



Online Worship Resource (September 27, 2020)

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Prelude: What a Friend We Have in Jesus Charles Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never feel discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Janet Gayle Lumpkins, Liturgist

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of angels.

Opening Hymn: "We Are One in the Spirit"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (2x)
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

REFRAIN:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes, they'll know
we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, (2x)
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. (Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ
Jesus, God's only Son;
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Refrain)

Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God every
time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. With open
hearts, let us pray and confess our sins. Let us pray....

Prayer of Confession:

**Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we
know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we
enter your presence. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment,
illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home, until we recognize your
presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoke, and life is restored.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope: the steadfast love of the
Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every
morning.

**In the name of the Lord, who is our portion and our hope, we receive
with joy the mercy offered us. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

Mighty God, you spoke the world into being. Speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your hope to the world and to give flesh to your future. We pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn after Sermon: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Thanks for the offering

As a shepherd searches for a lost sheep and a woman for a lost coin, God seeks us out to save us. With gratitude and joy, we offer our lives to the Lord. Let us pray together....

Prayer of Dedication

We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the 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.

Benediction

Postlude: **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian** African American Spiritual

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, (in my heart), in my heart, (in my heart),

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

*Lord, I want to **be more loving** in my heart, in my heart;...(repeat as above)*

*Lord, I want to **be like Jesus** in my heart, in my heart;...(repeat as above)*

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, guitar,

David Maley, piano, Janet Gayle Lumpkins, liturgist, and

Glenn Fahrig, technology team