



**Scripture Focus:  
One In Christ**

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**Welcome in the  
Name of  
The Triune God**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Easter**

- **Prelude by Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism...*

**P: We confess our sins before God and  
one another.**

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**P: Risen Lord,**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life.**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

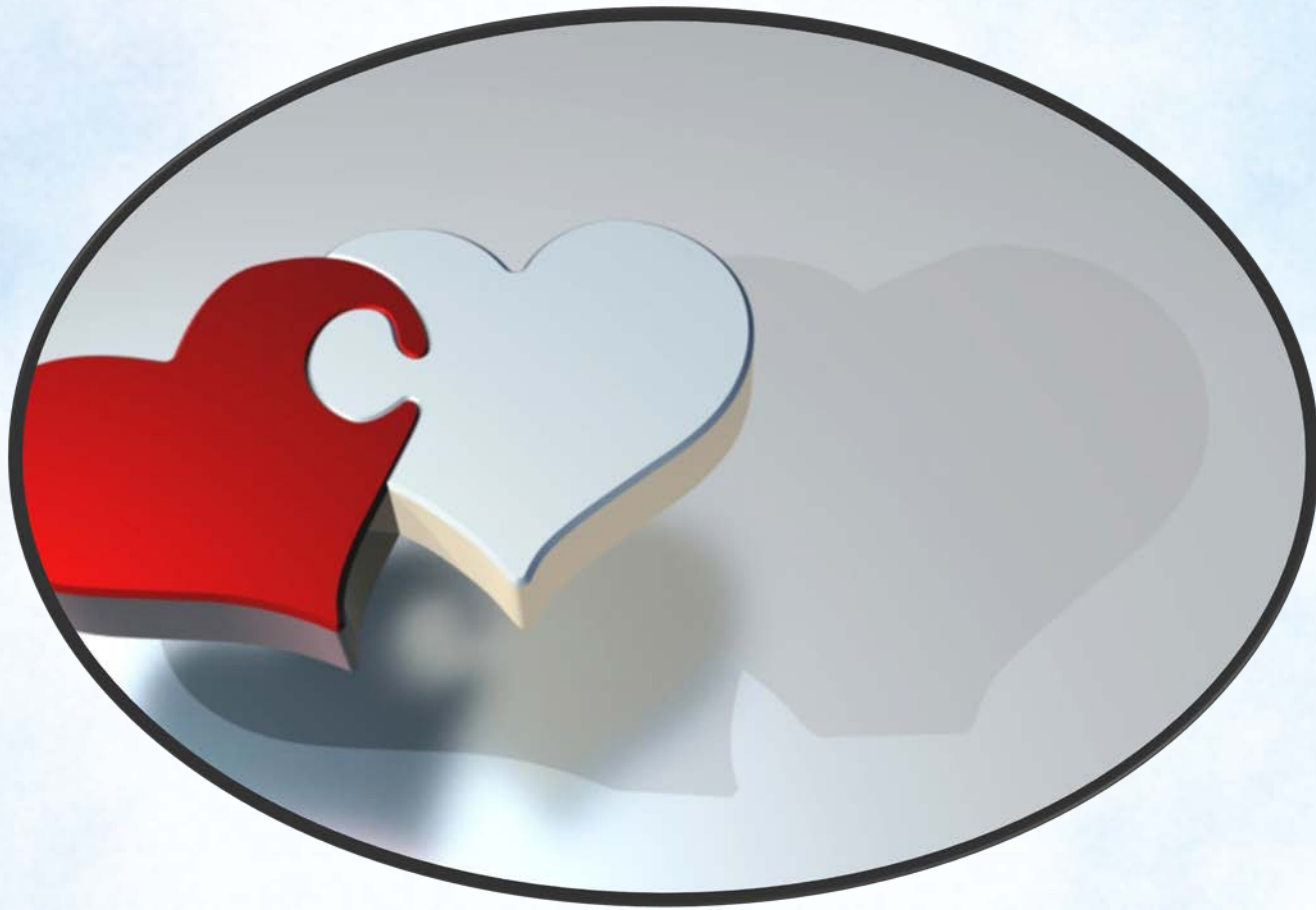
**P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

# \* Hymn of Praise

Bind Us Together, Lord

WOV 748



***Refrain***

**Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with love**

- 1. There is only one God  
There is only one King  
There is only one body  
That is why we can sing**



***Refrain***

**Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with love**

**2. You are the fam'ly of God  
You are the promise divine  
You are God's chosen desire  
You are the glorious new wine**

***Refrain***

**Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with cords  
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# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**C: And also with you.**

# \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray... Loving God, The only law you demand is the law of love. By your grace, show us the path we are to follow, to spread your message of mercy and live lives of discipleship, after your son Jesus.

**C:** Amen.

**K** **I** **D** **Z**  
**K** **O** **R** **N** **E** **R**



- **Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29**

**R: The Scripture reading is from Galatians Chapter 3.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord! (*Spoken*)**

**• Scripture Reading      Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29**

**You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! <sup>2</sup>The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup>Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the**



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flesh? <sup>4</sup>Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing.

<sup>5</sup>Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

<sup>6</sup>Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” <sup>7</sup>so, you see, those

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who believe are the descendants of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” <sup>9</sup>For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed. <sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were

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**imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.**

**<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were**

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**baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.**

• **Scripture Reading**

**Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)**



**Sermon**



# **Special Music**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**



# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in  
accordance with the Scriptures; he  
ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father. He  
will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead, and his  
kingdom will have no end.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

# \* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We acknowledge one  
Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins. We look for the  
resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: Faithful God,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.

# \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.



**Offering Prayer**



# \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** We pray as Jesus taught...

**C:** 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,

# **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



**Announcements**

# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

# \* **SENDING SONG**

**Great Is Thy  
Faithfulness**

**ELW 733**

**Verses 1 - 3**



**1 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!**

**2 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*

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

**3 Pardon for sin and a  
peace that endureth,  
thine 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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Lord, unto me!**

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,**

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all.  
Amen!**

# DISMISSAL

## Postlude by Roxanne Groff



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