

Order of Service: Sept. 18, 2022

Gathering Music: Buddy Rieger

Welcome: Bradley Convis, Worship Associate

Opening Words: "To Remember Our Promises" [Sarah C. Stewart]

Lighting the Chalice: [Don Southworth]

We light this chalice as a symbol of our faith.
May our many sparks meet and merge
in a communion of heart and soul.

Hymn: "Here We Have Gathered"

(1) Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

(2) Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:
we of all ages, living out our span,
infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

(3) Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:
but in the shadows, let us not forget:
we who now gather know each other's pain;
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

New Member Ceremony: Bethany Thornton, Membership Director

Love is the Spirit of this church, and service its law. This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace, to seek truth in love, and to help one another.

Time for All Ages: "Treehouse Rules"

Children's Recessional: "As You Go" [Suzelle Lynch/Ruben Piirainen]

As you go, may joy surround you,
As you go, go in peace.
Know our love is with you always,
As you go, as you go

Joys and Sorrows: "We hold you in our hearts."

Meditation and Prayer

Musical Meditation: "We Would Be One"

(1) We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

(2) We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

Sermon: "What Bind Us Together," Rev. Jim Magaw

Hymn: "One More Step"

(1) One more step, we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone, we'll take one more step.

(2) One more word, we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone, we'll say one more word.

(3) One more prayer, we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone, we'll say one more prayer.

(4) One more song, we will sing one more song,

'til every song is sung by everyone, we'll sing one more song.

Designated Offering: Bukit Bail Fund. The Bukit Bail Fund is a local coalition of individuals supporting those incarcerated in Allegheny County Jail. They provide bail for those who could not otherwise afford it, and they call for an end to cash bail in Pittsburgh and everywhere. The Fund is named for Frank "Bukit" Smart, Jr., who died as a result of being placed in restraints at the Allegheny County Jail in January of 2015.

Offertory: "Try a Little Tenderness" [Woods/Campell, arr. G.Shearing], Carol Karl

Social Justice Moment: Pat Murray

Extinguishing the Chalice [Elizabeth Selle Jones]:

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Closing Words: "May You Be Filled" [Eric Williams]