



Donelson Heights United Methodist Church
August 1, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Communion
Liturgist: Julia Wilburn



Prelude “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Ephesians 4:4-6)

One Voice: We have come together as one.

Many Voices: One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

One Voice: We will worship together as one.

Many Voices: One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

One Voice: We are being empowered as one by One.

Many Voices: One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,

One Voice: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Many Voices: one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

One Voice: Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.

Many Voices: One people, giving witness to the power of One.

*Included in Worship Services for Election Day Communion Services,
<https://electiondaycommunion2016.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/edc-worship-resources1-003.pdf>, page 3*

Opening Prayer (Unison)

My body. One body. Our body. God’s body. This is my home. These are my people. We fully give our gifts to help strengthen the body. My body. One body. Our body. God’s body. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Only as one being strengthened and motivating those around us can we reign victorious. Holy Spirit, we implore your wisdom, guidance, and discipline. Make us whole. Strengthen our weakness. Keep deception and division far from us. Fill us forever with the true Bread of Life, Jesus Christ. May we not forget where our Eternal Life flows from. Unify us in you, Lord. Beyond race, culture, education, social, and economic status. Bind us to one another. Show us you in every face that looks back at us. My body. One body. Our body. God’s Body.

Kachael J, Africana Liturgical Resources, Pentecost Package 1, ed. Safiyah Fosua.

Hymn of Praise “The Church’s One Foundation” UMH 545

1. The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace ended.
3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Scripture Psalm 51:1-12

Offering/Prayer of Dedication Rev. Regina Hall

Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH 620

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Regina Hall

Anthem

“Draw the Circle Wide”
Sanctuary Choir

by Gordon Light and Mark A. Miller

Sermon Text

Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon

“Gearing Up . . . A Worthy Life”

Rev. Regina Hall

Holy Communion

*(All are welcome to participate...if you are unsure of the place of the service in the hymnal,
do not hesitate to ask someone near you to assist you.)*

Invitation to Communion

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Prayer of Confession

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Thanksgiving & Communion

*(The pastor will be adding phrases not in your hymnal that are relevant to this day, but the responses
of the congregation are as printed in the hymnal.)*

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we
may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Forward Through the Ages”

UMH 555

1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain: Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.

Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory. heroes for it died.

Refrain: Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

3. Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.

Bound by God’s far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal.

Refrain: Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Benediction

Rev. Regina Hall

Postlude

“New Faith, New Life”

by Franklin Ritter