



**PRELUDE:** Winter From "The Four Seasons"

-Vivaldi / arr. Ridout

**THE SINGLE ALTAR FLOWER** is placed in recognition of Kathryn Gerhart's birthday.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 19**

LEADER: The **law** of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The **decrees** of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple. The **precepts** of the LORD are right, causing the heart to rejoice. The **commandments** of the LORD are clear, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The **ordinances** of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**PEOPLE: More to be desired are these than pure gold; sweeter also than honey, drippings from the honeycomb.**

LEADER: Moreover, by them is your servant warned and in keeping them there is great reward.

**PEOPLE: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

#### **EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-28**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church apostles, prophets, teachers; and deeds of power, gifts of healing, forms of assistance, and leadership, various kinds of spoken words.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** God who created us, as we gather to worship you, we are conscious that we are each and all part of one body in Christ. When one part of the body is hurting, the whole body is wounded; when healing happens, the whole body is blessed. May our giving this morning bring love to the parts of Christ's body who feel they are unloved and forgotten; and may it bring justice and mercy to those parts that are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing the whole body of Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"**

**1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
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**

**2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in the land REFRAIN**

**3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. REFRAIN**

**4. All . . . praise to the Father from . . . whom all things come.  
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit who . . . makes . . . us . . . one. REFRAIN**

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

**Notation:** All four Gospels then agree that the people of Nazareth who heard Jesus read this prophecy, and claim it was being fulfilled in their hearing, were "offended" by Jesus' implications, and they rejected him saying is this not Joseph's son?

**SERMON: "Rejected!"**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "We Are Yours, Lord"

- Price/ Besig

## **PRAYERS 2022 Worldwide Week for Christian Unity January 18-25**

We do not know what the wise men thought – they who were experts in astronomy and navigation – when they were warned to return by another road. Apparently, the same light that illumined their journey showed them another road, another possibility. They were called to change their direction.

Gracious God, when we only know one way and think we must return to it, and when we think that roads are blocked and fall into despair; may we find you to guide us. You are the God of promises.

We find you redirecting us or creating a new path before us; one we did not see nor expect. We thank you because you will always exceed our expectations. We thank you for your wisdom that surpasses our understanding. We thank you because your creative paths open up unforeseen possibilities. When we feel lost and discouraged, we know we can always find you. You will lead us by a yet trustworthy way! We pray to you, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, trusting you will lead us through our troubling times. Amen.

## **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"**

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**1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**2 Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE::** Finale From "Rondelinda"

- Handel / arr. Saxton

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