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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Canon in D

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Introit

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

TFWS 2232

Welcome

† **Opening Hymn**

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love, Vs. 1-2, 4-5

UMH 566

1. Blest be the dear uniting love
that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove,
we still are one in heart.
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head,
where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,
and do his work below.
4. We all are one who him receive,
and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live;
blest point of unity!
5. Partakers of the Savior's grace,
the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,
nor life, nor death can part.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

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 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.

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (CEB)

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem*Anthem of Fellowship*

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Message*"United, Not Uniform"*

Rev. Tara Limbaugh

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word**Invitation to the Offering****Offertory***Arioso*

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† Doxology*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

Prayer of Confession

All: You are our light, our salvation, the stronghold that lifts us up. When our light dims from division and anger, shine upon us with your grace. When our light fades from confusion and doubt, encourage us with your hope. When our light recedes behind sin and regret, heal us with your mercy and truth. O, that we would no longer walk in darkness, that we would cease to be divided from you and from one another. In your face, we see a great light in our darkness. In your love, we are unified and made one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world. In your grace, we become people of light. May it be so. May it be so. Amen.

One: God is our light and our salvation. In Christ, we no longer walk in darkness or division, but are called forth to unity and love, to light and life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Sacred the Body

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1. Sacred the body God has created,
temple of Spirit that dwells deep inside.
Cherish each person; nurture creation.
Treat flesh as holy, that love may abide.
2. Bodies are varied, made in all sizes,
pale, full of color, both fragile and strong.
Holy the difference, gift of the Maker,
so let us honor each story and song.
3. Love respects persons, bodies and boundaries.
Love does not batter, neglect, or abuse.
Love touches gently, never coercing.
Love leaves the other with power to choose.
4. Holy of holies, God ever loving,
make us your temples; indwell all we do.
May we be careful, tender and caring,
so may our bodies give honor to you.

† Benediction

Postlude

Postlude (Nachspiel)

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