



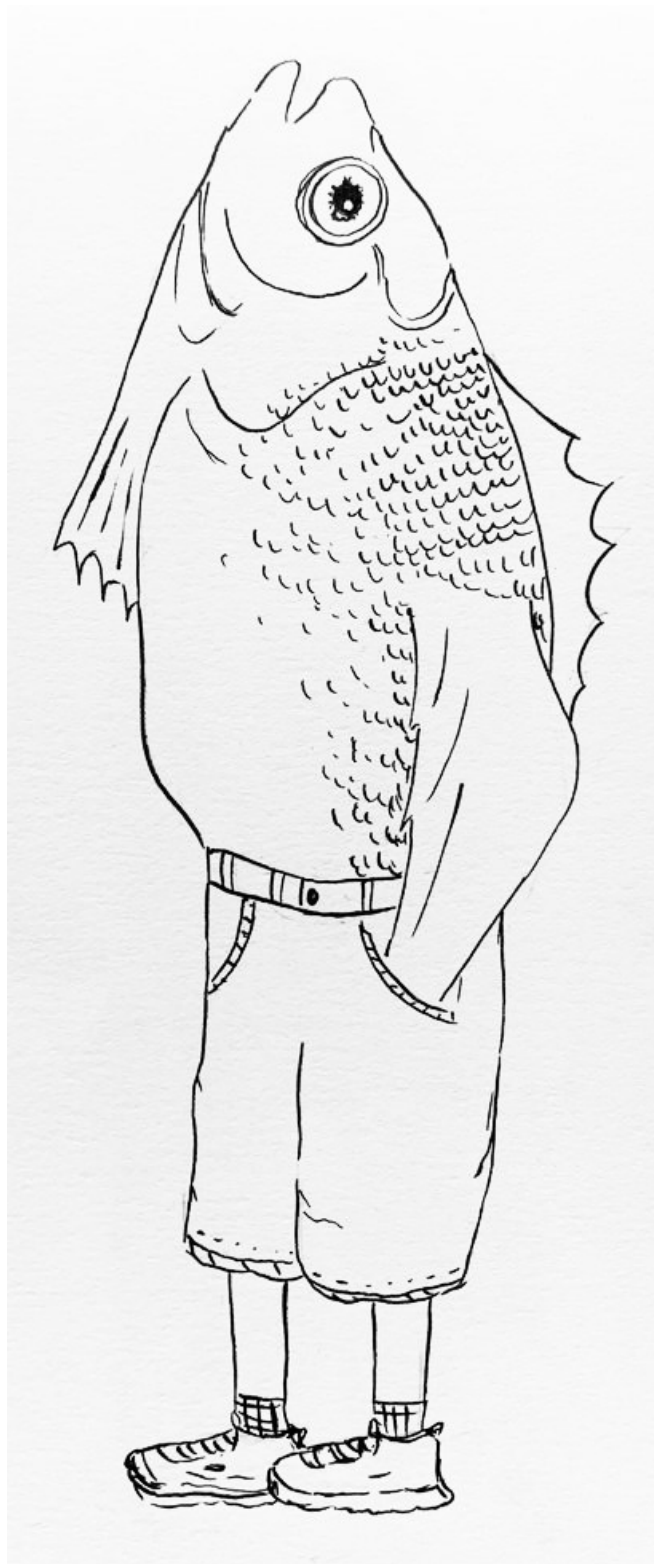
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# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BINGHAMTON

DO JUSTICE • LOVE KINDNESS • WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD








**Sunday**  
**February 2, 2025**  
**10:00am**



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# ***Welcome to the Celebration!***

**February 2, 2025 • 10:00am**

*In today's lesson, Jesus is an adult, beginning his ministry in Galilee. We see him preaching and teaching, confronting demons, and healing people — always moving, always bringing the presence of God's love to the people. By the sea, he asks Simon to allow him the use of his fishing boat, which becomes a kind of pulpit for Jesus to preach from. The fishermen return to the water when Jesus has concluded and experience a miraculous catch of fish. With this prophetic action, Jesus begins to gather a community of disciples around him, training them in the work of proclaiming God's reign.*

## **We Gather as a Community of Faith**

**OPENING BELL** *The bell tolls to center our hearts and minds for worship.*

**GATHERING MUSIC** "Communion"

Andy Chadwick, organ

Music: A.W. Marchant; arr. Steven Quesnel. © 1974 Lorenz Publishing Co.

