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9:45 AM

Sacred Stones: Building Faith in the Places God Meets Us*

Spaces of Community

**Worldwide Communion Sunday with
Neighbors in Need Special Offering**

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

INTRODUCTION TO THEME

PRELUDE

O Waly Waly

Traditional English Melody

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, people of God, ready to build your faith.

C: We are living stones, gathered in God's house.

L: Like Israel, we come remembering what God has done.

C: God's faithfulness is our story.

L: Like Joshua, we set down our stones as a witness.

C: Our lives together proclaim God's steadfast love.

L: Come, let us worship the One who calls us into community.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

C: We worship the God who binds us together in love.

L: I invite you to stand as comfortable as we start this new day in praise of our God.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2274 FWS** (see below)

Come, All You People (from Zimbabwe)

Come, All You People

Alexander Gondarr. 1994 WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland), admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written for piano on a single staff in 4/4 time. The key signature has four sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The score consists of four lines of music. The first line is marked with a '1' and the lyrics '1. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er.' The second line is marked with a '3' and the lyrics 'Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er.' The third line is marked with a '5' and the lyrics 'Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er.' The fourth line is marked with a '7' and the lyrics 'Come, now and wor-ship the Lord.' It features a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'and wor-ship'.

1. Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er.

3
Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er.

5
Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er.

7
Come, now and wor-ship the Lord.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Faithful God,

C: we confess that we do not always build each other up. We forget that we are joined together as Your people. We allow fear, pride, and resentment to separate us. Forgive us, O God. Bind us together again, so that our community may bear witness to Your love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: Hear the good news: in Christ, we are one body, built together in love. In Christ, you are forgiven and made whole—In Him, we all are forgiven and made new.

C: Thanks be to God!

ACT OF PRAISE

Spaces of Community (to the tune of the Doxology)

ALL SING: Praise God who binds us stone by stone, No one forgotten, none alone; Through generations grace is told, A living witness strong and bold.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:9-4:9 (CEB)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY FWS NO. 2226 (see next page)

Bind Us Together

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman, 1977

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

The musical score is written for piano on a single staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 6, 13, 22, 32, 39, and 46 marking the beginning of new lines of music. The lyrics are: 'Bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er with cords that can-not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er in love. There is on-ly one God, there is on-ly one King: There is on-ly one bod-y that is why we sing. Bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er with cords that can-not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.'

Bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er with cords that

6

can-not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er, Lord,

13

bind us to - geth-er in love. There is on-ly one God, there is

22

on-ly one King: There is on-ly one bod-y that is why we sing.

32

Bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er with cords that can-not be

39

bro - ken. Bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to - geth-er, Lord, bind us to -

46

- geth - er in love.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Great Spirit God

Native American Hymn

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

L: Generous God, here are our gifts of time; here are our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money; building stones for Your Kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing within Your loving purpose.

C: Amen.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Bread of Life

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING CHRIST'S STORY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: So today, with believers across the globe, we eat this bread and drink from this cup, and celebrate the mystery of the faith that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. And we join together, in our own languages and praise, sharing in the prayer that Christ has taught us...

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 330 NCH (black hymnal, see below)

Let Us Break Bread Together (Traditional African American Melody)

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Let Us Break Bread Together

John Johnson

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

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let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. When I
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

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fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, my

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God, have mer-cy on me.

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: God of abundance,

C: we give You thanks for this bread and cup, for this holy meal shared across tables near and far, for the gift of being one body in Christ.

Here we have been nourished by Your grace, strengthened by Your Spirit, and joined together like stones in a living cairn— a witness of Your faithfulness from generation to generation. Send us out from this table to love our neighbors, to build communities of peace, and to bear witness to Christ, the cornerstone of our faith. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NCH NO. 526** (black hymnal, see next page)

We Are Marching in the Light of God (South African)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Jamaican Folk Song)

References

¹The Offertory Prayer is written by Rev Dr Derek Browning, and posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

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*The brick graffiti wall symbolizes the strength of a community built stone by stone, brick by brick. Though bricks are shaped by human hands and stones by the earth itself, together they remind us that God works through both the natural and the crafted to build sacred spaces. Each week, a new word will be added, proclaiming God's presence in our life together and marking this wall as a holy witness to faith. Thank you to the altarscape team for their visioning and sharing of gifts to make our Sanctuary space a beautiful offering to God in this season: Jodi Bender, Danika Dallam, Cindy Hogentogler, Barb Neff & Melody Stine.

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We Are Marching in the Light of God (Community Verses)

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.
2. We are shar - ing in the light of God, we are shar-ing in the light of God.
3. We are lov - ing with the light of God, we are lov-ing with the light of God.
4. We are mar - ching in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.

5

We are mar-ching in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are
 We are shar-ing in the light of God, we are shar-ing in the light of God. We are
 We are lov-ing with the light of God, we are lov-ing with the light of God. We are
 We are march-ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the love of God. We are

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march-ing Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing
 shar-ing Oo, we are shar-ing in the light of God. We are shar-ing
 lov-ing Oo, we are lov-ing with the light of God. We are lov-ing
 march-ing Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing

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Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.
 Oo, we are shar-ing in the light of God.
 Oo, we are lov-ing with the light of God.
 Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.