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# Come and Worship the Lord

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**Welcome**

*Eileen Benner*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Eileen Benner*

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come from different places, with different skills and with different experiences. But we all come to worship the same God!**

**Leader:** Happy Sabbath! Today is a day of rest. How will you rest from your labor?

**People:** **We will find a Sabbath in every week. Rest is needed to rebuild the strength required to serve.**

**Prelude**

**Prayer**

**Ferdinand Von Heller**

## \*Hymn No. 545

## The Church's One Foundation

(verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

**\*Opening Prayer**

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**Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. For the things that went well this week, we thank you. Today we give you thanks for all who labor. Their labor to gives us what we need and what we enjoy. This Labor Day, help us commit to honoring our laborers, and to never take them for granted. Amen!**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Chorus**

**Bind Us Together**

Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King;  
There is only one body, that is why we sing:

Bind us together Lord,  
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together, bind us together in love.

**Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev**

**Scripture Lesson**

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*Eileen Benner*

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**Special Music** – Karen Hanko

You Are Forever God

Pepper Choplin

**Message**

## What Is Spiritual Labor?

**Offering Conversation**

**Communion Liturgy**

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven! Amen!

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

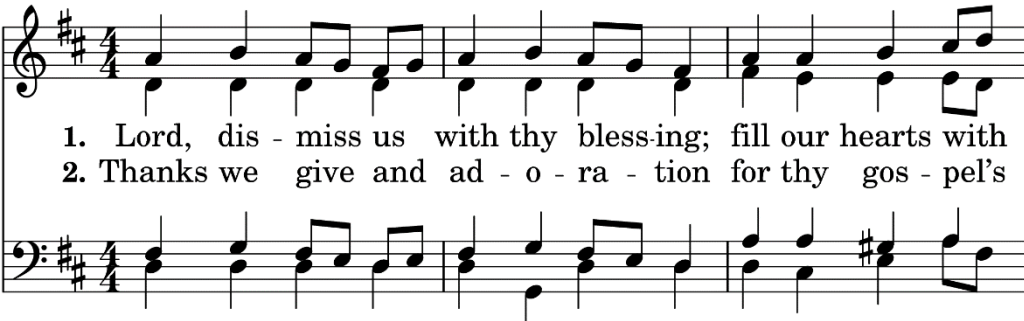
*[Reverend Dave then goes through the Salvation History and the Institution of the Lord's Supper and then concludes with ...]*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**\*Hymn No. 671**

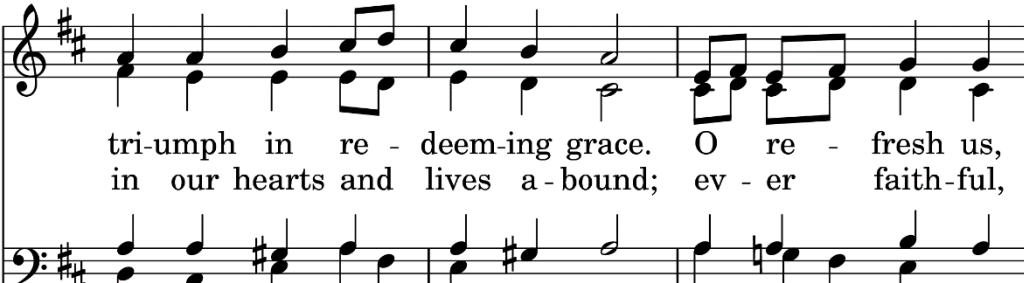
**Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**




1. Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless-ing; fill our hearts with  
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for thy gos - pel's



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess-ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of thy sal - va - tion



tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith-ful,



O re-fresh us, trav-eling through this wil-der-ness.  
ev - er faith-ful to the truth may we be found.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Immortal, Invisible

Edward Broughton

\* All in the congregation who are able, please stand.