



How good
and pleasant it is
when God's people
live together
in unity!

Psalms 133:1

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GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING² 🎵

Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me. (2x)

LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (UMH 556)

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians
faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

Listen to us, O Lord.

Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians
with his gifts along the way to full unity.

Listen to us, O Lord.

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Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace
for the world.

Listen to us, O Lord.

Let us pray. We ask you, O Lord,
for the gifts of your Spirit.

**Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and
grant that we may share with others
the goods you have put at our disposal.**

**Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit
to lead to full unity your sons and daughters
in full charity, in obedience to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

AMEN.

HYMNS 

Count Your Blessings

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

PSALM

Psalm 133:1-2

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-10

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE 

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4: 8-10

Matthew 18:20

HYMN 

560. Help Us Accept Each Other

MESSAGE

Katie Stout

HYMN 

555. Forward Through the Ages

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 886)

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: In the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

PEACE AND OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95 

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

BLESSING

Lord, give us the grace to know You more deeply,
in order to love you with all of our being.
Grant us pure heart to love our neighbors as ourselves.
May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to see
your presence in our sisters and brothers,
that we may love each other
with the same unconditional love
with which you love us.
Go with God, whose mercy is over us.
Go with Jesus, whose promise delivers us.
Go with the Holy Spirit, whose presence guides us.
Go in peace.

CANDLES

128. He Leadeth Me

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Rev John Kraps, Sue Arbuckle, Brad Heiken,
TJ Wirth, Carolyn O'Brian, Dan & Mary Kae Sherman

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Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

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