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

*by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, on [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org)*

One: The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears:

**All: Call us into your way of life, O God.**

One: The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision:

**All: Lead us into your vision of life, O God.**

One: The cries of the poor, the oppressed, and the outcast pierce our hearts:

**All: Guide us in your example of living for others, O God.**

One: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with your love, O God.

**All: Let us be your hands and feet in the world, O God.**

**Let us worship you together.**

**\*SONG OF GATHERING** "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult" (see page 3)

**GATHERING PRAYER** (*together*)

*by Rev. Bob Gibson, United Church of Canada*

**You call us,**

**Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,**

**inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors**

**into the uncharted waters of faith**

**to wander off from our predictable paths to follow you**

**into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom;**

**to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany you**

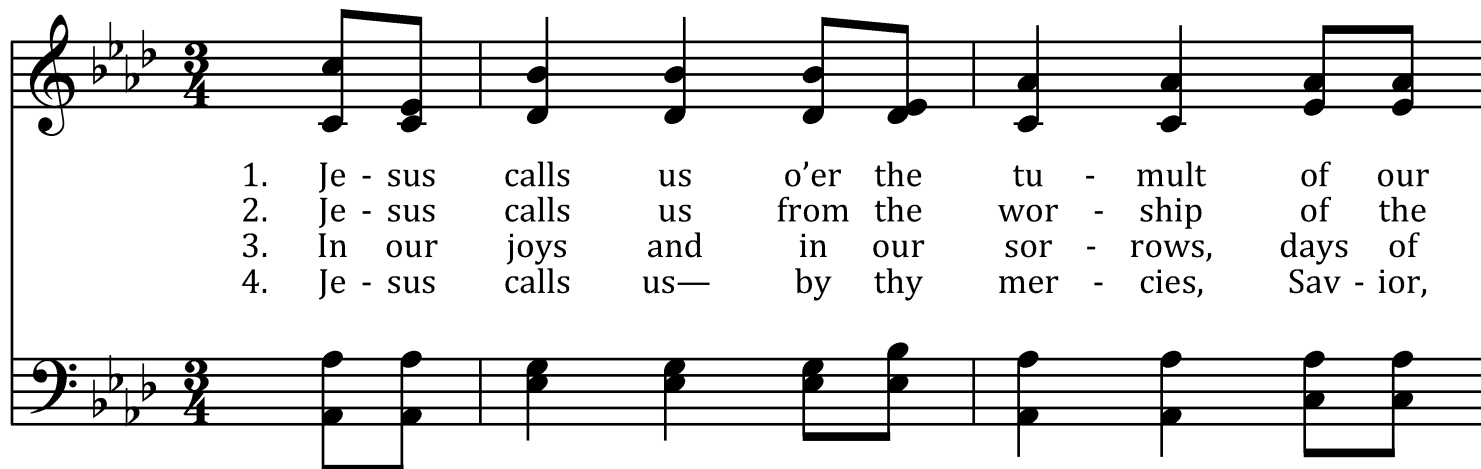
**into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.**

