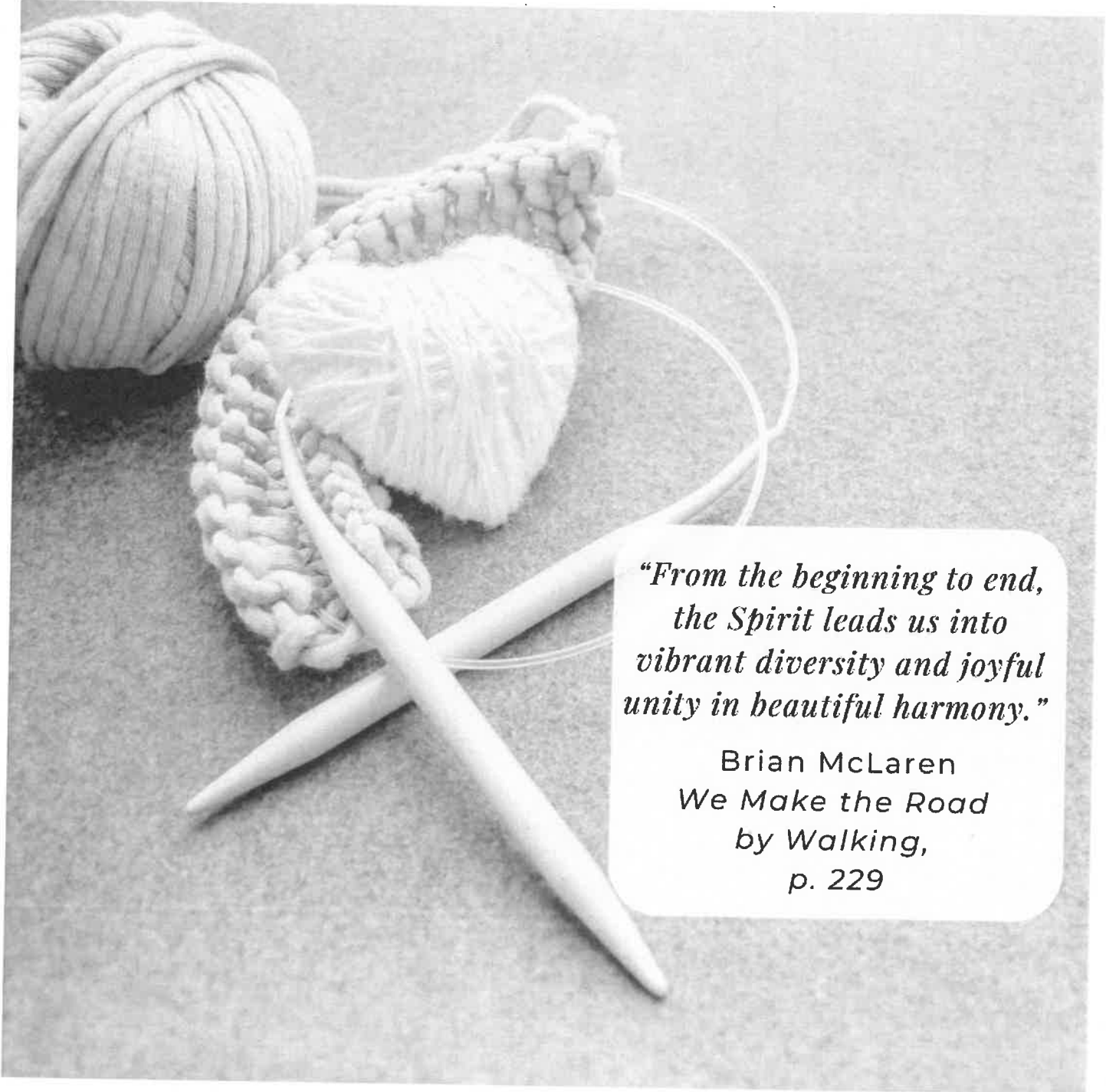


# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

A black and white photograph of a ball of yarn, a heart-shaped knitted object, and two knitting needles. The ball of yarn is on the left, the heart-shaped knitted object is in the center, and the two knitting needles are on the right. The background is a textured surface.

