

THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE, AS YOU, FATHER, ARE IN ME, AND
I IN YOU; THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US, . . .



. . . I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME; THAT THEY MAY BE MADE
PERFECT IN ONE. (JOHN 17:21, 23, NKJV)

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Centering Words

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and
working together is success."

Henry Ford

Community News

Prayer List and Prayers of the People

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

* *Call to Worship*

All who need a place to belong...

Join the family of God.

All who seek spiritual brothers and sisters...

Join the family of God.

All who strive to grow in faith and love...

Join the family of God.

Children's Message / Congregation Conversation

* *Opening Children's Hymn*

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"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Prayer of Confession¹

God, we confess that sometimes we close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our own homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives. Amen.

¹ Maren C. Tirabassi on page 123 of *Before the Amen* (Pilgrim Press, 2007)

Words of Grace

Forgiveness is the threshold. First, we look out, then we are sent out... Thanks be to God.

Continuing Testament Rebirth²

Change comes sweeping like the winds of hurricanes. Flooding waters rising high taking with them doubt, fear. In the midst of change, my heart races, my pulse a staccato beat. My feet cemented. Fear a reckoning. Not to be forgotten, nothing to hold on to. I sink into the water. I am carried on the winds. I am lifted, carried on the highs of harsh winds, tumbling into heights unknown, spiraling into newness. I am reborn. I am new, there is a vision for this time and space. I rest, renewed. I am in this present. I am in this newness, full of Spirit. I am free.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 130 NRSV

Waiting for Divine Redemption

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

² Karen Georgia Thompson, 22 February 2017, Lakewood, OH

* *The Reading of the Holy Gospel*

John 17:21-23 NRSV

Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)

TH #497

²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

* *Gloria Patri*

* *Meditation Hymn*

“Amazing Grace”

VH #77

Today's Message

Sermon for Local Congregations

Created by the PA Conference Ministers based on notes from Rev Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

* *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic/Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sung Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

TH # 501

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Statement

Offertory (MH)

* Doxology

TH # 551

* Offertory Prayer

Holy Sovereign, you are our King and we are your people.

**As we reach for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our
mothers and fathers in faith, use these offerings to heal our
world and draw all people into your holy family. Amen.**

* *Closing Hymn*

“In Christ There is No East or West”

TH #406

* *Benediction*

**With our inner natures renewed, we go forth to proclaim
God’s glory. With our hearts set free to love, we go to
share Christ’s love with all. Amen.**

* *Three-Fold Amen*

TH # 558

* *Postlude/Extinguishing of the Candle*

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