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



# West Richmond Church of the Brethren

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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

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Welcome

Prelude Duet

*Give Thanks"*

arr. Phillips

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

One: Gather us in, Mysterious Maker God

Many: that being close to you we will understand your intention for creation.

One: Weave us into one, Sweet Savior of All

Many: that living your ways we will create communities of faith and peace.

One: Gather us in, Powerful Spirit of Renewal

Many: that treasuring the past we will boldly shape the future.

One: Weave into us, Holy One in Three.

Many: that women and men together may be the signs of your presence, the weavers of your communities and the witnesses to your coming. Gather us in this day so that we might gather strength from You.

### \* Opening Prayer

Christine Longhurst

Life-giving God, may your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us and within us. Come alive in our words and actions as we lead in worship. To you alone belongs all praise and honor and glory and blessing, now and to the end of time. Amen.

*Verse 1:* Here in this place, the new light is streaming;  
now are the shadows vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, our spirits inflame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

*Verse 2:* We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong.  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

*Verse 3:* Here we will take the wine of compassion;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here we become the people you fashion:  
children of God, to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine ever flowing,  
give us to eat the bread that is you.  
Nourish us well, and guide us in growing  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

*Verse 4:* Not just in buildings, dim and confining;  
not in some heaven, lightyears away:  
here in this place, the new light is shining;  
now is the dawning and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own.  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

# CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

**Time with our Children** (afterwards children may go to Children's Church)

## **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 46 (NRSVUE)

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. <sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

## **Song**

*Be Still and Know*

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Be still and know that I am God.

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## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### **Thoughts on Giving**

Seen on a billboard: A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give God the cash.

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Special Music

### *Praise Him*

Donnie Harper

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### *I Just Want to Praise You*

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## Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:46-52 (*NRSVUE*)

### The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

## Sermon

"He Stopped"

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \* Closing Hymn

*I come to the garden alone*

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*Verse 1:* I come to the garden alone,  
while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
the Son of God discloses.

*Refrain: And he walks with me,  
and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own,  
and the joy we share, as we tarry there,  
none other has ever known.*

*Verse 2:* He speaks, and the sound of his voice  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me  
within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

*Verse 3:* I'd stay in the garden with him  
though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe  
his voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude Duet**

*Softly and Tenderly*

arr. Phillips

\* Please stand as able and led



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