



“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Lloyd Larson

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Leader: Christ is like a single body that has many parts.
People: **It is still one body though every part is different.**
Leader: Therefore, the foot cannot say,
Men: *I am not part of the body;*
Leader: nor can the ear say,
Women: *I am not part of the body.*
Leader: The eye cannot say to the hand
Over 65: *I don't need you;*
Leader: nor can the head say to the feet,
Under 65: *I don't need you.*
Leader: If one part suffers
People: **all parts share the pain.**
Leader: If one part is praised
People: **all parts share the joy.**
Leader: Together, we are Christ's body.
People: **Each one of us is a part of it.**

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Song

Help us to help each other

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Help Us To Help Each Other by Charles Wesley

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1. Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's load to bear,
that all my live in true accord,
our joys and pains to share.
2. Help us to build each other up,
your strength within us prove.

Increase our faith, confirm our hope,
and fill us with your love.

3. Together make us free indeed,
your life within us show,
and into you, our living Head,
let us in all things grow.
4. Drawn by the magnet of your love
we find our hearts made new.
Nearer each other let us move,
and nearer still to you.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Moira Laidlaw

Sing together: *"Spirit of the living God"* # 3 4 9

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

One: As we sing about the Spirit of God falling fresh on us, we pray for forgiveness when our words and actions are shaped and molded by other than the Holy Spirit. For the times when we have used the gifts of your Spirit to enhance our own glory rather than using them to serve others.

Many: **Forgive us, O God.** *(silent reflection)*

One: When our use of your gifts has led to division and discord rather than increasing understanding and unity.

Many: **Forgive us, O God.** *(silent reflection)*

One: For believing one gift to be superior to another rather than celebrating the various ways in which they

all those mercies which are such a part of God's heart and hopes for all God's children.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

The Emmigrant's Daughter

Jessica Walsh

Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NRSV)

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Sermon

“Two is Better Than One”

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Song

Will you let me be your servant

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- 1,6. Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear.

- I hold my hand out to you,
 speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping,
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
 I will share your joy and sorrow
 till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.

*** Benediction**

Postlude

My Redeemer

James McGranahan

* Please stand as able and led



Ministers	All Members
Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader	Sarah Hartman
Children's Time	David Whitten
Special Music	Sarah Hartman, Bill Kinzie, Bob Phillips
Flautist	Sarah Hartman
Guitarist.....	David Whitten
Organist/Pianist.....	Bob Phillips
Violinist	Bill Kinzie
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