



David's United Church of Christ
September 10, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Online Worship Bulletin

Prelude – "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Hayes
Tim Williams & Lyn Morton

Introit – "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" setting by John Carter

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

Hymn – "We Have Met to Worship" (see lyrics below)

Call to Worship – *Pastor Emily Phillips*

One: Come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

Many: We come to Christ, who gives living water, that we may never thirst again.

One: Come to Christ, that being filled yourselves, you may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.

Many: We come to God in worship and praise through Jesus Christ, who gives us life.¹

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Blessing of the Backpacks

Order of Installation for *Emily S. Phillips* as Associate Pastor of Faith & Family Life,
Rev. Carl Robinson, SONKA Association Minister

Sharing Gifts – *Nedra Dalton*, Council President David's UCC

Mission Moment –

Invitation for Support – **www.davidsucc.org**

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music – "Holy Mann" arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

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 – “We Gather Together” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 149: 1-5, 9b (adapted from The Message)

One: Hallelujah! Sing to God a brand-new song, praise God in the company of all who love God.

Many: Let all Israel celebrate their Sovereign Creator, Zion’s children exult in their King.

One: Let them praise God’s name in dance, strike up the band and make great music!

Many: And why? Because God delights in God’s people, festoons plain folk with salvation garlands!

One: Let true lovers break out in praise, sing out from wherever they’re sitting.

Many: All who love God shout high praises to God in the seat of honor! Hallelujah!

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Gracious God, we acknowledge once again that we fall short of our high calling as your people. If we have wished someone well, while withholding help and support we could have given, forgive us, O God. If we have loudly proclaimed our faith, but then refused to follow Christ on the path of loving service, forgive us, O God. Through the power of your Spirit active in our lives, make us persons of courage, compassion, and integrity, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.²**

Words of Assurance

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

Choral Anthem – “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Katheen Thomerson,
arr. by Mark Hayes

Scripture Lessons – Hebrew – Exodus 3: 1-15

Epistle – Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel – Matthew 18: 15-20

Sermon – “Holy Ground” *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Benediction Response – “The Peace of the Earth”

Postlude – “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” traditional spiritual, arr. Lani Smith

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Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



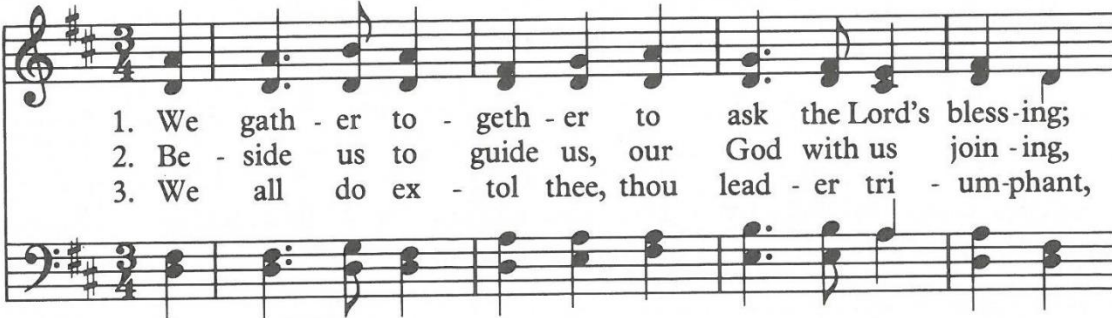
Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.



This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

We Gather Together

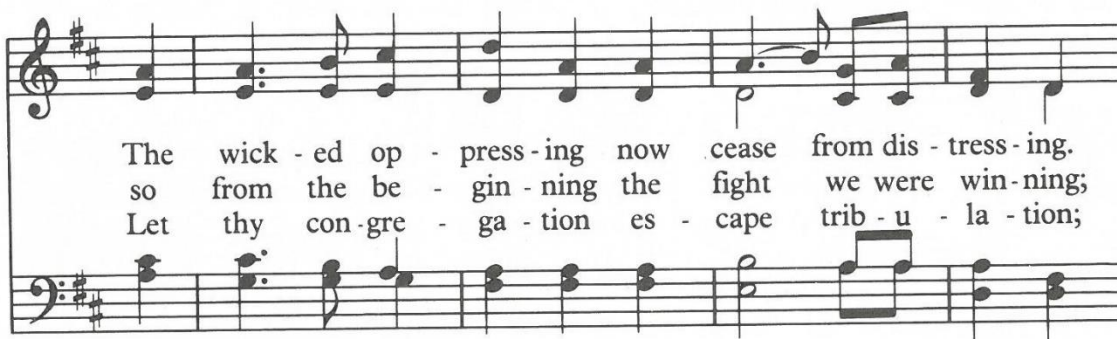
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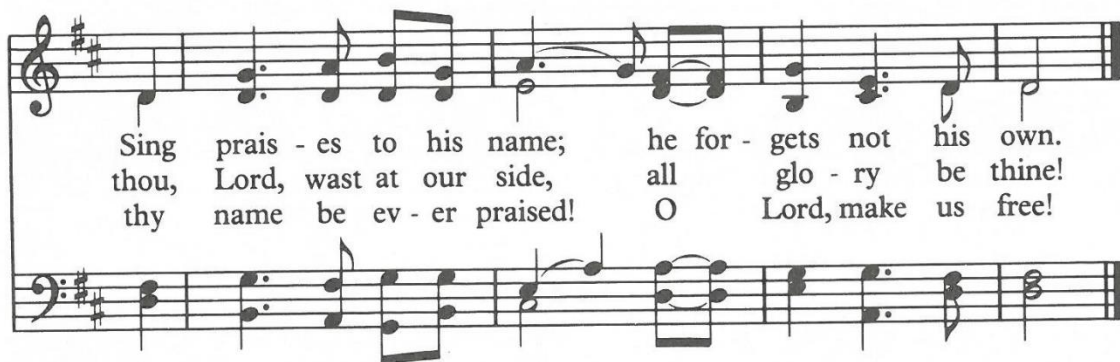
1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

559 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 3. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone; cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day! With thy faith - ful lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear thy peo - ple as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one; one in might and

help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

WORDS: 7th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
 (Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7)
 MUSIC: Henry Purcell, ca. 1680; adapt. by Ernest Hawkins, 1842

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