

*Soli Deo Gloria*



**COMMUNITY–WIDE  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Observing the*  
**International Week of Prayer  
for Christian Unity**



**One Body, Many Parts**

*1 Corinthians 12:12*



Sunday, January 21, 2018, 5:00 PM  
14<sup>th</sup> Street Christian Reformed Church  
Holland, Michigan

***Sing to the LORD a new song;  
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.***

*Psalm 96:1*

**At least once a year**, Christians remember Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17:21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayers services. The occasion for this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Traditionally, the week is celebrated between January 18th and 25th, between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul. Each year since 1968, the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church have invited ecumenical partners to furnish liturgical texts based on a biblical theme to guide the celebration. In 2018, the churches of the Caribbean were chosen for this task. Recognizing the hand of God in the ending of enslavement—a painful reality that has deeply marked the history of the Caribbean peoples—these churches chose the song of Moses and Miriam in Exodus 15:1–21. This song celebrates the saving action of God which brings freedom.

For our service we have adhered to this theme and adapted the liturgy to our own context here in Holland. May God's Spirit unite our hearts as we worship God together!

### **Participants**

Worship Leader: Dr. Christopher Dorn

Preachers: Rev. Marvin Hofman and Rev. Charles D. Brown

Music Director: Robert J. Batastini

Organist: Rhonda Sider Edgington

Various readers and soloists from participating churches

Singers from: Christ Memorial, Church of the Savior, Church of the Servant (G.R.), Community Reformed, Grace Episcopal, Hope RCA, Park CRC, Maranatha CRC, Pillar, St. Francis de Sales, Zion Lutheran, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reformed, 14<sup>th</sup> Street CRC.

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## GATHERING

## Gathering Song

## In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In  
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their  
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -  
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

him no south or north, But one great fam - 'ly  
 high com - mun - ion find; His serv - ice is the  
 e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er  
 him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord Close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: Galatians 3:23; William A. Dunkerley, 1852–1941, alt.  
 Tune: McKEE, CM; African American; adapt. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

## Words of Welcome

## Invocation of the Holy Spirit and Hymn

*To each invocation, all respond:*

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

## Come Down, O Love Divine

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek now this soul of  
 2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions  
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will

mine, And vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 long, Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap -  
 And let your glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my  
 No soul can guess Love's grace Till it be - come the

pear, And kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 sight, And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 place Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

## Prayers of Reconciliation

Repeat the Kyrie after the soloist, and twice after each of the three prayers.



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*The conclusion:*

*Leader:* The Lord is our strength. . . into the abode of holiness.

*All:* **Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

### Exodus 15:1–21

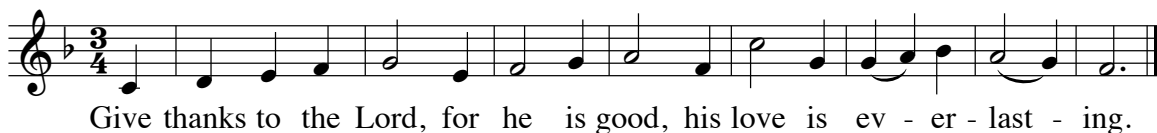
*At the conclusion:*

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 118:5–7, 13–24

All repeat the refrain after the soloist, and again after each verse of the psalm.



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### Romans 8:12–27

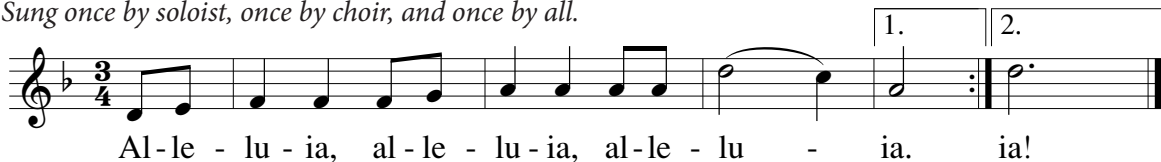
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### Alleluia

Sung once by soloist, once by choir, and once by all.



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### Mark 5:12–43

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*At the conclusion:*

*Leader:* The gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Homily

*Reflections on approaching Christian Unity from two preachers: CRC and RC (Catholic)*

**Choir Anthem – Walk Together, Children**

There's a great camp meetin', There's a great camp meetin'.  
Lawd, a great camp meetin' in the promised land.

Oh, walk together, children, don't you get weary,  
Walk on, my children, don't you get weary,  
Just a walk together, children, don't you get weary,  
There's a great camp meetin' in the promised land.

*Traditional spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan, 1957–2003*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried;  
on the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
And with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* We lift this up to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be they name;  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power,  
 and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Sign of Peace

**Song** – *Miren qué bueno* – Psalm 133

*All sing the words in bold to the same melody as the Spanish refrain.*

*Refrain:*

*Choir:* ¡Miren qué bueno, qué bueno es!

*All:* **Oh, look and wonder how good it is!**

*Verses:*

*Choir:* How good it is when brothers dwell in peace with one another:  
 It is like precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard. *Refrain*

How good it is when sisters dwell in peace with one another:  
 Fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill. *Refrain*

How good it is when all earth's people dwell in peace together:  
 There is where God will pour the blessing, life forevermore. *Refrain*

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## Commissioning

*Leader:* Redeemed by the Right Hand of God,  
 and united in the One Body of Christ,  
 let us go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,  
 because the Lord has anointed us  
 to bring good news to the poor,  
 to proclaim release to the captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind;  
 to let the oppressed go free,  
 and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.  
 Amen! Alleluia!**

## Benediction

## Song

## Go to the World!



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go  
 2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
*Choir:* 3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray. The  
 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, Bap -  
 Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As  
 I am with you till the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. Al -  
 ser - vant Church you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!