

WORSHIP SERVICE
October 25, 2020
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another

Christ be with you.

And also with you!

- * Call to Worship

Our God loves this world,

God called it into being,

God renews it through Jesus Christ,

God renews it by the Spirit

As we listen to the world's concerns,

God will give us knowledge,

He will teach us to respond with maturity,

God will give us courage to act with integrity

Opening Song: "Morning Has Broken" (Sung by Holly & Pam; Words Provided for Reflection)

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dew fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden

Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the One Light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation Of the new day! Amen

Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Our Affirmation: The Unity of the Body (From the *Belhar Confession*)

We believe in one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in believers who have been reconciled to God and to each other. Together we come to know the height, breadth, and the depth of love of Christ; and together we are built up to become like Christ. We are the new humanity, the new creation in Christ, which bears each other's burdens and builds each other up as we serve God together in this world.

God's Assurance: (From John 3:17)

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Message: "The Third Way: Living Up"

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

*Lift Up Your Hearts #747***

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "Bless Be the Tie That Binds" (Verses 1 -3)

*Lift Up Your Hearts #257***

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

** Music Provided

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Holly Raak, Pam Voss