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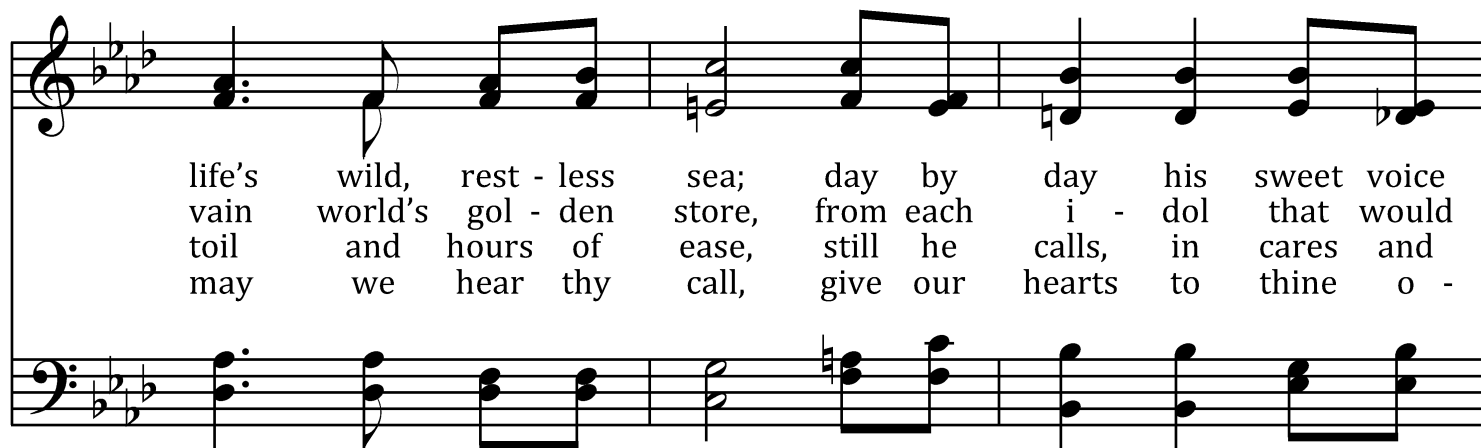
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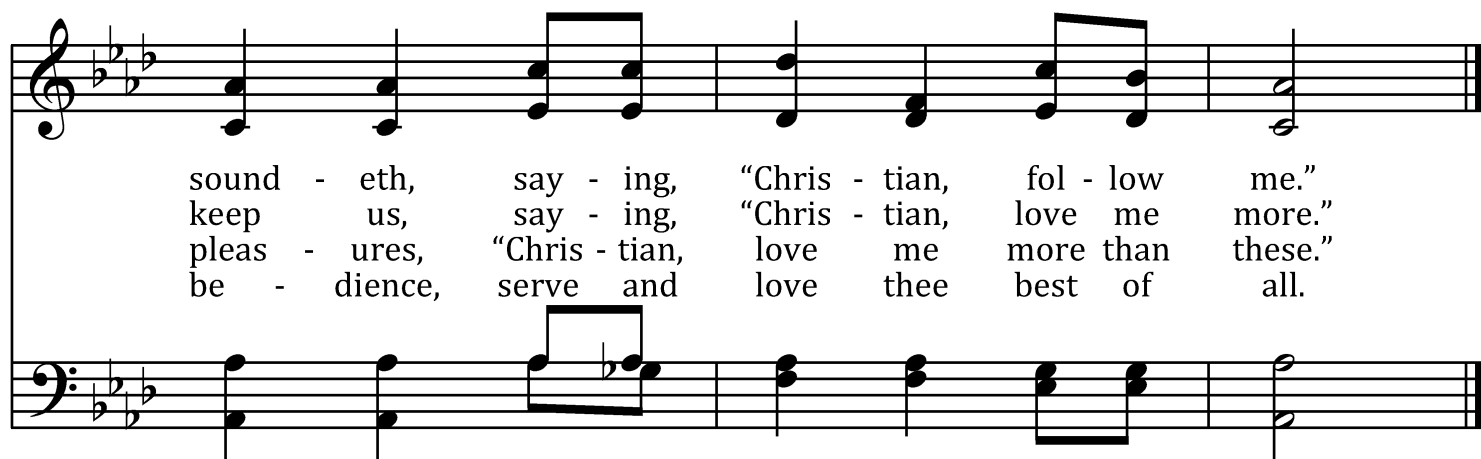
# Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult



1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4. Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gol - den store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

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As we wait,  
in our simple, sometimes crazy,  
constantly uncertain lives,  
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:  
of that hope which is our anchor;  
of that peace which is our rock;  
of that grace which is our refuge.  
Amen!

**We Gather at the Lord's Table, Where All Are Welcome**

**INVITATION**

*adapted from a prayer by Katherine Hawker*

And so we gather at the table.  
We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race,  
differing in orientation, politics, and even religion.  
As we come together around the table  
we discover that our differences are not something we tolerate  
but that our differences are indeed a blessing,  
the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience  
the presence of the sacred in our midst.  
So come, children of God, just as you are.  
Wherever you are on this journey of life,  
you are welcome here,  
here in this place, here in this community, here at this table.  
Come, children of God, come and remember with us.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

We remember the witness of Jesus to challenge the empires of the world, to stop at nothing to declare God's love for all people.

