" Johann Sebastian Bach
Oak Martin, organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED
Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Welcome to a time of wonder,
All: And music that calls us home.
Leader: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge,
All: And to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality.
Leader: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others.
All: Leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Gather Us In" No. 2236

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN (congregation sings)
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN "Breathe on Me Breath of God" No. 420 (vs. 1 & 3)

Ever Faithful God, as we gather here this morning, some of us are struggling and in need of comfort. Some of us come seeking hope. Some of us feel unsure and anxious and long for reassurance. All of us want to meet you here. Renew our faith in you and your way for us. Help us to step into that way in Jesus and find you there and everywhere we are. Forgive us for the times we have pushed you away or pressed head long into problems of our own making. Heal us we pray and free us for abundant living. Amen. *(Pastor prays for the church)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM “Non Nobis Domine” Patrick Doyle
 Larry Winegar, Sally Warner, John Flesher and Jennnifer Yeatts, quartet
 TRANSLATION: Not to us Lord, not to us, but to Your Name give the glory.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14: 15-24 (NT p. 77)
 Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time—Part Eight:*
 “Welcomer”

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel. Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.

Thanksgiving and Remembrance (see insert)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*DOXOLOGY No. 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!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT “Christ Has Broken Down the Wall” (see below)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace” Maurice Whitney

*POSTLUDE “Toccata in B minor” Eugene Gigout
 Kat Jolliff, organ

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

Prayer at the Table

Welcome:

Pastor: And so we gather at the table.
We come from many places,
differing in age, differing in gender,
differing in orientation, politics and even religion.

**People: As we come together around the table
we discover that our differences are not something we tolerate
but that our differences are indeed a blessing,
the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience
the presence of the sacred in our midst.**

Pastor: So come, children of God, just as you are.
Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here,
here in this place, here in this community, here at this table.
Come, children of God, come and remember with us.

Remembrance:

We remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell,
stories of bread broken and shared, feeding a multitude,
stories of being gathered together, enemy and friend, around tables,
stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.
They say that that
it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal
that he took the bread leftover on the table,
blessed it and broke it;
reminding them that it is
in the breaking that we become whole,
in losing our lives that we find them,
in serving that we are served.
As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf,
when we eat this bread, we become one with one another.
They say that he took the cup also leftover on the table,
poured out and sharing,
remembering with them, the life-giving breath
even now pounding a rhythm through our veins,
the breath of life from whence we come
the breath that precedes and follows all that we can see
As the grapes find life in the vine,
when we drink this cup,
we become at one with the source of life itself.

Blessing:

And so we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless this bread and

bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open,

that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst,

indeed in one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

All: We pray this in the name of the Great Welcomer, Jesus the Christ, Amen.

3122 Christ Has Broken Down the Wall



1. Christ has bro - ken down the wall,
2. We're ac - cept - ed as we are,
3. Cast a - side your doubts and fears,
4. We will tear down the walls!



Christ has bro - ken down the wall. Let us join our
 we're ac - cept - ed as we are. Through God's love all is
 cast a - side your doubts and fears. Peace and love, free-ly
 We will tear down ev - ery wall! God has called us,

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hearts as one, Christ has bro - ken down the wall.
 rec - on - ciled, we're ac - cept - ed as we are.
 of - fered here; cast a - side your doubts and fears.
 one and all; Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

Optional ending



wall! Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

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 MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

BROKEN WALLS
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