



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 19, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Words of Welcome

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: We are from north and south.

All: We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

One: We are from this city and others far away.

All: We are from big families and dinners made for one.

One: We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

All: We are from hot summers and cold winters.

One: We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

All: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

One: We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

All: Today we are together.

One: Holy God, gather us in.

*Hymn (#754)

Help Us Accept Each Other

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

All: When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question. Can anything good come from that side of town? From a school with poor test scores? From a criminal history? From the opposite political party? From a history of addiction? From a faith with doubt? From a church with faults? Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are always in all things. Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is. Can anything good come from there?

One: Yes. Always yes.

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself, "Can anything good come from this messy and human life of mine?" Remember this: God is always whispering, "Yes." You were created in the image of God. Your origin story is one of goodness and love from the very beginning. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: God is here. God is at work among us. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

***Congregational Response (#753)**

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:4b-15

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

John 1:35-51

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

I've Been Meaning to Ask: Where Are You From?

Rev. Katie Barrett Todd

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Sanctified Art

We believe that goodness can come from the dirt, that faith can come from doubt, that minds can be changed, that justice can begin with us, and that something good can come from Nazareth. We believe all these things because we believe that God is more expansive than we have words for—showing up in the corners of our world so often ignored and denied. We believe that from this place of holy surprise, God invites us forward—beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us. “Come and see,” God says. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

***Hymn (#316)**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Congregational Response (#606)**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#306)**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**

Welcome

Today, we welcome Rev. Katie Barrett Todd (she/her) to North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Katie is the Executive Director and Campus Minister at UKIRK Greensboro, and an ordained Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She holds an MDiv/MACE from Union Presbyterian Seminary. She enjoys writing and adapting curriculum resources for use in local congregations, and some of her work is regularly published on Storypath through Union Presbyterian Seminary. Katie has also been published with Chalice Press for InsideOut 2014, a camp/conference resource, as the writer for the younger youth age group; and twice with Montreat Conference Center for the Small Group Leader Manual for Montreat Youth Conferences. Katie has two young children, and her husband serves as a transitional pastor in Lexington, NC.





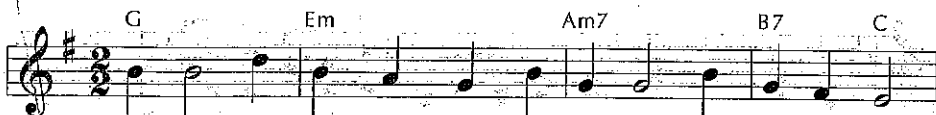
un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



- 1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
- 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
- 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith,
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve.
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more,

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316

- 1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
- 3 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 4 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
- 5 Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds; is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.