



Groups

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Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Pastor Fritz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Hawkins

- How beautiful, O God, how good This bountiful creation:
- Abundant life, abundant light, upheld by your compassion;**
- All things in you do live and move,
- Existing by your boundless love.**
- How pleasant and how good it is When people dwell in union,
- And steadfast love and gentleness Embody your communion;**
- Your Spirit grants the grace to share
- And hope, to stand against despair.**

- Holy God, may our love be built on you, may our roots go deep and wide. May we soak in heaven's love and the joy of heaven's light. May each stone we place together be the foundation of our unity, And the dreams of our future be like windows into eternity. Through Jesus Christ who brought us together,
- Amen.**

SONG: BIND US TOGETHER

REFRAIN: **Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.**

- 1. You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire. You are the glorious new wine. REFRAIN**

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

Brad Milburn

- L** First, I thank my God through Jesus the Anointed for all of you
because we are joined by faith as family. *--Romans 1:8a The Voice*
- C** **The test of the genuineness of our love for God's family lies in this question—
do we love God himself and do we obey his commands?** *-- 1 John 5:2-5 J.B. Phillips*
- L** So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all,
and especially for those of the family of faith. *—Galatians 6:10 NRSV*
- C** **Dear friend, when you extend hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters,
even when they are strangers, you make the faith visible.** *--2 John 1:5-8 The Message*

MEDITATION

Leslie Klein

SONG: WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

- 1 We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**
- CHORUS And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**
- 2 We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. CHORUS**
- 3 We will work with each other, We will work side by side.
We will work with each other, We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each [one's] dignity and save each [one's] pride. CHORUS**

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BENEDICTION

Linda Volckmann

- L** How blest, O God, are they who yearn, like you, for mercy,
Whose hearts, within your heart, find joy in loving all and serving; ...
How steadfast is your love, O God, your deep desire pursues us;
That all may live their noble worth, inspire us, change us, use us,
That we, transformed, may live as Christ, and all may know abundant life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders: Pastor Fritz Wiese, guitar; Pastor Miriam Beecher; Laura Hawkins; Brad Milburn
(also videographer); Linda Volckmann; Barbara Anderson; David Beecher