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Our Mission: Shining God's light by... Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.

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REFLECTION

"Innovation is fostered by information gathered from new connections; from insights gained by journeys into other disciplines or places; from active, collegial networks and fluid, open boundaries. Innovation arises from ongoing circles of exchange, where information is not just accumulated or stored, but created. Knowledge is generated anew from connections that weren't there before." ~ Margaret J. Wheatley

PRELUDE

The Wonderful Cross

Lowell Mason

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

For just as the body is one and has many members,
All the members of the body are one, as it is with Christ.
For in the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body,
We all drink of one Spirit.
If we were all a single member, where would the body be?
Christ has made us: many members, different gifts, but one body.
We suffer together, we rejoice together, and we worship together;
For we are the body of Christ together.

****HYMN No. 385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

OLD HUNDREDTH, LM

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk; he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Creator God, You made us all with different gifts, different voices, different abilities, weaving us together to be Your body. We confess, O God, that at times we have disregarded gifts, ignored voices, and dismissed different abilities. We confess that we create hierarchies, unraveling what You have woven together to suit our purpose instead of Yours. We have disassembled and disenfranchised others who are different because they don't fit our vision or our ideal of what the body should be. Forgive us. Call us into understanding Your ways, accepting that at times Your beloved community shares information from sources we haven't considered. Help us to grow in our vision and understanding, so that we can accept Your beloved community and participate in it. For the Holy Spirit is the master weaver, still at work, and Christ has bound us together. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You are valuable to God and to the world. You are needed. There is no one quite like you, no one else that has what you bring, for each of us reflects the image of God and without you, a piece is missing.

We are beloved to God, to us, and to the world. We trust that we are forgiven when we have gone astray. Come, let us join in the work of restoration and reconciliation. Amen.

****HYMN No. 581**
PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA

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.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3

SPECIAL MUSIC
Wold

You Are Present with Your Love Text & Setting by Wayne

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:1-7

SERMON

Fingerprints of the Creator: Genes - Passing on Information

Rev. William Schram

****HYMN No. 661**
SPARROW

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For his eye is on the sparrow,

And I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,”
His tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
I sing because I’m happy,
I sing because I’m free,
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
From care he sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.
I sing because I’m happy,
I sing because I’m free,
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

****HYMN No. 31**

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

Let us with a gladsome mind
The Lord who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light:
For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed;
With full measure, meets their need:

For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Let Everything That Has Breath

arr. Mark Hayes

****Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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