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10:00 AM

Show and Tell Summer

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 when it is passed. 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Have Thine Own Way Lord

by Pollard

CALL TO WORSHIP^{1 & 2}

L: Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

C: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

L: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

C: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

L: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings, and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

C: O God who wrestles with us, circle our hearts, center our minds, still our bodies and be present to us now. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 386 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 6)

The Church's One Foundation

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

C: God, You have called us into a whole-hearted relationship with You. You've asked us to leave behind all we possess and live out our faith with passion and integrity. We thank You for the deep love You have shown toward us. Forgive us when we take our relationship with You for granted, when we let the fire of our early commitment cool, and allow other things to take priority in our lives. Give us strength to hold on to You no matter what comes our way. Give us courage to wrestle honestly with the things we don't understand; to continually work out our salvation with fear and trembling, to grapple daily with what it means to faithfully follow You. We are Your people, chosen and named by You. Grant us Your continued blessing and mark us with Your love, as we seek to live as Your disciples in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 4 NCH (black hymnal, see p. 5, v. 1)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

ALL SING: Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before, opening to the sun above. Melt the
clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away; Giver of
immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:22-32

Romans 9:1-5

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 341 NCH (black hymnal, see p. 6)

Community of Christ

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Nova Ramsey) *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Traditional

TIME OF DISCIPLESHIP & GENEROSITY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* by Newton

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2215 (FWS, see p. 7) *Cares Chorus*

**ALL SING: I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down
at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what do, I will cast all my
cares upon you.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION⁴

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 393 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 4) *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* by Keith

References

¹The Call to Worship is written by Ann Siddall, and posted on the website of the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre. <http://www.stillpointsa.org.au/> and accessed on 7/26/23.

²The Centering Prayer is posted on Third Space. <http://third-space.org.uk/> and accessed on 7/27/23.

³The Prayer of Confession is taken from Re:Worship Blogspot <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/07/prayer-of-commitment-holding-firm.html> and accessed on 7/27/23.

⁴The Prayer of Dedication is from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website. <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/> and access on 7/27/23.

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The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone

Samuel S. Wesley

♩ = 80

Piano

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion yet one o'er all the
 3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our
 4. Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three in

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Lord; we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the
 earth, one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one
 war, we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er -
 One, and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is

9

word; From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us
 birth, one name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food to
 - more; Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are
 won. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that

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free; with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni -
 share, to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and
 blessed, and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at
 we, like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal -

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- ty.
 prayer.
 rest.
 - ly.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Henry van Dyke, 1907

Ludwig von Beethoven, 1824

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re -
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing

4

God of love; Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the
 - flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un -
 ev - er blessed, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of
 stars be - gan; Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing

8

sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of
 - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow,
 hap - py rest! Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be -
 race and clan. Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the

12

doubt a - way; Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the
 flash - ing sea, Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our
 - long to you; Teach us how to love each - oth - er, by what love our
 midst of strife, Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph

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light of day.
 praise should be.
 joy re - new.
 song of life.

Community of Christ

Shirley Erena Murray, 1985

adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

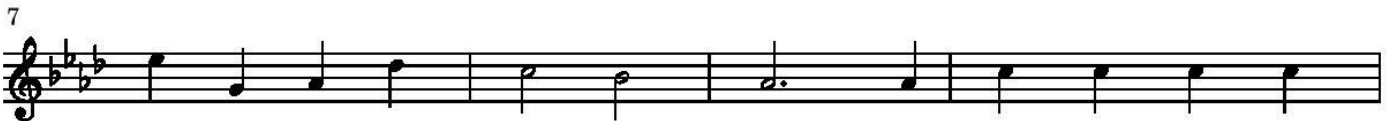
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Piano 

1. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, who
 2. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, look
 3. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, through
 4. When men - ace melts a - way, so

4 


make the Cross your own, live out your creed and
 past the chur - ch's door and see the ref - u -
 whom the word must sound; cry out for jus - tice
 shall God's will be done, the cli - mate of the

7 

risk your life for God a - lone: The God who wears your
 - gee, the hun - gry and the poor. Take hands with the op -
 and for peace the whole world round: Dis - arm the powers that
 world be peace and Christ its Sun; Our cur - ren - cy be

11 

face, to whom all worlds be - long, whose chil - dren are of
 - pressed, the job - less in your street, take towel and wa - ter,
 war and all that can de - stroy, turn bombs to bread, and
 love and kind - li - ness our law, our food and faith be

15 

ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 shared as one for - ev - er more.

Cares Chorus

Kelly Willard

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

I cast all my cares up-on you, _____ I lay all of my

7
bur-dens down at your feet, and an-y-time that I don't know

12
what to do, I will cast all my cares up-on you. _____

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

John Fawcett

John G. Nägeli

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our God we come and pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's
4. When we are called to part it gives us

6

Chris - tian love; The shar - ing of a com - mon
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each oth - er
 in - ward pain, But we shall still be joined in

11

life is like to that a - bove.
 one, our com - forts and our cares.
 flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

