Sunday, September 13, 2020

**Prelude** 

Welcome

<u>Introit</u>

Call To Worship Psalm 124:1-8

Invocation

Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" #203 GTG (following page)

**Chorus**: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them.

Chorus: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;

neighbors are near us and far away.

Chorus: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

**3.** These are the ones we should serve;

these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

**Chorus**: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

4. Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;

this is the way we should live like you.

**Chorus**: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

### **Call to Confession**

# **Prayer of Confession**

Creator God, You called us to share love and to mirror in our relationships the kindness, care and generosity you show us. You have empowered us to set loose a way of living in community which demonstrates honesty and compassion. We set out with the best of intentions to create Your new community, but we fall short. We quickly point out the speck in someone else's eye and overlook the plank in our own. We never lose sight of our own needs and take lightly the needs of others. When harmed or ignored, we look for ways to get back, to say the unkind word, turn our backs. Remind us again that loving ourselves involves loving God and others. Save us from a selfish love, a narrow preoccupation with self that ignores the rainbow of your creation. Teach us to be good friends and faithful companions as we follow the way of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **GLORIA**

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**Prayer for Illumination** 

**1st Scripture Reading** Exodus 14:19-31

**Anthem** 

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** Matthew 18:15-20

**Sermon** Being a Real Church

<u>Affirmation of Faith</u> From Belhar Confession Barbara Hedges - Goettl

It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed. We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. God conquers irreconcilation, hatred and bitterness. As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience,

God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world. We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation--servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

**Prayers of the People** 

**Call to Offering** 

<u>Offertory</u>

**Prayer of Dedication** 

<u>Hymn</u>

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds # 306 GTG (following page)

- **1.** Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- **2.** Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers,

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

- **3.** We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- **4.** When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
- **5.** From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

# **Charge and Benediction**

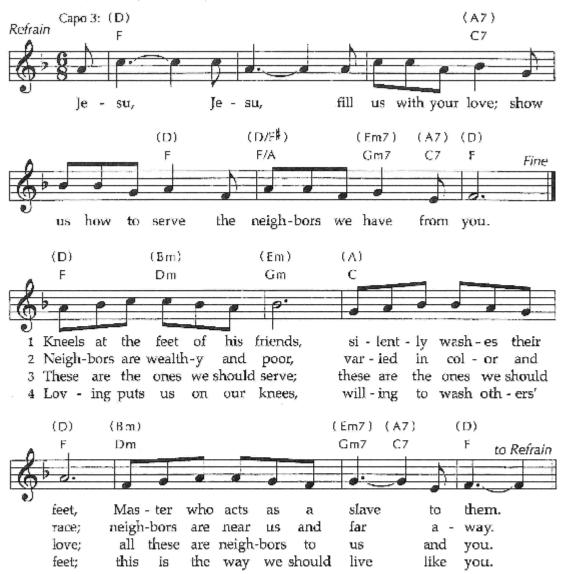
**Choral Amen** 

"I'm So Glad"

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.
Singing Glory Hallelujah, Jesus Lifted Me.

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