

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

Prelude in A Major, BWV 536

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we know what God desires of us:

That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

Our Great Savior



- 1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er of my soul;
 - 2. Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in Him;
 3. Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 - 4. Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, More than all in Him I find,




Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 Tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my Strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 E - ven when my heart is break - ing, He, my Com - fort, helps my soul.
 Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, He, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.
 He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He is mine.



Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -



TEXT: J. Wilbur Chapman

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness;

Descant and choral ending by Tom Fettke

A higher setting may be found at No. 233

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith. We trust that the Holy One is interested in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls. We trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us, too. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession to God, first in silent prayer...

Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News. We are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end! Amen, Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22

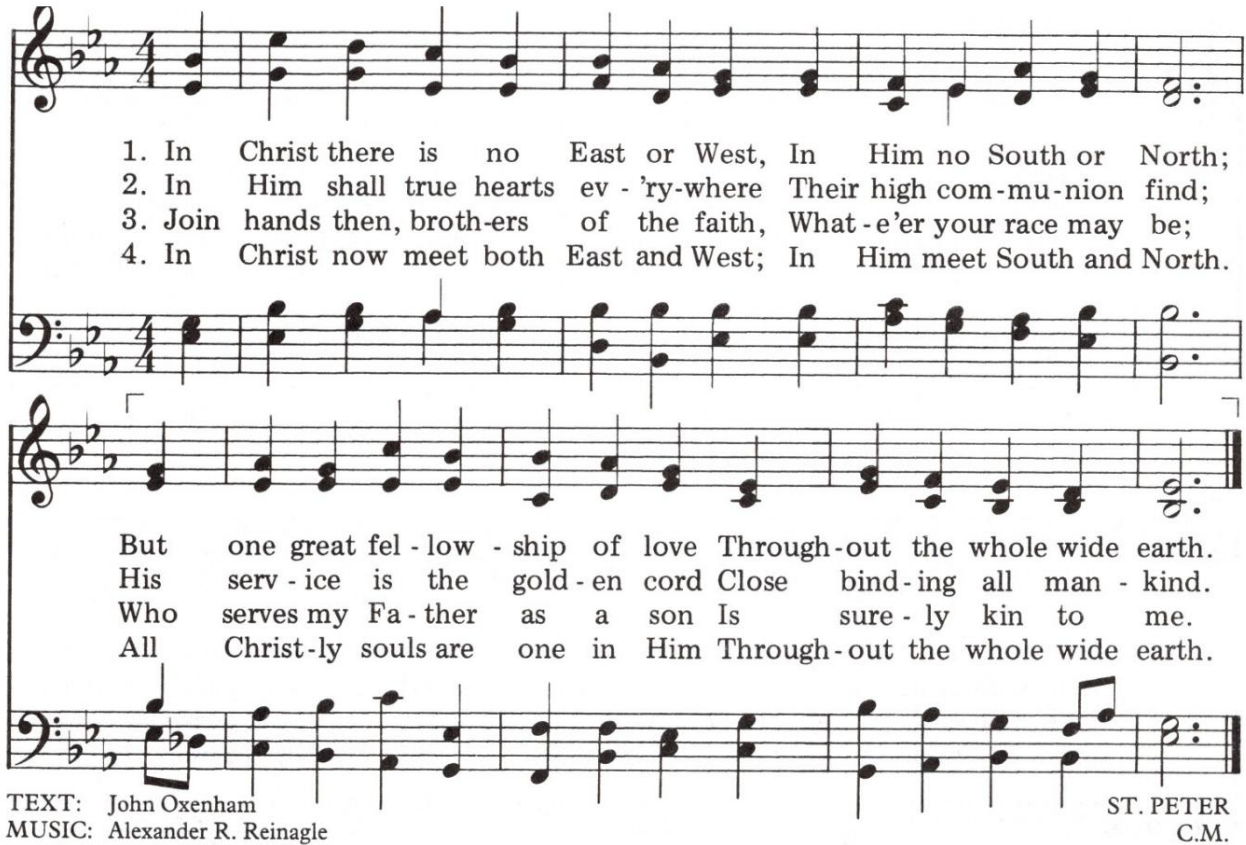
SERMON

No More Walls!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West



1. In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
3. Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.

But one great fel - low - ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close bind - ing all man - kind.
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

TEXT: John Oxenham
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle

ST. PETER
C.M.

