

Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ

September 13, 2020 at 10:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Rally Day

zoom.us/j/7082461255 or call 312-626-6799.

The meeting ID is 708 246 1255. The password is 60525.

To manage noise, all participants are muted except for congregational participation.

Gathering Music

“Morning Has Broken” - arr. Lloyd Larson

“We Gather Together” - arr. Chuck Sinclair

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Greeting

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

***All:* Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Call To Worship

One: In the Spirit, we are one body.

***All:* The body is not one member, but many.**

One: We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

***All:* Held together in the Spirit, we gather as the body of Christ to Be the Church!**

Opening Prayer

Opening Song “God Is Here!”

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.**

**Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, fount, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.**

**Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.**

**Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.**

**Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Word for Children

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:1-21, 27

The Word in Music

"Simple Gifts" - Trad. Shaker Song, words attributed to Joseph Brackett

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Sermon

"Be the Church" - Rev. Sean Williams

Reception of New Members

Candidates for Membership: Lynn Chindlund and Barbara Wyne

Leaders: Sanna Bashor (Assistant Moderator, Lyonsville 101 co-leader), Cindi Fiandaca (Clerk), Lauren McSweeney (Moderator), Rev. Sean Williams (Pastor)

Invitation

Scripture

Questions of the Candidates

Affirmation of Faith and Covenant

Pastor: The Church of Jesus Christ is a covenant people. The faith of those in the Old and New Testaments, as well as those throughout the history of the Christian Church, is deeply rooted in the covenantal relationship with God and one another. The Christian covenant is a symbol of binding commitment between a people of faith and God, the creator and renewer of the Church.

All: **We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and the Will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshiping God, and striving for truth, justice and peace. As did our ancestors, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.**

Address

Welcome and Reception

Pastor: Let us, the members of Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our shared ministry in Christ.

All: **We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Greeting of Christian Love

All members of the congregation gesture with open arms to Barbara and Lynn, who also receive the gesture with open arms.

Prayer

Reflection Song

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

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The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts and Prayers

Scholarship Award

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Online Giving: lyonsvillechurch.org/donate

Mail Giving: Mail contributions to: 6871 Joliet Road, Indian Head Park IL 60525.

Music During the Offering

“Be Thou My Vision” - trad. Irish Melody

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Doxology

Prayer of Thanks

Announcements

Closing Song “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

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Blessing

Postlude “Let There Be Peace on Earth” - Sy Miller & Jill Jackson