

**O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful, for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more
than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
'Til all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.**

**O beautiful, for patriot dream That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ean Oliver

**Most merciful God, we confess we have not been the people
you call us to be. We have failed to love our neighbor, we
have not loved our enemy. We closed our ears to the cry of
the oppressed, we looked away from the homeless and the
hungry. We heard you calling, and we turned away. Forgive
us, O God. Free our hearts to follow you.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Ancient Words*

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart. *(Repeat)***

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:12-17

Ean Oliver

¹² The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ They did so and made them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

NRSV

THE MESSAGE

“Church Stuff: Communion”

Rev. Kirby

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*Jennifer and
Chappell Kingsland

DOXOLOGY NCH #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kirby

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE Hear Our Prayer, O God NCH #769
**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Kirby
Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion
Musical Reflection Chappell Kingsland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* NCH 355

**God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-sped flame and
hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power
of love:
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your
grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every
place.**

**Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, Word made flesh,
love crucified,
Teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of
pride:
In your tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd's
care;
Grant them courage and compassion shown through word
and deed and prayer.**

**Great Creator, life bestower, truth beyond all thought's
recall,
Fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:
As you know our strength and weakness, so may those the
church exalts
Oversee its life steadfastly yet not over look its faults.**

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**Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
Deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds
rehearse:**

**Help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kirby

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

NCH 393

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
Yes, we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again!**

Postlude

Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard