

LENTEN WORSHIP 2021

March 10, 2021

GREETING

OPENING HYMN #710 "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew, Servant or free, Woman or man no more **(refrain)**

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all **(refrain)**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all **(refrain)**

L: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

**C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The source of all mercy, and God of all consolation.**

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call upon him while God is near

L: Let the wicked abandon their ways

C: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

L: Let them turn to the Lord for mercy

C: to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

L: All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

Come without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

**C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.**

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, our redeemer,

C: in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

LENTEN DIALOG SKIT - "Dear Paul"

Paul - Pastor John

Allison - Kris Aeschlimann

Janelle - Sophie Sadler

REFLECTION - Intern Tamara

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; (*Jude 20*)

C: pray in the Holy Spirit

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God; (*Jude 21*)

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another:

Silence for self-examination

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

L: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

OFFERING PRAYER: Blessed are you O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

BLESSING: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN - #359 In Christ There is No East or West

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.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth.