

Order of Worship

September 10th, 2023 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost - 9:00 Service

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

If the human body, body of blood and muscle,
is to live, it needs salt.

**If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice,
is to live, it needs us!**

If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming,
is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

**If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish,
it needs the Spirit's light!**

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

**Our faith, our love, our hope —
essential as salt and light.**

But if salt isn't salty?

It isn't what it's meant to be.

And if a light doesn't shine?

It isn't what it's meant to be.

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

**We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ:
a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community,
a justice-making people, giving glory to God!**

Amen.

~ from Caldwell United Methodist Church

Hymn of Praise

Oh How Good It Is

Worship Supplement #175

Verse 1

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 fruit of His presence
Here among us

Chorus

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

Verse 2

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

Chorus

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

Verse 3

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

Chorus

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

Opening Prayer

God of mystery and of judgment,
who has made us to be salt and light
in a tasteless, shadowed world,
guide us in this time of worship.
Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment
so that others may see your good works through us,
give you the glory,
and be moved to serve you. **Amen.**

~ from Caldwell United Methodist Church

Special Music

I Don't Know How To Love Him from *Jesus Christ Superstar*
Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16
NRSV

Salt and Light: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. William R. Shiflet

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Offertory

The Wind Beneath My Wings from *Beaches*
Larry Henley & Jeff Silbar; Arr. Pamela Schultz

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Change My Heart Oh God
RH #654

Chorus

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Verse

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Chorus

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
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Verse

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Closing Prayer

You call us to be
your light
in the darkness,
your voice
in the wilderness,
your hope
for the hopeless.

You give us
strength
in our weakness,
peace
and gentleness,
words
and boldness,
to proclaim
more of you
and of us, less.
Amen.

~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Jessica Vesey,
and Micha Schoepe & Paul Dankers..

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Altar – Richard de Campo
9am

Greeters – Marie Kelly, Randy & Jeanne Woods
Scripture reader and Prayers of the People – Marie
Kelly

10:30am

Scripture Reader – Will Gerardi
Greeter – Rusty Pittard

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