

Flowers are given by Dr. June Wolgemuth in celebration of Ed's 90th birthday.

PRELUDE

Sicilienne

Gabriel Faure

Cynthia Roberts Greene, Guest Organist

INVITATION

OPENING HYMN

Praise With Joy the World's Creator

#273

**Praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge, grace bestowing without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.**

**Praise the Maker, Christ and Spirit, one God in Community,
Calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe when shown Christ's vibrant unity.**

OPENING PRAYER

Source of all that was, is, and shall be, we confess that we do not comprehend how You are able to hold all the diversity of this world, especially humanity, in Your embrace. We confess that we cannot wrap our hearts around the “unconditional” part of who You are and are unsure of how we can live reflecting Your image in this way. We get too caught up in classifying and categorizing and compartmentalizing. We are quick to unlike and unfollow people on social media. We do not recognize the algorithms that, like the Wizard of Oz, control what we see and read online. We hurt others because we ourselves are hurting inside. There is much wounded-wisdom that hovers in the air we breathe today. There is much wounded-wisdom inside us that covers the words we speak. Yet, O God, You are still with us and for us. You do not leave us where we are; but always seek us with a love that is bigger and bolder than anything we can imagine. We pray the experience of worship today would awaken a *new* way of being Your people individually and collectively in such a time as this. In the name of the One who embodied Your love in his life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CELEBRATION of TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE

RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#393

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of joy divine is like to that above.**

**Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

DEDICATION

On Your altar, O God, we place our calendars for the week ahead: meetings, doctor's appointments, free time, play time, and prayer time. On Your altar, O God, we place our financial resources, seeking Your guidance to govern how we share what is entrusted to us. On Your altar, O God, we entrust our whole life, knowing that we need You every hour. Hear our prayer, O God. The words pour forth from our mouths, hearts, and deep within us. Alleluia and Amen.

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:14-26

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

SERMON

In-Body-ing Wisdom, Part 2

HYMN

Many Are the Branches

#163

**Many are the light-beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.
Many are the light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.**

**Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus.
Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.**

**Many are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus.
Many are the gifts given, love is all one; we are one in Christ.**

**Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus.
Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ**

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O God in Whom All Life Begins

**O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
Bestow your blessing on our lives; here let Your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
Deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.**

**Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
That we may have the grace to seek the power Your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify Your Name
That in all things by word and deed we may Your love proclaim.**

**Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
So bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray,
Then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

Mendelssohn

Cynthia Roberts Greene, Guest organist

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