

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from the Belhar Confession 10.3*

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; and that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Second movement closing section from Sonata, Op. 53* Schubert

*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow" OLD HUNDRETH
**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.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 79 "Light Dawns on a Weary World" TEMPLE OF PEACE

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 765 "May the God of Hope Go With Us" ARGENTINA
**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

*POSTLUDE

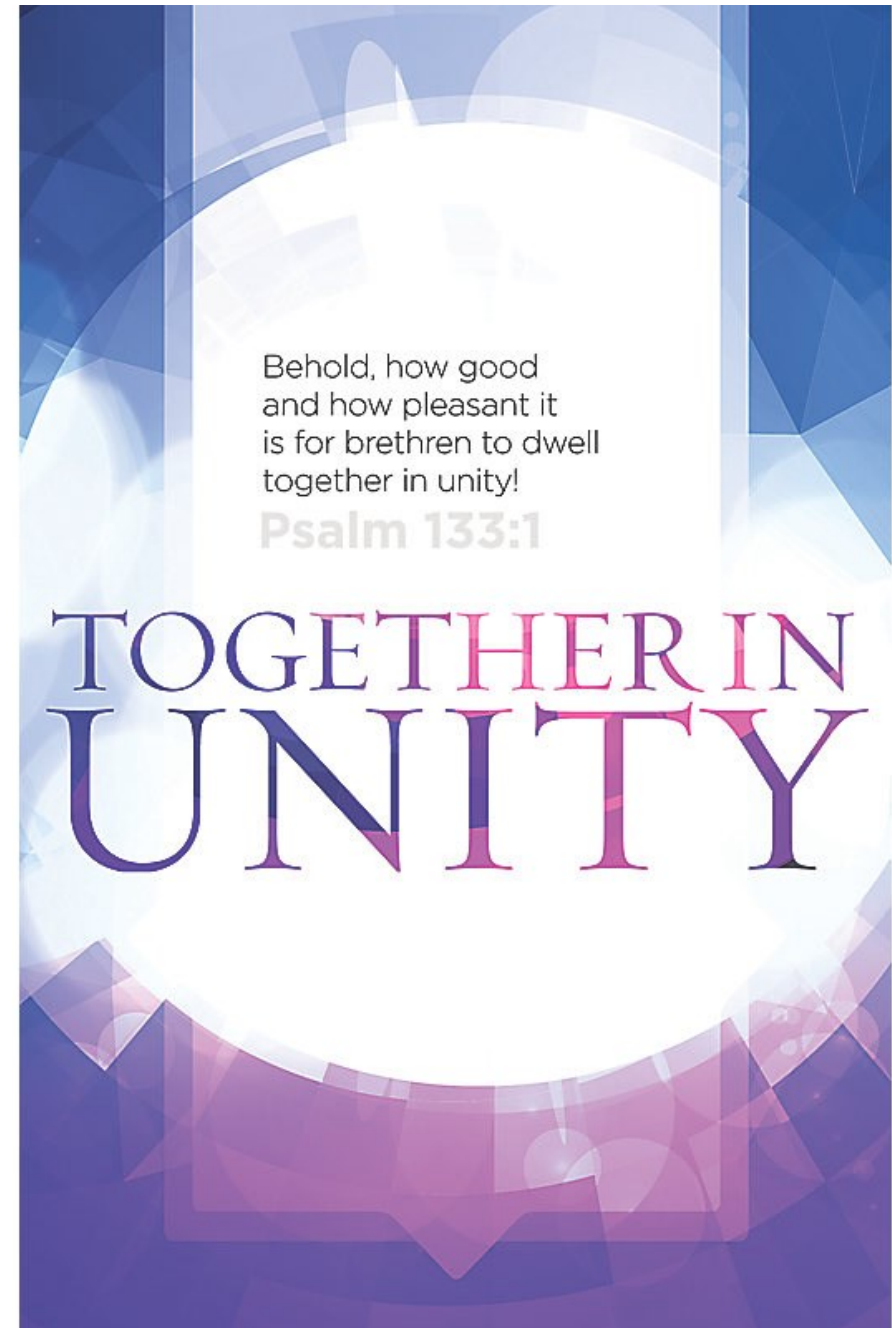
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FLUTE: Natalie Smith

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Warren Combs



August 21, 2022

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF HYMNALS TO FIRST GRADERS

VOLUNTARY *Andante from Flute Sonata in E Minor* J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**A family formed by faith,
we gather to worship the Living Lord.**

Lifelong followers seeking sustenance,
new disciples searching for grace—

**a family fashioned by faith,
we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.**

Children of God, come!

The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own. Let us praise God!

*HYMN 410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper" W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy, we confess that we live self-centered lives.

We tolerate injustice and cruelty, complacent in our corner of the world.

We neglect the needs of others.

In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us.

**Turn us to your way and lead us in your light,
that we might serve you and care for all of creation.**

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*PRAISE HYMN 583 "Glory to God" GLORIA (Taize)

(singing twice)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 133

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 11: 1-5, 29-32

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS