

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess to God and before one another the flawed state of our lives.

ALL: We confess to you, O holy One, and before our brothers and sisters in the church, that we have failed to live to as your image in this world. What you intended when we were created has not come to fulfillment and that mostly through our own stubbornness and self-centeredness. We have resisted the gentle prompting of your Holy Spirit as you urged us to the floor of the potter's shed. Take us once more into your loving hands and remold us, remake us into the image you carry of us. So fill us with your Spirit that we may always say "Yes!" to your leading. Amen

ANTHEM "We are the Body of Christ" - Chancel Choir

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

We offer to you our tithes and offerings, O God, and ask that you would receive them as tokens of our offering ourselves to your service. As these gifts are used in sharing your gospel may we be loving, serving signs of your presence in this world.

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 NIV

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Lay Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Puzzle Pieces"

- Debbie Rippard

AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

#887

LEADER: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

PEOPLE: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

†HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#577

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

-Monica Whitehurst

L:

We come from many places to become one congregation,

P:

With different names, faces, histories, we are still one in Christ

L:

Christ rules over all authorities and powers,

P:

Let us worship him.

L:

Others also gather in Christ's name.

P:

We share our faith with them.

L:

Let all who enter here, praise the Lord and join in the prayer you taught us to pray....**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

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, world without end. Amen, amen.

†HYMN

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations "

#569

1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.
- For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.
2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.
- For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.
3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
- For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.
4. We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.