



What You Seek is What You Are
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022

MEDITATION

“Oneness with God is not a dream; it is the only reality. Everything else is an illusion.”

—E’yen A. Gardner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

P: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beverly Blaine, Deacon

L: We have come together as one.

All: One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

L: We will worship together as one.

All: One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

L: We are being empowered as one by One.

All: One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,

L: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: One God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

L: Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.

All: One people, giving witness to the power of One.

SONG OF CELEBRATION

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

Insert

UNISON OPENING PRAYER (*Thom Shuman*)

Beverly Blaine, Deacon

Gentle God, we have traveled through many waters to reach this place but share one baptism. We arrive from different backgrounds and traditions yet share one faith. We are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and are members of one Body. We have different dreams and doubts, yet our hearts beat with one hope. We are graced with different gifts, so that we may offer them in service to one Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“In Christ There is No East or West”

Black 394

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 133

Beverly Blaine, Deacon

NEW TESTAMENT READING – John 17:20-26

Rev. Christina Williams

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

“What You Seek is What You Are”

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***RESPONSIVE HYMN**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Insert

PASTORAL PRAYER AND JOY & CONCERNS

After the Pastoral Prayer you are invited to share your joys and concerns. When names are spoken out loud, you are invited to respond, “O Lord, hear our prayers.”

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of all, nothing can separate from your goodness and grace. In gratitude receive and bless these gifts we offer this day. May these gifts be multiplied for the good of all. And may our whole lives become an offering to you. To you we give all glory and praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SONG OF INVITATION "Come to the Table of Grace" (vs. 1,4,5) Insert

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

God of all that is, we are thankful for receiving these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of one body. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in one body with Christ, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" *Black 393*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

MINISTERING TO US TODAY

Beverly Blaine, Deacon, and Rev. Christina Williams will be leading us in worship today. We are grateful to Libby Lannon for providing the music today, and to Sarah Bach our technical staff for the day. Thank you for ministering to us in these ways.

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The altar flowers today are from the garden of Marcia McLaughlin.