*"From the beginning to end,  
the Spirit leads us into  
vibrant diversity and joyful  
unity in beautiful harmony."*

Brian McLaren  
We Make the Road  
by Walking,  
p. 229



## WELCOME to Valley of Peace. We are glad you are here.

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by September 29, 2025

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, October 5, 2025 after worship.

### SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND SPACES AT VOP

Sensory integration is the process by which individuals receive information through our senses, (Vision, Hearing, Smell, Taste, Touch, Vestibular/Movement, and Proprioception/Body Position), organize this information, and use it to participate in activities.

Each person reacts to sensory information differently. People of all ages can have sensory issues that make it more difficult to participate depending on the environment. Sensory issues are very complex because a person's sensory system could be a mixture of over reactive, under reactive, or actively engaged.

After assessing need, Emilie Moravec has been working with a few community members to make our space more welcoming for those with sensory needs. The following items are now available at the Welcome Center for individuals with sensory needs:

- Ear defender headphones
- Earplugs
- Sunglasses
- Weighted lap pads
- Battery powered fans
- Fidget blanket

Please speak with an usher or volunteer at the Welcome Center to find these items. Additional fidget supplies are available near the "busy bag" tree in the narthex outside of the sanctuary. These sensory tools are intended to promote regulation, improve focus, increase participation, and make our space more accessible and welcoming to children, teens, and adults with sensory processing needs.

If you are in need of change of environment while at Valley of Peace, the following areas are available:

- Narthex- provides space for movement right outside of the sanctuary. The worship service can still be seen and heard.
- Fireside Room - Near the top of the staircase, on the same level as the sanctuary. This space provides comfortable seating where the worship service can still be heard.
- Youth Room - The Youth room is located on the lowest level of the church and will contain a "quiet corner" with soft lighting and no worship sounds.

Sources: Mailloux Z & Smith Roley S. Sensory Integration Development and Early Signs of Difficulties. July 2013

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church  
July 13, 2025  
9:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Worship.*

*Just a few things to note as you prepare to worship.*

*You are invited to participate in worship by reading the **BOLD** print.*

*When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.*

*ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is the purple hymnal,*

*both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.*

*If you need any assistance please ask an Usher. They are happy to help.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Meditation on Joy*

by Garrett Parker

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Moderato in E Flat Major*

by Ch. H. Rinck

+OPENING HYMN

Red ELW 654 *The Church's One Foundation*

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows.

When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also.

When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God,

the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open.

Let us confess our sins. *Observe a time of silence for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us and show us the path of life.**

