

Order of Worship
533rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines
May 14, 2024

**Invites all to stand who are able*

Prelude

Anita Meinert

Call to Worship

Rev. Sue Tomlinson

Leader: The world and all who dwell in it were created by our great God.

People: Praise the Holy One!

Leader: We all belong to God.

People: Praise the Holy One!

Leader: We also belong to each other.

People: Praise the Holy One!

Leader: In JOY let us worship God who gives us the strength to love and serve others.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Sue Tomlinson

***Opening Hymn** No. 727 “The Servant Song”

***The Call to Confession**

Elder Larry Smith

Leader: Because the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, we come to God acknowledging our great need and trusting in God’s great provision for us. Let us confess together.

***The Corporate Confession of Faith (in unison)**

Loving and eternal God, Your Son Jesus came as King to rescue and redeem us. By grace through faith, You adopt us into Your family. Yet often we ignore Your call to serve. We make light of Your invitation to us. Our attention to You is scattered. Our affection for You is fickle. Forgive us for our stubbornness, disobedience, and pride. Renew us so we may love You faithfully. May we hear Your call and respond with joy to the glory and honor of Your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***The Promise of Forgiveness in Christ** Philippians 2: 5-11

Elder Larry Smith

Leader: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer Revs. Amy McGriff & Shamaine Chambers-King

Reader One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Reader One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Reader One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

Response: Hymn #203, "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" – REFRAIN ONLY: "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you."

Reader One: God of holy hospitality, You make the world your neighborhood. Be with those of us who need a Good Samaritan to find and help us with our troubles. Give us the mind of Christ as we see our neighbor. Keep us from passing by those whom society overlooks. Touch our hearts with the needs of neighbors who are homeless, refugees, outcasts or poor. Through Your grace and our compassion may we lift spirits to feel the gentle embrace of Jesus, who came that all may have an abundant life.

Response: Hymn #203 - Refrain

Reader Two: Expand our understanding of being a neighbor. Open us to every opportunity to be a neighbor to others. We give thanks for what we receive freely from others who choose to be a neighbor to us, despite differences that may stand between us. We pray for greater understanding and awareness that everyone needs a neighbor.

Response: Hymn #203 – Refrain

Reader One: As those who long to re-create Your beloved community, help us discover neighbors near and far, those around the corner and those around the world. We lift up those in our community and those around the world who are mourning the loss of loved ones. We lift up the injured or sick, who long for your hope and healing. We lift up neighbors whose disagreements and differences keep them from seeing their common humanity and lead to war and violence. Unite us with brothers and sisters everywhere, as neighbors of Yours and ours.

Response: Hymn #203 – Refrain

Reader Two: God, hasten the day when our love for You matches Your mercy towards us. Enlarge our hearts to the dimensions of Your mercy. In the many roads we have yet to walk, the journeys still to undertake, may we find our neighbor at every turn, and accept the ongoing surprise of Your good news in the neighborhood of Your reign.

Reader One: Now pour out Your Holy Spirit, O God, on Your people gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as Your faithful disciples until we feast at Your table in glory.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray: **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.**

Blessing and Distribution of the Elements

Rev. Brad Braley and Rev. Amy McGriff

Breaking and Blessing of the Bread

Leader: The Lord Jesus, on the night of His arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Pouring and Blessing of the Cup

Reader One: In the same way he took the cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.”

Distribution and Partaking of Communion

Please remain seated, and the Communion elements will be brought to you. Please consume the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all are served so that we may commune together.
(The bread is gluten-free.)

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Brad Braley

Leader: Holy God, we thank you, we praise you, we glorify you, for you have fed us with your Word and filled us with your Spirit. Send us out to show and tell the love of Jesus Christ to all our neighbors in a hungry, thirsty world; we pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

***Closing Song**

“Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors”

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***Benediction**

Rev. Brad Braley

Leader: You were called to this table. You were fed at this table. You were united at this table. Now, you are sent from this table into all the world. Go therefore into the world, with courage. Set a place for all neighbors who hunger. Fill the cup of all neighbors who thirst. And as you go, may the Spirit of power and love attend you, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you, and may the great faithfulness of our God sustain you, now and forever. Go in peace! Live in peace with all our neighbors! Amen.

