

Flowers are given in honor of Carole Sue Metcalfe,
by Lavilla Watson in memory of Jacci Tutt,
and by Loren and Peggy Koplin in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

PRELUDE

Adagio in A minor
Cynthia Roberts Greene, Guest Organist

J.S.Bach

INVITATION

OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God

#22

**Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!
Gladsome rejoice-organ and trumpet and voice-
Joining God's great congregation.**

**Sing praise to God, with sincere thanks for all your successes.
Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us.
Only conceive what godly strength can achieve:
Strength that would touch and caress us.**

**Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending.
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight:
Amen, amen never ending.**

OPENING PRAYER

Collaborating Creator, thank You for the ways You have loved us into being. Thank You for showing up disguised as our ordinary lives. Thank You for the endless invitation to explore the Eternal Now of this moment. We confess that we can get caught up in comparing our lives to others. We confess that we would rather point out the twig in another's eye than the log in our own. Our ways of being, thinking, and living are as comfortable to us as a pair of well-worn slippers. In a world that loves to rate and rank, we long for our way to be the way. Yet, our wisdom is not synonymous with Your wisdom. Break through our biases with a grace that is beyond what we can comprehend and control. Call us toward the promise that to love each person is more than words we say, it is a living prayer that takes a lifetime to live. We pause, to breathe and to be in Your presence, O Source of all that is.

Silence.

REASSURANCE

CELEBRATION of TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

DEDICATION

Freshly falling Spirit swirling like the wind around us, open us to Your presence this week. We long prayerfully to share our time, talent, and resources in concert with You, O great Conductor and Composer of the symphony of Life. Alleluia and Amen!

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 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. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, servants or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

SERMON

In-Body-ing Wisdom

HYMN

God of Change and Glory

#177

**God of change and glory, God of time and space,
 When we fear the future, give to us Your grace.
 In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.**

***Refrain:* Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
 In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
 One Giver, one Word, one Spirit,
 One God known in many ways, hallowing our days.
 For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!**

**God of many colors, God of many signs,
 You have made us different, blessing many kinds.
 As the old ways disappear, let Your love cast out our fear.**

Refrain

**Freshness of the morning, newness of each night.
You are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.**

Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER & NEW ZEALAND VERSION of THE LORD'S PRAYER
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of Your name echoes through the universe; The way of Your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For You reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Forward Through the Ages

#377

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.
Gifts in diff'ring measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold in service, one the sure reward.**

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
Move we on together to the shining goal!**

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Concerto in A minor
Cynthia Roberts Greene, Guest Organist

Vivaldi/Bach

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS: Chuck Jarman, Phil Swain

SONG LEADERS: Ethan Bixby, Lauren Patsos, Rob Quarles, Susan Raines