



# unity **MATTERS**

*The Church: Called blessed  
because it is a peacemaker...*



WORSHIP AT THE COVENANT CONFERENCE  
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | DENVER, COLORADO  
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COVENANT NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS  
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**PRELUDE** Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

arr. Wil Smith

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brian Eillison

Together we confess that God unites us in faith.

**Together we come to know the height, and the breadth,  
and the depth of the love of Christ.**

Together we pray. Together we serve God in this world.

**Together we know and bear one another's burdens.**

We need one another. We build up one another.

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.**

All are welcome.

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Let us worship God!

**\*GATHERING HYMN** Let Us Build a House

Glory to God, 301

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Wei-Jen Chen

**O God, you love justice and you establish peace on earth.**

**We bring before you the disunity of today's world:**

**the absurd violence, and the many wars,  
which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world;  
militarism and the armaments race,  
which are threatening life on the planet;  
human greed and injustice,  
which breed hatred and strife.**

**Send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth;**

**teach us to be compassionate toward the whole human family;**

**strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace;**

**lead all nations into the path of peace**

**and give us that peace which the world cannot give. Amen.**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 11: 1-9

Shannon Headen

**SPOKEN RESPONSE**

Holy wisdom, holy words,

**thanks be to God.**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE** Romans 15: 5-7

**SERMON** Generous Peacemaking

Kimberly Clayton

**\*HYMN** We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Glory to God, 378

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rachel Breyer

The church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.

**We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.**

**Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

**To the one and only God be the honor and the glory, forever and ever.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Wil Smith

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Louise Westfall

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN** For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

Glory to God, 769

**\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC** Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Flor Peeters

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