

# Sunday Worship

August 16, 2020

9:30 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Accept Our Thanks* arr. Hodson

The Call to Worship ( Psalm 133)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!  
A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.  
Lifelong followers seeking sustenance, new disciples searching for grace  
A family fashioned by faith, we gather to kneel before the Giver of  
Mercy. Children of God, come! The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own. Let  
us praise God!

The Hymn of Praise *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* 483

Call to Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us,  
forgive us, protect us and bless us.

The Prayer of Confession

Holy One, there is much we must confess: When we discount another's pain  
or overlook neighbors in distress, forgive us. When we choose callous words  
over compassionate impulses, forgive us. When we think others less deserving  
of grace and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us. Have  
mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness so that every word and deed that  
proceeds from our hearts might glorify you.

(Moment of Silence)

O Lord, we render our hearts to you and may the faith you have planted in  
us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your  
mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

The Assurance of Pardon

Our God pour out kindness, forgiving our sins, preserving our lives, and  
restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lords Jesus Christ.  
Receive now that for which faith has hungered: you are forgiving in the name of  
Jesus Christ. Amen! Thanks be to God.

The Gloria Patri 579  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Special Music *Softly and Tenderly* Thompson

## The Word of God

The New Testament Reading Matthew 15:21-28 page 22 NT

The Epistle Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 page 213 NT

The Sermon "God's Mercy in Our Brokenness" Pastor Philomena Ofori-Nipaah

## Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith *(The Confession of 1967, section on the Holy Spirit)*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit  
creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled  
to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as  
they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace  
among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become  
representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all. Amen!

The Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* 439

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin  
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *New World Symphony (2<sup>nd</sup> movement theme)* Dvorak

The Prayer of Dedication

The Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 404

The Charge and Benediction

The Congregational Response *Farewell, Good Friends* 537

Farewell, good friends, Farewell, good friends, Shalom, shalom!  
Till we meet again, till we meet again, Shalom, shalom.

The Postlude *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Hoffman & Showalter

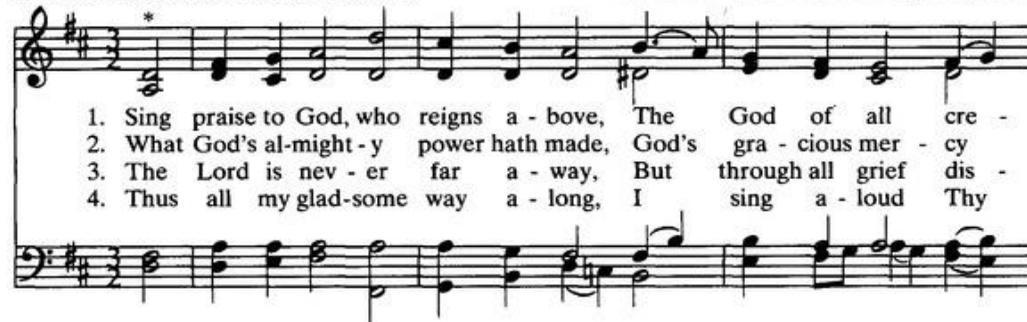
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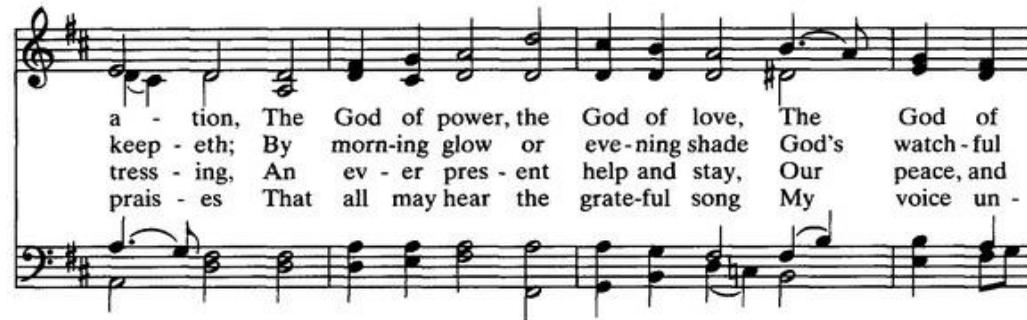
Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

