



**David's United Church of Christ  
September 3, 2023  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Online Worship Bulletin**

Prelude – “Blessed Quietness” W.S. Marshall, arr. Albin C. Whitworth  
*Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “Where Charity and Love Prevail” vs. 1, 4-6 (see lyrics below)

Call to Worship – *Pastor Emily Phillips*

One: May God's peace rest upon our busy lives so that we are quieted into prayer.

**Many: May God's love flow through our worship words so that we are  
awake to opportunities for service.**

One: May God's grace embrace every need and may the restless Gospel set our hearts afire.

**Many: So be it. Amen and Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – *Pastor Emily Phillips*

Mission Moment –

Invitation for Support – [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music – “Great Is the Lord” Michael W. & Deborah D. Smith, arr. Carol Tornquist  
Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Christ all creatures here below.**

**Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.**

**One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn – “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 105: 1-5, 45c (adapted from The Message)

One: Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to God by name!

**Many: Tell everyone you meet what God has done!**

One: Sing God songs, belt out hymns, translate God's wonders into music!

**Many: Honor God's holy name with Hallelujahs, you who seek God.**

One: Live a happy life!

**Many: Keep your eyes open for God, watch for God's works;**

One: Be alert for signs of God's presence.

**Many: Remember the world of wonders God has made, God's miracles, and the verdicts God's rendered. Hallelujah!**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Christ Jesus, our teacher and friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, peace, and love. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God's People, Silent Prayers, & Our Lord's Prayer

Special Music – “Rescue” Lauren Daigle, sung by *Jenna VanHouten*

Scripture Lessons – Hebrew – Micah 4: 1-10

Epistle – Romans 8: 22-27; James 5: 13-16; Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel – Luke 11: 1-13

Sermon – “Let’s Talk About Prayer” *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “The Servant Song” (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Postlude – “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Arthur H. Messiter, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there  
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true  
 3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as  
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let  
 5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells  
 6. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if

God is ev - er found; brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess; and let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; be Christ the glo - ry  
 God's be - got - ten Son; as mem - bers of his  
 hon - ored be God's name; our com - mon life em -

by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.  
 mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.  
 oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.  
 bod - y joined, we are in him made one.  
 brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

## Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 390

 2. How can your par - don reach and bless the  
 3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew: what triv - ial debts are  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, bound to all in

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
 bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

 The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with various rests and dynamic markings like forte and piano.

WORDS: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1966 (Mt. 6:12)

MUSIC: *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. by Gerald H. Knight, 1980

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# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your servant, let me  
 2 We are pilgrims on a journey; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

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