

**Order of Worship Service**

**April 7, 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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<b>PRELUDES</b>	Canon in D – Johann Pachelbel Blest Be the Tie that Binds – John Troutman
<b>WELCOME</b>	
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	
<b>OUR RESPONSE - HYMN #803</b>	Jesus, Stand Among Us (BEMERTON)
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	
<b>CHOIR</b>	Prayer for Our Time – Hal Hopson
<b>HYMN #700</b>	We Are God’s People (SYMPHONY)
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Psalm 133 <b>Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>
<b>CHOIR</b>	May We Be One – Judith Snowdon
<b>PRAYER OF BLESSING</b>	
<b>HYMN #708</b>	Blest Be the Tie That Binds (DENNIS)
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	I John 1:1-2:2 <b>Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord.</i> Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>
<b>SOLO</b>	The Bond of Love – Otis Skillings
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	Wilma Wiens <b>Leader: <i>In our words, our silence, our actions, may our motivation be, Alleluia, Christ is risen! Congregation: He is risen indeed!</i></b>
<b>MESSAGE</b>	Living in Unity? Sherryl Koop
<b>HYMN #782</b>	Come, Share the Lord (DIVERON)
<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Toccata in E Minor – Johann Pachelbel

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Worship Leader	- Belinda Knopf
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	- Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	- Margot Sim
Soloists	- Lindsay MacKenzie, Spencer Duncanson

**NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 14:** Kerry Flemington will be speaking on “#blessed” with scriptures Psalm 1 and Matthew 5:1-16

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**JESUS, STAND AMONG US** (William Pennefather)

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power,  
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart,  
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR OUR TIME** (John Masterman)

Almighty Father Who does give the gift of life to all who live.  
Look down on all earth's wrong and strife and lift us to a nobler life.

Lift up our hearts, O King of Kings to brighter hopes and kindler things.  
To visions high of a larger good and holier dreams of brotherhood.

Your world is weary of its pain; of selfish greed and fruitless gain;  
Of tarnished honour, falsely strong, and all its ancient deed of wrong.

O hear the prayer your people pray uprising from all lands today.  
And o'er the vanquished power of sin, O bring your great salvation in.

**WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE** (Bryan Jeffery Leech)

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of his Spirit, established by his Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head, called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place, formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

**PSALM 133** (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>How wonderful and pleasant it is

when brothers live together in harmony!

<sup>2</sup>For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil

that was poured over Aaron's head,

that ran down his beard

and onto the border of his robe.

<sup>3</sup>Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon

that falls on the mountains of Zion.

And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing,  
even life everlasting.

**MAY WE BE ONE** (based on John 17:21-26)

May we be one so that others may believe  
that Jesus came from God.

May we be one with the glory that was given to God's only Son.

Let us know the love of perfect unity,

The love that gave Christ to this world.

And let us see the glory of the Holy One

Reflected in our deeds and in our words.

May we be one with compassion that unites  
our hearts as one with God. May we be one.

**BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS** (Johann Nägeli)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers,  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain,  
But we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.

**I JOHN 1:1-2:2** (NLT)

**1** We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. **2** This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

**5** This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. **6** So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. **7** But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

**8** If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. **9** But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

**2** My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. **2** He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

**THE BOND OF LOVE** (Otis Skillings)

Love through Christ has brought us together,  
Melting our hearts as one.

By God's Spirit we are united, one through his blessed Son.

**Chorus:** We are one in the bond of love.

We have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God.

We are one in the bond of love.

Now, dear Lord, we join in worship.  
Thank You for all You've done.  
Thank You for this love You gave us.  
Thank You for making us one. **Chorus**

Let us sing now everyone. Let us feel God's love begun.  
Let us join our hands that the world may know,  
We are one in the bond of love.

**COME SHARE THE LORD** (Bryan Jeffery Leech)

We gather here in Jesus' name.  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.  
For through his loving Son the Father makes us one.  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs,  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here he breaks the bread,  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.  
The one we love the most is now our gracious host,  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head.  
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing,  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait,  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.