

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds/* arr. J. Mansfield  
*The Church's One Foundation/* arr. J. Innes

## WORDS OF GREETING

Dwight McKay

## WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

from Ephesians 2:14-22 (NIV)

Leader: For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

People: **His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross**

Leader: He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

People: **For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.**

Leader: Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,

People: **Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

People: **And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**

IN PRAYER

## \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 347 (reader only vss. 4 & 5) *The Church's One Foundation*

## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

from Ephesians 4:1-6; Galatians 5:13-25 (NIV)

Leader: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

People: **Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**

Leader: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

Leader: You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

People: **The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.**

Leader: So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

People: **For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.**

Leader: But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

People: **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,**

Leader: Patience, kindness, goodness,

People: **Faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

Leader: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

People: **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

Leader: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

## \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. Col. 1:27-29 (NIV)

## MISSION MOMENT

Brian Asper, Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-8 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

<sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

<sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

SERMON

*The Same Love*

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 644

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Look Down on Us/ F. Mendelssohn*