

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Gathering as the Body of Christ

Gathering Music:

"When the Saints Go Marchin' In"

arr. Andy Clark

"Time for Trumpets"

by Robert W. Smith

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

by John Edmondson

Greetings and Announcements:

Entering Into Worship

Prelude: "Hallelujah"

by Leonard Cohend

*Unison Invitation to Worship:

Lord we gather as your people, to lift a humble prayer unto you, that as your people come. We will join as one in the family of faith.

We are brothers. We are sisters, all children of the one, creator God. And if we disagree, teach our eyes to see we are one in the family of faith.

Many members, one body, many hearts, one hope, one faith in you. And as we live and grow, help us always know we are one in the family of faith.

*Opening Hymn: #306 "In Christ there is no East or West"

*Opening Prayer:

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Sharing How We Can Be Family to One Another:

Congregational Response: "Lord, make us your Family"

Pastoral Prayer:

Unison Reading: A Statement of Faith and Call to Action

As God's children, created in His image, if we genuinely love Him then we must unconditionally love every member of the human family as demonstrated by Jesus, His son and our leader, servant and brother.

By the manner we live our own lives, through our words and deeds we can be examples of peace and reconciliation, simple living, integrity of speech, family values, and humble service to others in need.

In our willing obedience to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we affirm that which is for the glory of God and our neighbors good. After all, what is good for my neighbor, is good for me.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Invitation to Give:

Offertory: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!" Arr. Andy Clark

*Processional: #421 "Bless'd be the tie that binds" (verse 1+4)

*Offering Prayer:

Proclaiming the Word

Unison Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:26-28

So in Christ Jesus, you were all children of God through faith. For all of you who have been baptized into Christ. There's neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Sermon "Who is my brother and sister?"

Pastor Grady

Going Forth to Serve

*Closing Hymn #21 "All Praise to our redeeming Lord"

*Unison Sending:

We are brothers, we are sisters, we are fathers, we are mothers. We are Brethren, we are Christians, we are disciples, we are believers. We are Black Rockers, we are worshipers, we are travelers, we are servers. We are redeemed, we are gospel messengers. We are each important, we are one in Christ!

Postlude: "Just a closer walk with Thee" arr. Johnnie Vinson