

Order for the Worship of God
October 25, 2020
21st Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: All that we are is a gift from God.

People: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

Leader: all that we have is a gift from God.

People: The world, and those who live in it;

Leader: There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

People: Let us rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Jan Bender
(1909-1994)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

**His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.**

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

**Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.**

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.

One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.

His kingdom is forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Merciful God, we can hardly imagine not longing to be wealthy or wealthier. We always fear we don't have enough or that we aren't enough. We don't trust you to provide what we need. Loving God, you have been faithful. Strengthen our trust in your good gifts to us. You know our needs. Help us be satisfied when our needs are met and help us to give freely and whole heartedly to spread your good news. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

ANTHEM

“By Faith”

arr. Lloyd Larson

(Chancel Choir and Westminster Youth Choir, recorded on March 3, 2019)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

**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 everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding human kind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e’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 one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)
Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSV)

SERMON

2021 Stewardship Series: Partners Spreading Good News
Sermon #1 “Faithfulness”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN

“O Church of God, United”

ELLACOMBE

(stanzas 1,4)

**O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.**

**May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God’s blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Michael Helman

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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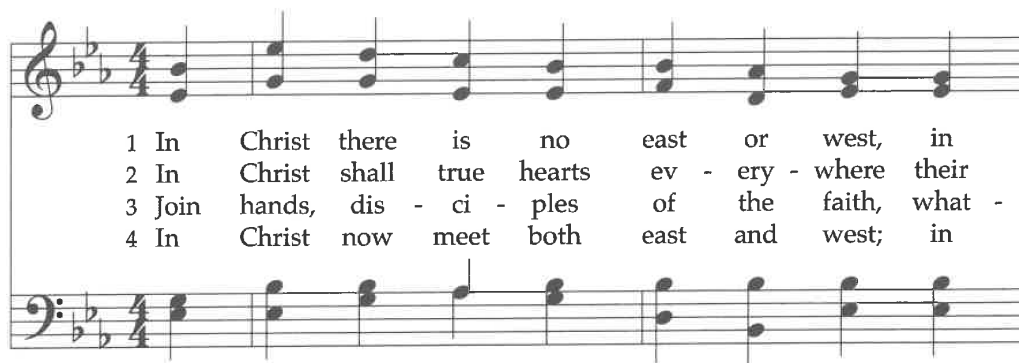
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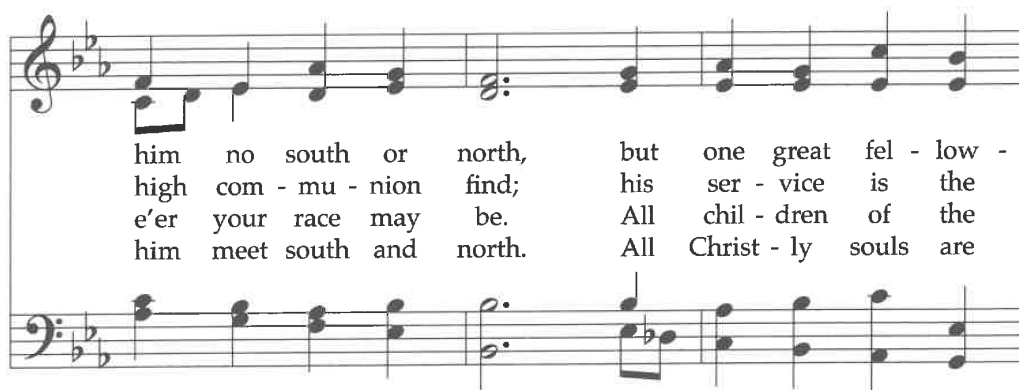
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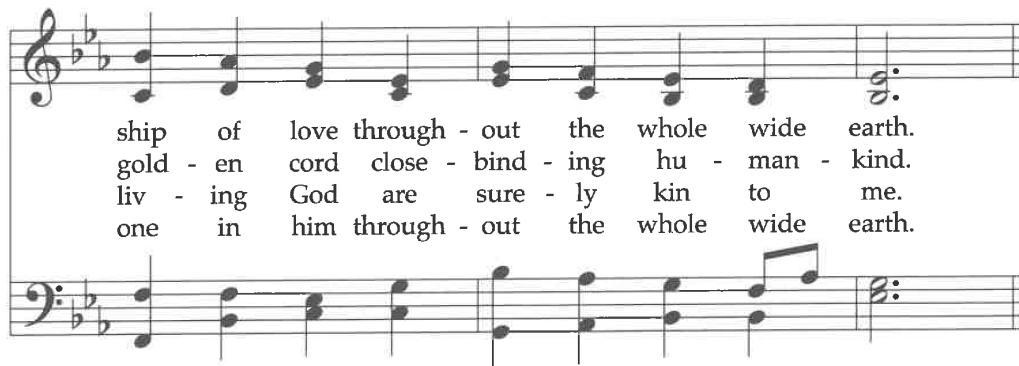
In Christ There Is No East or West 318



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ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
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 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

ST. PETER
 CM
 (alternate tune: MC KEE, 317)

O Church of God, United

1. O church of God, u - nit - ed to serve one
 2. From ev - ery land and na - tion the or - dered
 3. Though creeds and tongues may dif - fer, they speak, O
 4. May thy great prayer be an - swered that we may

com - mon Lord, pro - claim to all one mes - sage, with
 ranks ap - pear; to serve one val - iant lead - er they
 Christ, of thee; and in thy lov - ing spir - it we
 all be one, close bound, by love u - nit - ed in

hearts in glad ac - cord. Christ ev - er goes be -
 come from far and near. They chant their one con -
 shall one peo - ple be. Lord, may our faith - ful
 thee, God's bless - ed Son: to bring a sin - gle

fore us; we fol - low day by day with
 fes - sion, they praise one liv - ing Lord, and
 ser - vice and sin - gle - ness of aim pro -
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strong and ea - ger
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UNITED IN CHRIST