

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on *Dennis*

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

All: Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.

One: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

All: and extol him with music and song.

Prelude

Morgen

Richard Strauss

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Ringling of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Hymn #207

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*Invocation

Psalm 133

All: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

*Prayer of Confession

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 1:18

One: Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Hear the Scripture promise: Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us live with the joy of being God's forgiven people! This is our Good News!

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Anthem

Come, Thou Almighty King

Arr. Robert Groth

Josie Balz, Savannah Grimm, Linda Meier, Reagan McPhedran, Rene McPhedran
Becky Bell, Director

Come, Thou almighty King, help us	Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred wit-
Thy name to sing, help us to praise:	ness bear in this glad hour: Thou who
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,	almighty art, now rule in every heart, and
come, and reign over us, ancient of days.	ne'er from us depart, spirit of pow'r.

Minute for Mission

Elemental Churches

Rob Heidenreich

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Offertory

No Turning Back

Don and Nancy Besig

Covenant Chamber Choir

All my life seems filled with trouble, and I'm more confused each day.
All the world seems cold and empty, and it's hard to find my way.
When there's no one there to help me, I feel lost and all alone.
But there is Someone I can turn to who will love me as His own.

I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus, I'll never turn back, no turning back.

When your heart is growing weary, and your path seems dark and long,
When your hope begins to falter and temptations seems so strong,
There's a Light to end the darkness and to chase your fears away.
Yes, there is Someone you can turn to who will guide you through each day.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? You cannot turn back, no turning back.

Yes, we've decided to follow Jesus. We have decided to follow Jesus.
We have decided to follow Jesus, there's no turning back, no turning back.

***Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
At this time toddlers and preschool children are invited to go to Junior Church.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lesson Acts 2:42-47 Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson
Pew Bible pg. 772 Large Print Bible pg. 1694
One: This is God's Word for God's People. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Body Life Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Recognition of graduates

***Hymn** See bulletin We Are the Church
Verse 1 — Chamber Choir only
Verses 2-5 — Congregation joins

Benediction

Postlude The Heavens Declare the Glory of God L. v. Beethoven
Andrew Hackett, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand

We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church!
 We are the church to - geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,
 all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to -
 geth - er!

1. The church is not a build - ing, the
 2. We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with
 3. Some - times the church is march - ing, some -
 4. And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's
 5. At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re -

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We Are the Church

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church is not a stee - ple, the
 man - y kinds of fac - es, all
 times it's brave - ly burn - ing, some -
 sing - ing and there's pray - ing, there's
 ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it and

11 D G

church is not a rest - ing place, the
 col - ors and all a - ges, too, from
 times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing,
 laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times,
 told the Good News through the world to

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church is a peo - ple.
 all times and plac - es.
 al - ways it's learn - ing.
 all of it say - ing:
 all who would hear it.

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For ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28

John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS S.M.
Johann G. Nageli, 1773-1836
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear;
4. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us in - ward pain;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And oft - en for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A - men.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.