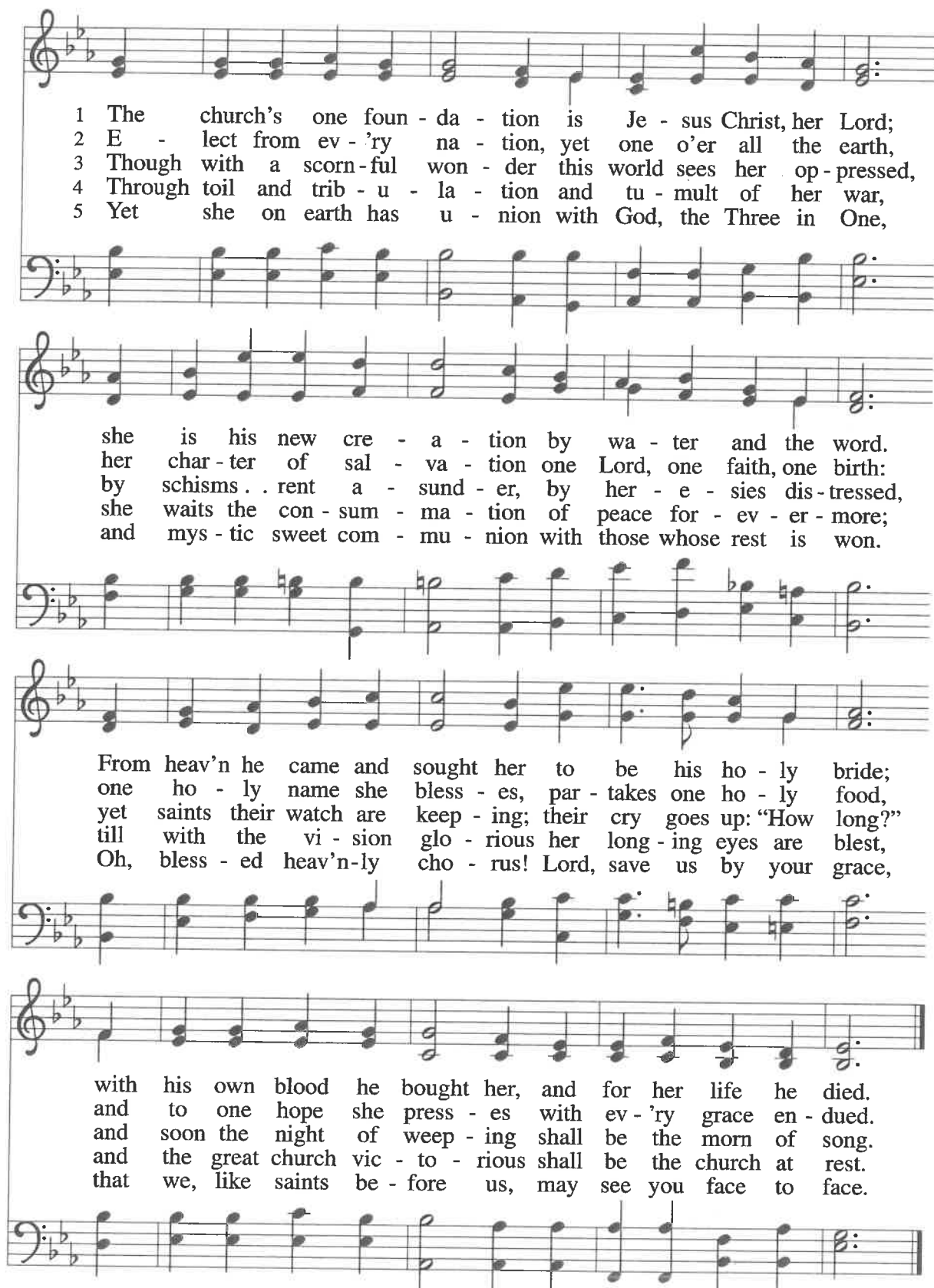
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven and you are made new. **Amen.**

+SUNG RESPONSE

Purple ACS 1015 *As a Mother Comforts Her Child*  
*music on page 4.*

## 654

## The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

#### +PASSING THE PEACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Share the Spirit of Peace with one another.*

#### +SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gentle and Holy God, you have gathered us from many places; with different stories, identities, and gifts. And yet, we are one body in Christ. In our diversity, your Spirit weaves us together, calling us to share our gifts for the common good, and to live as signs of your love in the world. Unite us in worship, and send us out in courage and compassion. In the name of the One who makes us one. **Amen.**

#### FAITH MOMENT

#### BLESSING FOR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

# Spirit of the Living God

101

The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Ephesians 4:1-16

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY      WOV 748 *Bind Us Together* (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Response*— Spirit, intercede for us, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY & MUSIC

*Offertory* by Ruth Perdeu



Electronic Giving

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, we dedicate our time and treasure to you for the good of your whole creation, which even now you are still enacting. We pray that you will multiply these humble gifts toward a future of greater justice, flourishing, and joy. Amen.

+HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

+LORD'S PRAYER

With hope, we join our voices with the voices of countless generations, languages, and communities as we pray the words Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen**

## Bind Us Together

*Refrain*  
F

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

Dm Gm

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

C<sup>7</sup> F F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

Dm Gm C F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing;  
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

F C<sup>7</sup> F C<sup>7</sup> F *Refrain* B<sup>b</sup>/C



# 495

## We Who Once Were Dead



1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus  
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver-flow-ing when he breaks the bread.  
 strength to fight; death is all a-round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,  
 but you rose and, living,  
 made yourself our bread,  
 in your goodness giving  
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;  
 in this meal we meet you.  
 Be our bread and wine,  
 Jesus, we entreat you.  
 This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909-1972; tr. composite

Music: Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936

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MIDDEN IN DE DOOD

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# 496

## One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: John Foley, SJ

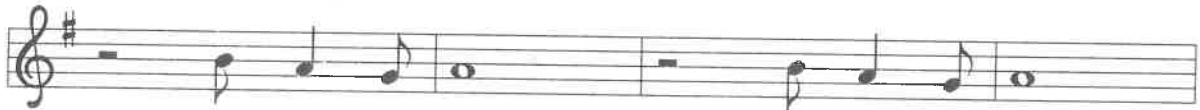
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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

4 4 6 and refrain



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

## Strengthen for Service, Lord

497



1 Streng-then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

# Let Us Break Bread Together

471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

+COMMUNION INVITATION

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit flung the invitation far and wide to participate fully in the body of Christ. Following her example, we set this Table as a place without limits, entrance requirements, or any type of finitude. The invitation already has your name on it. Come, all who wish to take part in the joyful feast.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

Red ELW 496 *One Bread, One Body*

Red ELW 471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshippers, the ushers will then invite worshippers physically present to receive communion.*

*If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into your preference of either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain red wine and the second chalice will contain white grape juice.*

*If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion.*

*If you prefer not to receive communion at all,  
please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing.  
If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we received your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING FOR PASTOR CHRIS BELLEFEUILLE

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN                      RED ELW 887 *This is My Song*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Be With Me Lord*



# National Songs

887

## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3  
Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

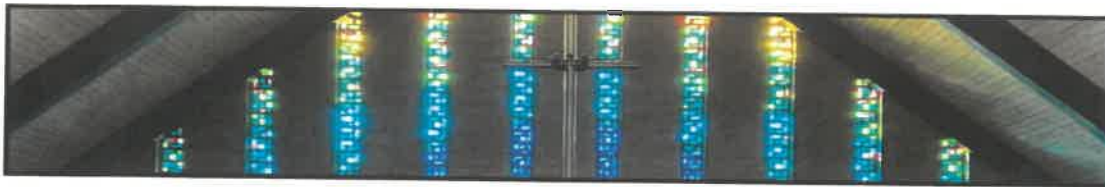
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11 10 11 10 11 10

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.



## In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Jim Jasper
Greeter.....	Heidi Boesen
Welcome Center.....	Chrys Johnson
Ushers.....	Laurie Eaton, Jim Jasper, Gina Privratsky, Lisa Thanghe
Faith Moment.....	Jon Larson
Reader.....	Steve Collin
Worship Assistant.....	Dan Weatherman
Communion Servers.....	Kari Roll, Mary Hovden, Diane Hinderlie, Ruth Larson
Coffee Cart.....	Jim Jasper
Tech.....	Steve Collin
Altar Care.....	Kathy Boesen

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## In Worship on Sunday, July 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Leslie Gilyard
Opener/Closer.....	Paul Mikelson
Greeter.....	Shennon Jay
Welcome Center.....	Julia Madison
Ushers.....	Dottie Fergus, Sally Daniels Herron, Lauren Pockl, Heidi Boesen
Faith Moment.....	Barb Mikelson
Reader.....	Shennon Jay
Worship Assistant.....	Sara Blood
Communion Servers.....	Sara Hoge, Steve Hoge, Becca Anderson, Dan Johnson
Coffee Cart.....	Sally Daniels Herron
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**For more information and a calendar of activities visit  
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### Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