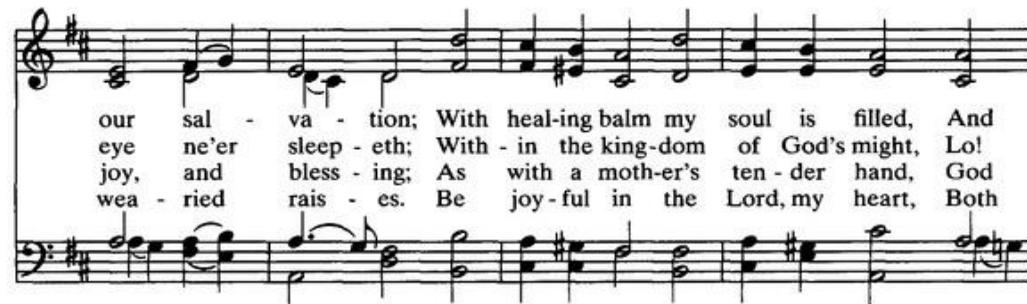
Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566



1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -  
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy  
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -  
4. Thus all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy



a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of  
keep - eth; By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade God's watch - ful  
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and  
prais - es That all may hear the grate - ful song My voice un -



our sal - va - tion; With heal - ing balm my soul is filled, And  
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king - dom of God's might, Lo!  
joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God  
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:  
all is just and all is right:  
gent - ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
soul and bod - y take your part:

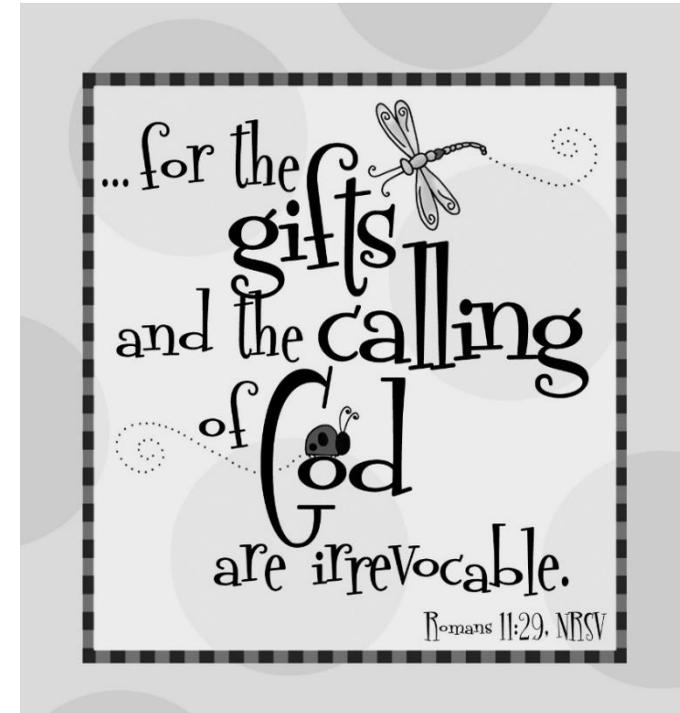
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## In Christ There Is No East or West

( FIRST TUNE )

ST. PETER: C. M.  
Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1830

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1. In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;  
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mun-ion find;  
 3. Join hands, then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be!  
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and North;

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
 His serv-ice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing all man-kind.  
 Who serves my Fa-ther as a son Is sure-ly kin to me.  
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth. A-MEN.

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## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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*Prayerfully*

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am  
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near; When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thru the storm, thru the night, Lead me  
 life is al-most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

on to the light; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
 hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.