

PRELUDE & WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING SONG: *We are one*

(Doreen Lankshear-Smith)

♪ *We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.*

*We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;
& we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.*

*We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;
And we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place. +*

CHILDREN'S TIME: *It only takes a spark*

(Kurt Kaiser)

♪ *It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around, can warm up in
glowing - That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it,
You spread his love to everyone, you want to pass it on*

*2. What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you want to sing
It's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on*

*3. I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top – PRAISE GOD
I want the world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on*

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiasticus (sel verses), 1 Samuel (sel) John 15:12-13; 15

Reader: Kelty Barel

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

PRAYERS: #481 Blest be the tie

(John Fawcett)

Loving God, we come today to think of those relationships..Thank you for these special ties that bind us in your love!

♪ *Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

As we pray as a community of your people,..thank you that you give us one another to help bear the burdens we face.

♪ *3. We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

O God, we know that our relationships won't always be easy,... Please protect me from becoming angry and fill me with your love and compassion.

♪ *4. When we asunder part, it gives us keenest pain,
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

O God – when we have to part – to say goodbye,as we are joined again in heaven in your grace!

♪ *5. The glorious hope revives our courage on the way:
in perfect friendship we shall live in God's eternal day.*

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS:

Solo: Someone like you – Megan Gilbey

♪ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, & to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

MESSAGE: “If someone like you loved me”

CLOSING HYMN: #27 As the deer

(Martin Nystrom)

♪ *As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You
**Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You***

*2. You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a king
I love You more than any other so much more than anything **Refrain***

*3. I want You more than gold and silver only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye! **Refrain***

BENEDICTION & BLESSING SONG: Go now in peace

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: