The Tie that Binds: Woven

October 14, 2018 – 8:15am

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No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!
Expressing Our Love

Please note the blue prayer cards in the pew in front of you. Feel free to share your prayers or those you wish we would hold in prayer. An usher will come around during the Prelude to collect them and take them to the preacher or liturgist. These are often verbally incorporated into the Prayers of the People — whether they are or not today, each week the cards are scanned and sent to our Prayer Chain to be prayed over this week.

Welcome – Parish Joys and Concerns – Prayer Requests

Prelude  

"Blest be the Tie that Binds”  arr. A.L. Page

In worship it is our goal to give our undivided attention and devotion to God.
As we begin worship, we invite you to use this time during the centering song for quiet reflection, meditative singing, or prayer. Please shift your attention away from talking or sources of distraction.
Let us enter into praise together.

* Call to Worship

Leader:  In the beginning, God’s Word took shape,
People:  Forming tiny atoms and gigantic stars.
Leader:  In the beginning, God’s love of community took shape
People:  in the members of the Holy Trinity, forming the basis of relationship and love.
Leader:  In the beginning, God’s grace took shape
People:  in God’s Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

* Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise  

“For the Beauty of the Earth”  No. 28
* Call to Confession
* Prayer of Confession
  
  God, we have sought to untie what binds us to You and to Your Creation. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves or treated Your Creation with respect. We have taken relationships for granted, caused pain through our indifference, and broken the covenant that we have with You. We pray your forgiveness over us and we humbly repent.
  
  Through Your grace, bind our hearts once more in Your love. Amen.

* Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

* Response
  
  “Glory be to the Father”
  
  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.
  

* Passing the Peace of Christ
  
  (The congregation may greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace, such as a handshake or embrace and say these or similar words.)
  
  One: The peace of Christ be with you.
  
  People: And also with you.

**Growing in Our Faith**

Show & Tell
(At this time all children in worship are invited to come forward to the steps to hear a special message. Following the time of sharing, children, birth through age 5, are invited to return to their seats with family or return with the nursery staff across the hall to the children’s playroom.)

Prayer for Illumination

**Gospel Lesson**
  
  John 1:1-14
  
  Leader: God is still speaking!
  
  People: Spread the Good News!

**Epistle Lesson**
  
  Colossians 2:2-7
  
  Reader: Here ends the lesson.
  
  People: Let Your Word abide in us, O God.

**Sermon**
  
  "Woven: The Tapestry of Creation"
  
  Pastor Scott

* Affirmation of Faith
  
  “A New Creed”
  
  No. 887
**Practicing Our Spirituality**

*Hymn*

**“Eternal Christ, Who, Kneeling”**

No. 390

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Prayers of the People

Our Lord’s Prayer  Hymnal Page 9 Option C

*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.*

Mission Moment

Invitation to Offering
OFFERTORY

"In Autumn"
Edward MacDowell
No. 778

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your gift of life, O God, is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey to our lips. Take these gifts of our lives: refine and purify them and let them be for the world a sign of your goodness and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT INTO COMMUNITY

"In Christ There is no East or West"
No. 395

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts every-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 In Christ is nei-ther Jew nor Greek, and nei-ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
God’s ser-vise is the gold-en cord close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
For men and wom-en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy-ous, true com-mu-ni-ty through-out the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

Leader: When someone needs a blessing,
**People:** let us be a blessing.
Leader: When someone needs a shoulder,
**People:** let us be a shoulder.
Leader: When someone feels distant and alone,
**People:** help us show that we are woven connected.
Leader: When we need a tie that binds,
**People:** let us be the tie that binds!
Leader: As we go forth into this day,
**People:** let us weave sunshine in all that we do.
Leader: When we consider the earth and all its inhabitants,
**People:** let us be the hope of tomorrow.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen, Amen" Trad. Spiritual

DEPARTING MUSIC

"In the Beginning" Bethany Dillon
Under this series: “The Tie that Binds.”
"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful." - Col 3: 14-15

Relationships form us. One of the most treasured hymns of Christianity in the last century was “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.” As we gather for worship in this series, we will be invited to consider how our relationships with the Holy and with each other form and transform us. And we will affirm the power of God’s presence in our worshiping community to inspire us to "go and do likewise" in relationship to the world.

SERVING YOUR CHURCH

8:15 - 10:45

Acolyte: Tyler Strange, Aiden Criley
Greeters: Cindy Gnech, Tom Miller
Lay Reader: Helen Ferguson, Jeff Sanders
Show & Tell: Cindy Gnech, Tom Miller
Ushers: Natalie Lubold (c), Carrie Criley & family
Nursery: Bret & Mary Jane Fledderjohn, Jenny & Dave Gassert & Cameron O.
Video Technicians: Jami Rohland, Jacob Kreider, Beth Ishman, Lisa Nybeck
Sound Volunteers: John Butari, Jeff Karchner, Dave Rogers, Walter Stone, Carrie Criley
Fellowship Time: Chapel Sunday School Class
Lay Support: Cards: Sheila Donato, Linda Gilbert Flowers: Debbie Nauss

This Week’s Schedule

Monday – Kid’s Choir- 11:30am; Softball League Mtg – 6pm; Womyn’s Chorus-6:30pm; Council Meeting – 7pm
Tuesday- Garden Club – 10am; Zumba – 6:30pm; Bell Choir-7:30pm
Wednesday – Friendship Club - Noon
Thursday – Kids’ Choir-6:30pm; AA Mtg-7pm; Sanctuary Choir–7pm; Hbg. Assoc. C&M – 7pm
Friday – TOPS-10:30am
Saturday – Youth Halloween Party – 4pm
This wonderful event brings together CPUCC disciples (present & former), old friends and new residents of our community. It is a fundraiser, but it’s much more than that. We not only use the money raised to enhance our ministry, but we use it to fund special church projects and to help organizations like Hoffman Homes for Youth, Bethany Children’s Home & Christian Churches United. We invite clients of local social service agencies to come in to shop on Thursday afternoon for items at low or no cost and we donate any remaining items to Community Aid (which helps the community and earns funds for us).

All CPUCC Disciples are encouraged to participate. There is something EVERYONE can do. If you’re not sure, ask and we’ll help you decide what’s right for you & your schedule.

♥ Consider what items you can donate (clothes for all ages along with vintage items, jewelry, household items, linens, books, toys, puzzles, holiday items, etc.)
♥ Work behind the scenes pricing and sorting.
♥ Work a shift or two during the Fair (maybe ask for a day/ half day off or come after work)
♥ Help set up and/or clean up (Wed. Oct. 24 at 9am & 6pm; Sun., Nov. 4 following late church, Thurs. Nov. 8 at 7pm)
♥ Publicize the event among your co-workers, family & friends (pick up a flyer at church)
♥ Join the planning committee
♥ Share your love of baking by donating homemade goodies (Pies are popular, plus all kinds of other goodies are welcome. We always run out, so if you can donate something extra on Thursday—we’ll take it!)
♥ Come to shop & eat, and have fun. We know people work & the kids have activities/homework but we hope you’ll find a way to come out for dinner or dessert and then stay to shop for a little. We would LOVE to see you!

Contact Linda Bender 657-1540, dblbender2@verizon.net or the church office for more information on how to get involved in work days, setup/cleanup, working a shift on Fair days, or anything else you want to know. If you haven’t been approached about helping yet...don't be shy...Call us—we really want EVERYONE to be with us for this “fun”draising activity.