We remember how the world responded to Jesus's ministry and teaching, by killing him. And we remember God's bold challenge to the world in bringing Jesus back to life. And because of all this, we dare to remember the night when Christ was betrayed.

Gathered at table with his closest followers, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this. Eat this. It is my body, given for you. Do this — and remember me."

After supper he took a cup, gave thanks, and offered it also, saying, "This is the cup of a new and everlasting covenant, poured out willingly and lovingly. Drink this — and remember me."

And so we remember, and we reconnect with one another in this season, and as we invite Christ anew into our hearts, so we rededicate ourselves to proclaiming in word and deed Christ's realm. Amen!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(together)*

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Breath of God,  
Renewer of Life,  
settle on these gifts and all who gather here,  
that we might be transformed in our remembrance  
of your radical love,  
your eternal embrace,  
and your grace that makes all things new.  
For the sake of our shared lives,  
the life of this land on which we live,  
and the lives of those yet to come,  
nourish us and renew our hope  
that soon Christ may rise again among us.  
This we pray in his name, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(together)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

WE SHARE THE FEAST *(responsive)*

*If your elements of Communion are with you, rest your hands lightly upon them.  
If they are in the front of the sanctuary, open your hands to be sacramental, filled with the power  
to change your heart and the world. We ask God's grace on us and on all those who are in our  
prayers this morning, and God's blessing on our elements and our hands.*

One: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

One: We are welcome to this gift of God, the cup of blessing.

**All: God's love is poured out with love and abundance.**

COMMUNION MUSIC "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Robert Manners, *vocals*; Andy Chadwick, *piano*

*Refrain:* There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. [*Refrain*]

If you can preach like Peter, if you can preach like Paul,  
go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all." [*Refrain*]

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Holy God, you have fed us all  
out of your own generous and gracious hands.  
From them, we have received welcome,  
nourishment, hope, and consolation.

May these things grow in us,  
alongside the gift of faith,  
so that we may plant their seeds  
in the world around us.

Through the Holy Spirit,  
guide us in the days ahead to follow your light  
as you lead us in your great and ongoing story  
of resurrection, redemption, and restoration  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

**We Tell and Hear the Word**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

FOCUS LESSON *Luke 4:31—5:11, CEB*

<sup>4</sup> <sup>31</sup> Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. <sup>32</sup> They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

<sup>33</sup> In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, <sup>34</sup> “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!”

<sup>35</sup> “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

<sup>36</sup> All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” <sup>37</sup> And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

<sup>38</sup> Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. <sup>39</sup> So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

<sup>40</sup> At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. <sup>41</sup> Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

<sup>42</sup> At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup> But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” <sup>44</sup> And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there

by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’s knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**REFLECTIONS** “Finding and Founding the Prophetic Community”

Rev. Kimberly P Chastain

### **We Respond to the Word**


**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” verses 1, 2, 4, 5 (see page 8)

**WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE** (*together*)      *by Noel Palsma, for the World Communion of Reformed Churches*


**We share one faith,  
have one calling,  
are of one soul and one mind;  
have one God and Father,  
are filled with one Spirit,  
are baptized with one baptism,  
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,  
confess one Name,  
are obedient to one Lord,  
work for one cause,  
and share one hope.**

**Together we come to know  
the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;  
are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;  
know and bear one another’s burdens,  
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ  
that we need one another and up build one another,  
admonishing and comforting one another;  
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.  
Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.**

# Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 591



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 Till all the world shall learn your love and fol - low



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
 where your feet have trod: till glo - rious from your



self - ish strife we hear your voice, O Son of Man!  
 lures of greed we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion of your face.  
 throngs a - bide, O tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,  
 heaven a - bove shall come the cit - y of our God.

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## WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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## MUSICAL OFFERING “A Communion Psalm”

UPC Choir

We remember our Savior; we remember his life. We remember our Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He was chosen of God, he was the Son of Man. We remember, we remember, we remember and we sing.

*Refrain:* We remember and we sing; adoration we bring.

