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10:15 am Worship Service

July 13, 2025 Liturgist: Denise Mayhew
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE
GREETING

Please stand in body and in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP
We are called to love the Lord our God
We are called to love with all our heart and soul
We are called to love the Lord our God
We are called to love with all our mind and strength
We are called to love the Lord our God
And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!

Hymn #600 In Christ There is No East or West
Please be seated

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We find it hard to love our neighbors with all we have. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables as we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Forgive us and help us take risks to love others as you love us. Help us form a new version of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for your Kingdon that both is and is not yet. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE
Here the good news my friends! In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are not what they do. In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do and what they don't do. In

God's Kingdom, all are welcomed, all are given God's grace and hope, and all are loved. Forgiven, loved and sent forth, we are not far from God's Kingdom! Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Open our hearts and minds to understand the depths of neighborly love and to empower us to act with compassion and mercy even to those we might consider different. Amen

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Luke 10:25-37

The word of the Lord.
Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON Jessica Reese Walmsley

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hymn #457 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Please be seated

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer
**Our Father/Mother who art in heaven,
Our Creator, you are all around us and within us.
hallowed be thy name.
We praise you with many different names.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
Help us live as we understand we should from knowing you
in harmony and connectedness with each other,
on earth as it is in heaven.
With all creatures of the earth,**

and with the earth and the universe itself.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Help us to use your resources wisely
So that we might be sustained.
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Help us take responsibility when we fail to live harmoniously,
And help us understand and forgive when others let us down.
And lead us not into temptation,
Let us know you well enough that we are not tempted
to live outside of your love.
but deliver us from evil,
and empower us to work together to overcome evil.
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Like the Good Samaritan, let us give generously, extending compassion and help to anyone in need. Let our generosity involve practical action even when it is inconvenient or uncomfortable, and sacrifice, not just sympathy.

OFFERTORY

Please stand in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host.
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of compassion and mercy, we remember Jesus’ parable of the Samaritan, who came upon a man beaten and bleeding and felt compassion and gave him care. From this parable, we use the name “Samaritan” for an act of compassion or a good deed, missing the point that what you would have us see was not a deed or act but a whole way of living. In the same way, you long for not the act of our offerings, but a life lived giving ourselves selflessly for others. We know you can transform acts of giving into lives of giving, and we pray that boldly in the name of Jesus, who gave all. Amen.

Hymn #595 They’ll Know We are Christians

BENEDICTION

Go out into the world
and love the Lord your God
with all your heart, soul, mind and strength,
and love others as you love yourself.

And may God give you justice and freedom;
May Christ Jesus set you free for love;
and may the Holy Spirit go where you go
.and protect you on your way.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Amen

Please be seated

Postlude

Parts of the Liturgy were written by Rev. Mindi and Thom Shuman from Hearing the Parables with the Early Church

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Head Usher for July is Karen Peterson
Ushers today are Lee Metzger and Ruth Yothers
Altar Guild for the month of July are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier

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600 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth;
2 For God in Christ has made us one from ev - ery land and race;
3 It is by grace we are as - sured that we be - long to him:
4 So broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name who died to set us free
5 In Christ there is no east or west—he breaks all bar - riers down;

the cho - sen fam - ily God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.
has rec - on - ciled us through his Son and met us all with grace.
the love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spir - it's work with - in.
from sin, di - vi - sion, hate and shame, from spite and en - mi - ty!
by Christ re - deemed, by Christ pos - sessed, in Christ we live as one.

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457 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Irregular

They'll Know We Are Christians 595

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.