A lower setting may be found at No. 94; Alternate setting: McKEE, No. 547

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

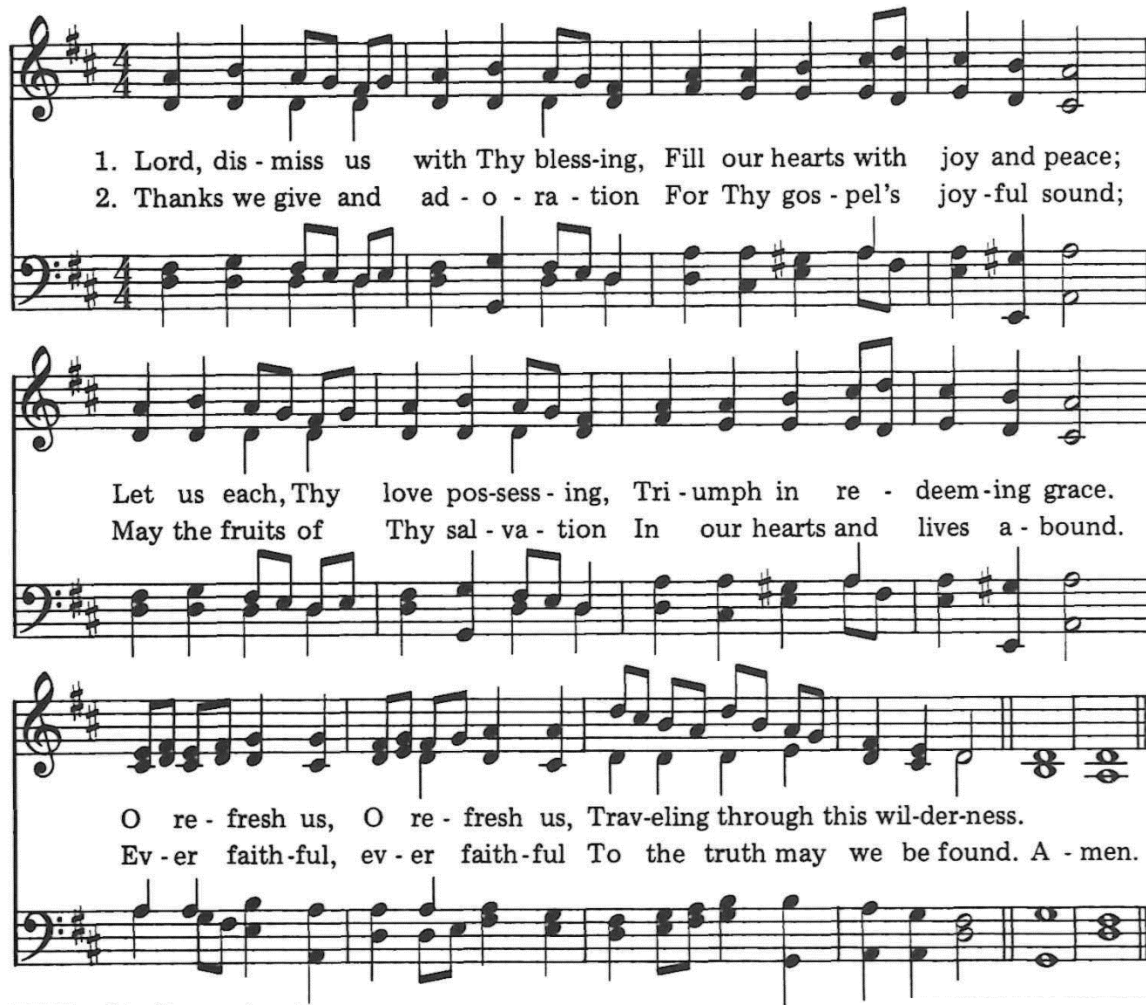
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER with the Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing



1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless-ing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's joy - ful sound;

Let us each, Thy love pos-sess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion In our hearts and lives a - bound.

O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, Trav-eling through this wil-der-ness.
 Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful To the truth may we be found. A - men.

TEXT: John Fawcett, altered
 MUSIC: Tattersall's *Psalmody*, 1794

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter