

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

## **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**



### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: There is no longer Jew or Greek,

**People: there is no longer slave or free,**

Leader: there is no longer male and female:

for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

**People: We are children of God through faith.**

### **\*Hymn # 318 – In Christ There is No East or West**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love. Because we do not understand them, we segregate them, we reject them, we demonize them, and we hurt them. Forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **Time with Children**

*After the Time with Children, we invite children to return to their seats and participate in the service. Activity bags may be found on the welcome table.*

### **Choral Anthem**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:** Galatians 3:26-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** One in Christ

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Confession of Belhar

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already**

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**conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Christ; that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred, and enmity.**

**We believe that the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.**

### **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.**

#### **Invitation to Offering**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn # 339 – Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### **Postlude**

# In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -  
high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the  
him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

# 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.