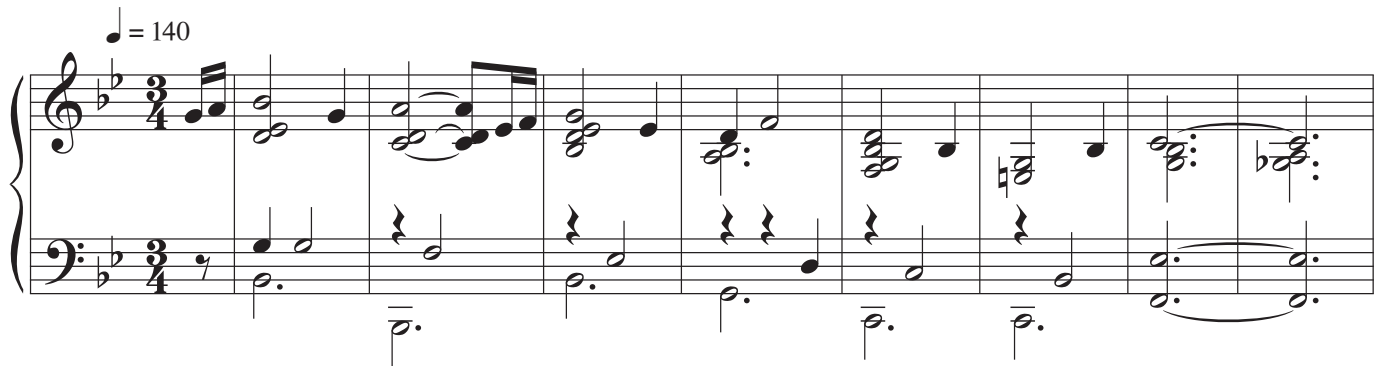
Postlude

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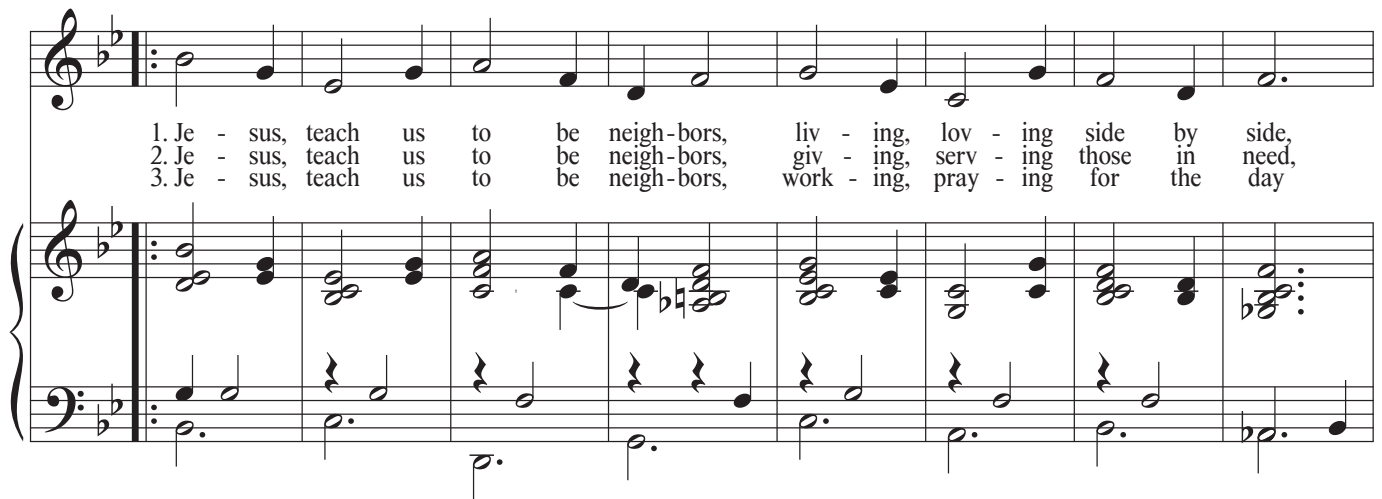
Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors

