

**JULY 20, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.**

**Prelude**

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**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer:**

Loving God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen.

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### **God, You Call Us To This Place**

God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace.  
Here your hospitality makes of us one family,  
Makes our rich diversity richer still in unity,  
Makes our many voices one, joined in praise with Christ your Son.

Now assembled in Christ's name, all your mercies to proclaim—  
In the hearing of your word, in our prayer through Christ the Lord,  
In the ministries we share, learning how to serve with care—  
In the Spirit let us be one in faith and unity.

In the water we were born of the Spirit in the Son.  
Now a priestly, royal race rich in every gift of grace—  
Called, forgiven, loved, and freed, for the world we intercede:  
Gather into unity all the human family.

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### **One Generation will Call to the Next**

We will extol you, God and King, and bless your holy name.  
Day after day we'll sing your praise, forever and forever.

One generation will call to the next:  
“Our God is good and his hand is strong!”



All of the world sings his marvelous acts  
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways he's greatly to be praised.  
Were we to search for endless days, his greatness none could fathom.

One generation will call to the next:  
"Our God is good and his hand is strong!"  
All of the world sings his marvelous acts  
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Now may your name be sung in ev'ry tongue in ev'ry place.  
Singing the fame of your great love in ev'ry generation.

One generation will call to the next:  
"Our God is good and his hand is strong!"  
All of the world sings his marvelous acts  
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

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## **God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings**

### **Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:1-8**

#### **Prayer for our Church:**

**ALL:**

Loving God, we honor You as our Father in heaven. We are humbled to be called Your children. We thank You for our parents. We thank You for our children. May we give parents and children the respect and love they are due as Your image bearers. And may this love overflow to others—to fellow church members, and to neighbors near and far. May Your love for us be seen in our love for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Oh, How Good it Is**

Oh, how good it is  
When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit,  
In faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace,  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruits of His presence  
Here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence  
Of his people

Oh, how good it is  
On this journey we share,  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength,  
The afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence  
Of his people

Oh, how good it is  
To embrace His command  
To prefer one another;  
Forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one,  
We all share in the love

Of the Son with the Father  
And the Spirit.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;  
And with one heart we'll live out His Word.  
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**Scripture: Matthew 15:3-9**

**Message: Honor Your Father and Your Mother**

### **In Our Households, Heavenly Father**

In our households, heavenly Father, bless the bonds that make us one.  
May our love reflect your loving, may your will be always done.

Send your Spirit to inspire us and to teach your discipline.  
May our acts and conversations show your peace and joy within.

And in single life or married, make us open to your call  
To encourage, comfort others, and show love to one and all.

Help us make our homes a haven, quick with hospitality.  
Move us, Lord, to serve each other with true love and charity.

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### **By our Love**

Brothers, let us come together,  
Walking in the Spirit;  
There's much to be done.

We will come reaching  
Out from our comforts,  
And they will know us by our love.

Sisters, we were made for kindness,  
We can pierce the darkness  
As He shines through us.  
We will come reaching,  
With a song of healing  
And they will know us by our love

The time is now,  
Come, church arise.  
Love with His hands,  
See with His eyes.  
Bind it around you,  
Let it never leave you,  
And they will know us by our love.

Children, you are hope for justice,  
Stand firm in the Truth now,  
Set your hearts above.  
You will be reaching  
Long after we're gone,  
And they will know you by your love.

The time is now,  
Come, church arise.  
Love with His hands,  
See with His eyes.  
Bind it around you,  
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### Time of Confession:

Sovereign God, You are in control over all creation. In your grace and love, You created structures to govern your world, But often we rebel against those structures. We disregard those in authority over us, such as our civic leaders, our family, and our church. We see the brokenness in these structures and leaders, and we use that to justify our rebellion. This dishonors you, Sovereign God, because all authority comes from you. Forgive us God. Help us to respect those in authority over us. We pray this in our Savior Jesus' name, Amen.

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### Assurance of Forgiveness:

#### **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving to all people, we receive;  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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### **God's Will for our Lives:**

You shall have no other gods before me.

**ALL: For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever!**

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

**ALL: In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over  
all creation.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will  
not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

**ALL: Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—  
the fruit of lips that confess his name.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall  
labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the  
Lord your God.

**ALL: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach  
and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you  
sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude  
in your hearts to God.**

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the  
land the Lord your God is giving you.

**ALL:** Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not murder.

**ALL:** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.

**ALL:** You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

You shall not steal.

**ALL:** Those who have been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their hands, so that they may have something to share with those in need.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**ALL:** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**ALL:** I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

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### **The Greatest Commandment**

Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart and soul and mind  
And love your neighbor as yourself



Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart and soul and mind  
And love your neighbor as yourself

Let us be known, let us be known  
By the way we love

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By the way we love

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## **Prayers of the People: Bob Cooper**

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## **Blessing**

### **They'll Know We Are Christians**

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.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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 our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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 each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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## **Postlude**