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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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June 13, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

*Processional Hymn: #51

“All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing”

*Call to Worship:

Come, you who are seeking respite and hope,
God has given us breath to live and spirits to sing.
The voice of Love is heard in every storm and dwells among us.
Come, be strong and let your heart take courage.
Let us worship God.

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and News of the Church

*Unison Reading:

**Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils**

**of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.
Promise this world your love--
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.
— *Pandemic* by Lynn Ungar**

*Gloria Patri: (#36 in hymnal)

Scripture: Zechariah 10: 6-8 (OT #838); Psalm 133 (OT #550); Philippians 4: 4-7 (NT #186)

Zechariah 10: 6-8

⁶I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them. ⁷Then the people shall become like warriors, and their hearts shall be glad as with wine. Their children shall see it and rejoice, their hearts shall exult in the Lord. ⁸I will signal for them and gather them in, for I have redeemed them, and they shall be as numerous as they were before.

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Philippians 4: 4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Hymn: #407 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'As we are gathered, Jesus is here; one with each'. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'other, Jesus is here. Joined by the Spirit'. The third system is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'built up in love, part of the body, the church of God.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Derek Hakes

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

Sermon: **A Story of Departures and Returns**

Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit

*Hymn: #368 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Go Now In Peace*

Don Besig

Postlude

Calendar of Events and Meetings for This Week

Friday Walk *Wednesday, June 16 at 8:30 am* at the Hole in the Wall, Niantic.

The Senior Choir

We thank the Senior Choir, directed by Simon Holt, for their gift of music this morning. This is the first of our “summer sings”. The next two “summer sings” will be on July 11th and August 8th. ALL are welcome to join the choir for these sings, whether or not you are a regular choir member. Welcome!