





Sunday 1 June Seventh Sunday of Easter Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All are welcome

Call to Worship
Holy Risen One,
we gather this day
and we come as we are:
fragile yet faithful,
broken yet devoted.
Accept all we bring before you today.
Accept our worship, we pray.

HYMN CH4 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive; built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

A new commandment I give until you,

That you love one another as I have loved you, That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, If you have love one for another.
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ALL AGE TIME

(Men)

Brothers, let us come together,

walking in the Spirit; there's much to be done. We will come reaching out from our comforts, and they will know us by our love.

(Ladies)
Sisters, we were made for kindness, we can pierce the darkness, as He shines through us.
We will come reaching with a song of healing, and they will know us by our love.

(All)
The time is now,
come church arise
Love with His hands,
see with His eyes.
Bind it around you,
let it never leave you,
and they will know us by our love.

Children, you are hope for justice, stand firm in the Truth now, set your hearts above.
You will be reaching long after we're gone, and they will know you by your love.

The time is now,
come church arise
Love with His hands,
see with His eyes.
Bind it around you,
let it never leave you,
and they will know us by our love.
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READING Galatians 3:1-9

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? Have you experienced so much in vain – if it really was in vain? So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? So also Abraham 'believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.' Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you.' So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:23-29

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

SERMON

HYMN

No longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free —

In you, O Christ, we're given wondrous unity.

Here in your church we learn that nothing can divide;

Here men and women, called by God, serve side by side.

No longer in your church should there be rich or poor — You taught us kingdom values worth our struggling for. Here some have wealth to give, and some, great faith to share. The life we live together is an answered prayer.

No longer left or right, defending our own case — O God, we're sinners in your sight, in need of grace. The common bond we know is Christ who sets us free; In Christ we live and love and grow in unity.

O God, we look around and know (each one) our guilt; By your own Spirit, now break down the walls we've built. When we were all baptized, we died to our old ways; A church diverse, yet one in Christ, we give you praise. Copyright © 2005 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved. ccli licence 20979 & 585218

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



HYMN Jesus, lead us to the Father,

by your Spirit, help us draw near.

As we come with awe and gladness, help us draw near.

Alleluia, alleluia, help us draw near.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN CH4 739 The Church's one foundation

is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the word: from heaven He came and sought her to be His holy Bride; with His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, and shares one holy food, as to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

In toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystical communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord give us grace that we, like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.
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