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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

RE:Boot

RE:concile Relationships

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate at the back of the church. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service.

Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Surrender All

arr. Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Grace and peace to you from our God.

P: God is with us this day, extending God's grace to each of us.

L: We give thanks to God for one another—a gift of community given by God.

P: Always remembering each other in prayer, those right here and those who have traveled far.

L: We pray for reconciliation where distance has come from harm.

P: May we be encouraged by your love, to love others through reconciliation and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY¹

L: Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.

P: Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness.

L: Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer.

P: Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act.

L: Bless those who are called to reconcile on a large-scale – politicians, world leaders, leaders of business, and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict.

**P: Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, and bringing people and nations together.
AMEN.**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2170 FWS** (see p. 4 of bulletin) *God Made From One Blood*

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: In the mirror we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life in our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to get more and more, ignoring their needs. Forgive us, Reconciling Love. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, we can set aside our grudges, to offer our gifts to our neighbors; we can stop licking at our hurts, to bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Christ Jesus comes to reconcile us to God, so we can be reconciled to one another. Recreated in God's image, we are made whole.

P: When we are in Christ, everything becomes new. Our past is just that - our past!

L: Do you really believe this—that your past is done, and you are a new person? I hope you do, because it is true—in Christ each day you are forgiven +, reconciled to God, and made new. So, go out and reflect it in your life.

P: Thanks be to God! We will go forth and live as reconciled people. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2152 FWS (see p. 5 of bulletin) *Change My Heart O God*

ALL SING: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

Blest be the Tie by Lorenz

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Philemon 1:1-25

HYMN NO. 539 BH (see p. 6 of bulletin)

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BLESSING OF THE GIFTS, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 2153 FWS (see p. 7)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

by Smith

God Made From One Blood (St. Denio)

Thomas H. Troeger (Acts 17: 26) *Music reproduced and licensed under One License #A-725030.

♩ = 80

Piano

1. God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of
2. We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our
3. We learn through our fam - ilies how close - ness and
4. Give, Lord, to each fam - ily in con - flict and
5. Then wid - en that wis - dom and grace to in -

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earth, the cir - cles of nur - ture that raised us from birth, com -
tears for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years, the
trust in - crease when our ac - tions are lov - ing and just. Yet
trust a sense of your wis - dom and grace that trans - form sharp
- clude the rac - es and view-points our fam - ilies ex - clude till

10

- pan - ions who join us to walk through each stage of
in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend of
fam - ilies have al - so dis - tort - ed their roles, mis -
an - ger to in - sight which streng - thens the heart and
peace in each home bears and nur - tures the bud of

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child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
par - ent and part - ner and room - mate and friend.
- treat - ing their mem - bers and bruis - ing their souls.
makes clear the place where re - build - ing can start.
peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

Change My Heart O God

Eddie Espinosa

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev-er true. _____

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Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____

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You are the Po - ter, I am the clay. _____

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Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

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Change my heart, O God, _____ make it ev-er true. _____

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Change my heart, O God, _____ may I be like you. _____

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

Richard Gillard, 1977

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Piano

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1. Won't you let me be your ser - vant,
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;
5. When we sing to God in heav - en
6. Won't you let me be your ser - vant,

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let me be as Christ to you?
we are trav - elers on the road;
in the shad - ow of your fear;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
we shall find such har - mo - ny,
let me be as Christ to you?

5

Pray that I may have the grace to
We are here to help each - oth - er
I will hold my hand out to you,
I will share your joy and sor - row
Born of all we've known to - geth - er
Pray that I may have the grace to

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let you be my ser - vant, too.
go the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

arr. Wendell Whalum

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me _____ an-y -
2. I'm gon-na work so God can use me _____ an-y -
3. I'm gon-na pray so God can use me _____ an-y -
4. I'm gon-na sing so God can use me _____ an-y -

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- where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____ I'm gon-na live so God can
- where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____ I'm gon-na work so God can
- where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____ I'm gon-na pray so God can
- where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____ I'm gon-na sing so God can

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- use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____
- use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____
- use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____
- use me _____ an-y - where, Lord, _____ an-y - time! _____

References

¹The Prayer of the Day was written by Ann Siddall, and posted on the website of the Stillpoint Spirituality

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²The Time of Confession was written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/> and accessed 10/3/22

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