He is Messiah, he is King; we bow in homage and set our praise on the wing.

We remember and we sing; adoration we bring. We remember and we sing adoration to our King.

We remember our Savior; we remember his Word. We remember our Savior; our atonement, his blood.  
The beginning and the end; he is the King of Kings!

We remember, we remember, we remember and we sing. [*Refrain*]

We remember and we sing.

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*together*)

**Loving God,  
we know that ministry is not a service we receive at church  
so much as it is a life-giving work you call us to do with others.  
Use our gifts and our talents,  
blended with the gifts and talents of others around the world,  
to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. Amen!**

## *We Go Forth in Gratitude to Serve*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

**\*SONG OF SENDING** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” (see page 10)

## BLESSING

May the love of Christ  
be active in your heart,  
be heard in your words,  
be seen in your actions,  
and inform your choices,  
today and all days.

# Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing  
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat  
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my  
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly  
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; 7 you will  
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant  
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
 find there my nets and la - bor.  
 love that keeps on lov - ing.  
 friend, as thus you call me:

## Refrain



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your



side I will seek oth - er seas.

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## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

One: And may the peace that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's son, Jesus Christ, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and abide with you today and always.

Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

SENDING MUSIC (together) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" verses 1 & 2

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds 393

The musical score is written for a 3/4 time signature in a key with one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and includes additional lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, C, C7, F, F7, Bb, F, C in the first system; and C7, F, C, C7/E, F, Bb/F, F/A, F/Bb, F/C, C7, F in the second system.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Cre - a - tor's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.

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*(Please exchange a greeting of peace with those around you as our worship concludes.)*

*At the close of our worship this morning, the "Zoom room" will be opened in the sanctuary for a hybrid congregational meeting. Members are invited to remain in the pews; visitors are welcome to listen or to move to the lobby for a time of fellowship.*

*If you are worshipping with us via our YouTube livestream,  
we invite you to join us on Zoom [upcbgm.org/zoom](https://upcbgm.org/zoom) for the meeting.  
To dial in as a phone call: 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 865 274 8433*

**Annual Congregational Meeting, Part I — Sunday, February 2, 11:15am, in person or on Zoom**

On Sunday, February 2, at 11:15am, there will be a meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to present the budget for the 2025 year and to renew the congregational covenant with the pastors by voting to support their terms of call. This meeting will be hybrid, immediately following the worship service, in the sanctuary and in the Zoom room, [upcbgm.org/zoom](https://upcbgm.org/zoom) or via phone call (+1) 646-558-8656, Meeting ID 865 274 8433.

“Terms of call” is the PC(USA) language for what, in the business community, is called a “compensation package”. Recognizing that God’s call to pastoral ministry is expressed in a three-way covenant between the presbytery, the congregation, and the pastor, each year you are asked to support the work of the pastors by agreeing to support them financially as well as through your prayers and participation. After the congregation votes, the terms are sent to the presbytery for their approval.



**Gathering at the Lord’s Table — Our Communion Elements:** We are celebrating communion during our worship service today. Our communion bread is gluten-free, and our shared cup is cherry juice, so that all may partake of the same elements during our communion. Please speak to one of the technicians at the back of the sanctuary if this creates any difficulties for you.

**Children in Worship:** “Let the little children come to me...” —Matthew 19:14

We are glad that your children are here today, and we hope that you know that they are welcome and encouraged to be in worship with you. We truly believe that a community of faith is made up of people of ALL ages. There is a PrayGround space with coloring sheets and quiet toys in the front of the sanctuary to use there or can be taken to another pew, if that suits your family’s needs. Sunday school materials are mailed to our families once a month to do together at home.



There is also a nursery space at the end of the hall at the front of the sanctuary that is open for use with a parent or guardian. It has a changing table, a rocking chair, and some toys appropriate for age two and under. There is a speaker in the room so you can listen to the service. Please let us know if you have questions.

**PRAYER CREDITS: We Say What We Believe:** “Affirmation of Unity” by Noel Palsma, from *Prayerful Preparation: Living God, Renew Us* published by the World Communion of Reformed Churches, posted on re:Worship [re-worship.blogspot.com](https://re-worship.blogspot.com).

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