



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lies to become the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus in the world.

July 18, 2021

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service

### Prelude

“Abide With Me”

- Stults

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

One: We were once strangers to each other and strangers to God,

**All: kept apart by fear and rules;**

One: suspicious of anyone who didn't look, think, or behave like us.

**All: We were once short on hope and gatekeepers of love.**

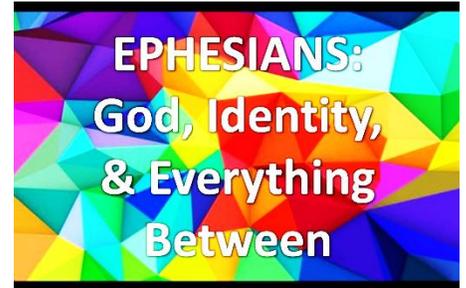
One: But Christ broke down the dividing walls between us.

**All: He made us a new people, in one Spirit,**

One: Children of God, citizens of the kin-dom

**All: We belong in Christ, forever at home in his Spirit and the heart of God.**

**Let us forever sing this song of belonging**



**Hymn #2223/Faith We Sing** “They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

#### Centering Prayer *Unison*

Praise be to Thee, Most Supreme God, Thy Beauty do we worship, to Thee do we give willing surrender.

*Please observe silence for reflection and personal meditation.*

#### Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-22

But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.

The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. He repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then he started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.

Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.

That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

#### Message

Rev. Amanda Lunemann

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**Special Music**

“A Trumpeter’s Lullaby”  
*Sean Litterer, trumpet solo*

- Leroy Anderson

**Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer** *Unison*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory Music**

“Adante”

- Mozart

**Doxology – Hymn #94** *projected*

**Hymn #2175/Faith We Sing**

“Together We Serve”

**Blessing and Benediction** – *based on Message trans. Eph 3:30-21*

God can do anything – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!

**He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, Her Spirit deeply and gently within us.**

Glory to God in the church!

**Glory to God in the Messiah!**

Glory down all the generations!

**Glory through all millennia! Glory and Amen!**

**Song of Peace**

Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.  
May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.  
May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.  
God go with you, making all things new.

**Postlude**

“Hymn of Praise”

- Schreiner

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- We are a church seeking to follow the Wesleyan Spiritual Practice of “Doing No Harm“. We know this time of emerging from COVID lockdown can be messy and want to be a safe space for all people seeking to do the same. If you are vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask in our sanctuary. Additionally, if you choose to wear a mask for whatever reason, we support your decision to do so. We are here to love one another in its many diverse forms.
- Speaking of “Doing No Harm”, we are choosing to put a pause on the Children’s Message for the summer months as we seek to keep our families and children safe.