A Hymn for Mr. Rogers Day / Neighboring Sunday

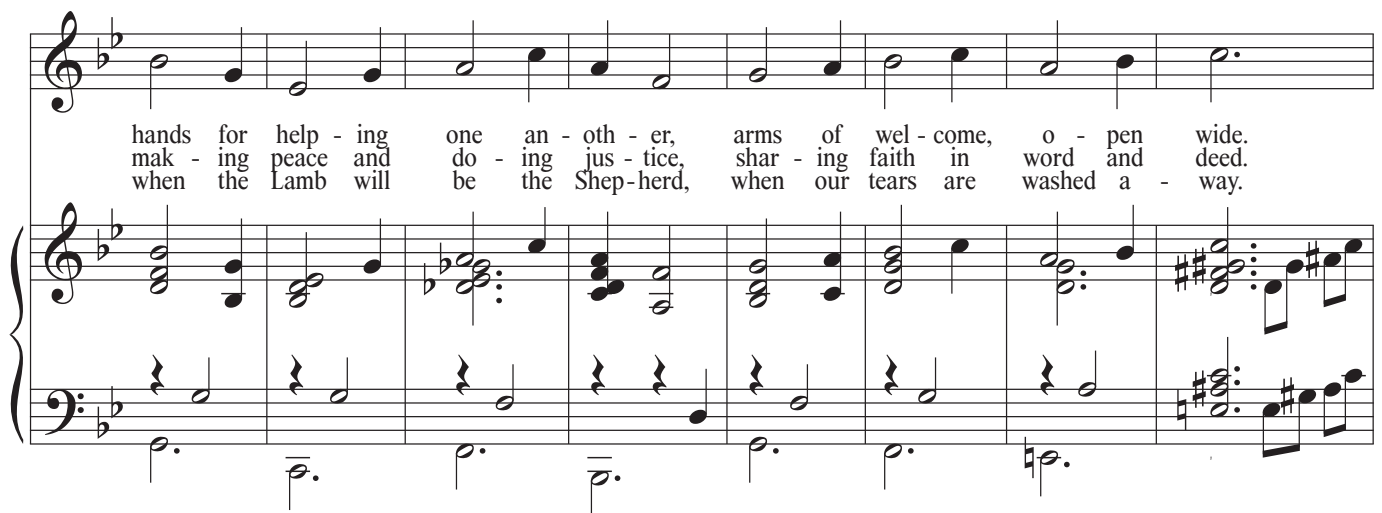
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1. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors, liv - ing, lov - ing side by side,
2. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors, giv - ing, serv - ing those in need,
3. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors, work - ing, pray - ing for the day



hands for help - ing one an - oth - er, arms of wel - come, o - pen wide.
mak - ing peace and do - ing jus - tice, shar - ing faith in word and deed.
when the Lamb will be the Shep-herd, when our tears are washed a - way.



Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors

Ev - er learn - ing, ev - er grow - ing, Je - sus, teach us all to be
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The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Ev - er learn - ing, ev - er grow - ing, Je - sus, teach us all to be". The piano accompaniment features a right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line.

chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, joined in true com - mu - ni -
 chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, where we are one fam - i -
 chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, sing - ing praise in har - mo -

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line lyrics are: "chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, joined in true com - mu - ni -", "chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, where we are one fam - i -", and "chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, sing - ing praise in har - mo -". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

ty.
ly.
ny.

The third system concludes the musical score. The vocal line has a final note with a fermata. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. The lyrics "ty.", "ly.", and "ny." are positioned below the vocal line.