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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (please stand in body or spirit and read responsively)

- One: Community of saints, beloveds of God,
- All: we are invited to come and gather together.
- One: God calls us from institutional halls of power, From shelters and the streets;
- All: God calls us from classrooms and pulpits, Gay bars and prison cells.
- One: God calls us as we are, from wherever we are,
- All: to come and be in solidarity with Christ, who lives and loves on the margins.
- One: God whispers "come" and live abundantly,
- All: turning from all that claims blessings flow from money, power, or control.
- One: Come, and love relentlessly; following Christ on paths of uncertainty, taking risks for one another, calling down unjust power from its throne and lifting up the lowly, the impoverished, the burdened.
- All: To answer the call of Christ is to find ourselves. So here we come.

\*OPENING HYMN: #469 Morning Has Broken

## PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (unison)

Gracious One, what a gift, to know you through community. Even in this world aching with violence and destruction, still, we are blessed to have each other. Help us to not take for granted the ordinary power of being together, of knowing and being known. Too often we isolate ourselves and get caught up in our own cares and worries that we dismiss the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray, for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. Fill our hearts with tenderness towards one another and lead us more deeply into the heart of love together. Remind us of the importance of being the body of Christ: the hands and feet of Love. In Jesus' resurrection, you have given us the power to bring forth new life in places meant only for death. In faith that God can do a new thing through us, help us to share what we have. Holy One, we give you thanks. You are a companion to the outcast, the marginalized, the isolated. Your love for the cast-aside is extravagant and your faithfulness to the oppressed is never-ceasing. May that same spirit rise in us, O God. Hear now our silent prayers...

## ASSURANCE OF LOVE

One: Friends, believe the Good News. All: In Jesus Christ we are made new every day!

PASSING THE PEACE (remain seated)

\*All who are able may stand

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:36-43

ANTHEM

SERMON: We Will Find Love

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus.....Arr. Victor Labenske

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (response: God in your mercy, hold this/these Beloved One/s)

## THE PRAYER OF JESUS (unison)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, the bread we need. Give bread to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us; from each one, to each one. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATIONS

\*SENDING HYMN: #343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

\*VISION FOR THE WEEK (unison)

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage; hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, and help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

\*BENEDICTION

\*PostLude: In Thee is Gladness......J.S.Bach/ Edited by Hal H. Hopson

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Rev. Emily Heitzman is preaching. Robert Guenther is the Liturgist/Lector. Nohra Murad is the Greeter. Chungers Kim is the Cantor and Soloist. Ronda Howell is the Technical Assistant. Chungers Kim is the Director of Music and Technology. Edmund Bradfield is the Hospitality Host.

**WORSHIP NOTES:** The Call to Worship and Prayer for Wholeness are adapted from Rev. M Jade Kaiser. Published at enfleshed.com.

## What's Happening This Week at LPPC:

Mon, May 13	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Northlight Theater Rehearsal – Sanctuary
-	5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Tue, May 14	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Northlight Theater Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Justice Team Meeting – Pastor Beth's Office
Wed, May 15	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Congregational Check In on Zoom
	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Northlight Theater Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Sat, May 18	TBD	Green Team Clothing Exchange – Sanctuary
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	LPPC Night at LPCS Fullerton
Sun, May 19	10:30 am	Worship/Pentecost/Rev. Dr. Beth Brown preaching In-person and
		YouTube
	11:30 am	Hospitality – Sanctuary
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Worship & Hospitality Meeting – Rev. Beth's Office
	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Ariel's Studio Recital - Sanctuary

## Mother's Day & Father's Day Asylum Fund Fundraiser

LPPC began housing asylum seekers 5 years ago and we are currently housing two related families with 3 adults and 3 children and another family of three. We are getting ready to transition the two related families into an apartment and we will need to provide them with some living support for the first couple of months. We also anticipate inviting another family to live in that space. Because we accompany these families until they can get work authorization, find a job, save money, and get into an apartment, we need to raise money for their support. It costs between \$700 and \$900 per family per month or \$16,800-\$21,600 a year to support both of our families. We currently have \$5,000 in our Asylum Fund.

Between **Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Father's Day on Sunday, June 16<sup>th,</sup>** we invite you to join us in our effort to house and support asylum seekers by making a donation to our Asylum Fund. Any amount helps! All donations are tax deductible as Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church is a non-profit organization as a church.

You can donate online <u>here</u>. You can also bring/mail a check/cash to church on Sunday or to the office during office hours if you prefer (Please indicate donation is for 'Asylum'). To send a card to someone to let them know you made a donation in their name, please let us know the name and address of the honoree.

**Donate to Asylum Fund** 

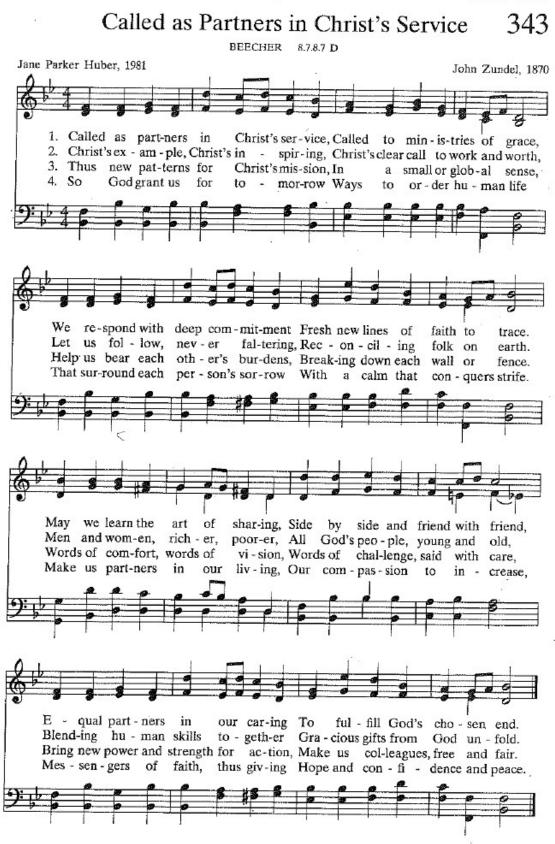
Morning Has Broken

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