



Discovering UNITY IN DIVERSITY

EPHESIANS

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 132:8-10

Come together in the presence of our God.
Let us bow down in worship and adore our Maker.

**Arise, O God, and enter Your Sanctuary,
Bring the Ark of the Covenant.
The Symbol of your Strength.
Cloth us with unity, justice, and love
Let your people shout for joy and praises.**

*HYMN # 300 We Are One in the Spirit

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

**God of abundant mercy,
you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ. You ate with sinners
and shared with outcasts. You loved with boldness and healed with
grace. Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love: when we doubt
whether we are worthy of your care. Forgive us, O God, when we try
to cheapen love: when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold
actions. Help us, O God, when we cannot feel your love, when we are
isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let
your love lead the way. Amen [silent confession]**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE: (responsively) Isaiah 43:18-19

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing to
forgive and restore you.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, cleansed, and renewed!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)

The peace of our Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (in unison)

Based on Belonging to God: A First Catechism, Q 37

**Eternal God,
your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible;
and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day.
Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ephesians 2:11 -22 Page 950

SECOND READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Page 633

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Ephesians: Discovering Unity in Diversity

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: (Responsively)

(Based on The Book of Common Worship)

Almighty God, thank you for giving us Christ who brings to use the unity that you plan for us from the foundation of the world. Thank you for your help in times of doubts and sorrow; for healing; for preserving us in temptation and danger; for the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord; for your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship and discerns our unity. Thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation and for the great mystery of redemption and our union with Him. For our hope in him and for the joy of serving him our Lord.

When it comes to treating others, Lord we are short of your expectations. Deliver us from cowardice attitudes dare not to face truth; deliver us from artificial life and worship; from all that is insincere; from cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference; from being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice; from selfishness and self-pity.

Overall, O God, destroy in us prejudice that turns us against one another. Teach us that we are all children of your love, whether we are red or white, black, or yellow. You created all people in your image. We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friends and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Never let us board up the narrow gate that leads to life with rulers and doctrines that you dismiss; but give us a Spirit to welcome all people with affection, so that your church may never exclude secret friends of yours, who are included in the realm of heavens through the love of Jesus Christ who came to save us all.

We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify her life, renew her worship, give power to her witnessing and restoring her unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children one from another, so that they will make fast, with bonds of peace, the unity which the Spirit gives. Now we pray as our Lord *Yeshua Messiah*, who made us ONE in Himself, taught us and we say:

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.

*HYMN #403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you Spirit of unity to live in harmony with one another through Christ Jesus,

Together may we be one, that with one voice glorify the God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit at work in Us. **Amen**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Psalm 133

¹ How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

³ It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

New Prayer List for 2021

We will be starting a new Prayer List for 2021. If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Jim Brown
Len Dixon
John Magyar
Roger McMahon

Ashton Dixon
Jamie
Curtis Mellott
Marilyn Westrick

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
 D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
 B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

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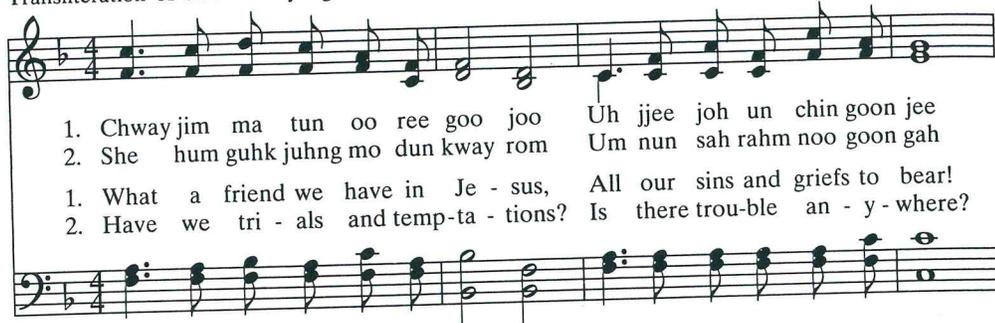
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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Joseph Scriven, c. 1855

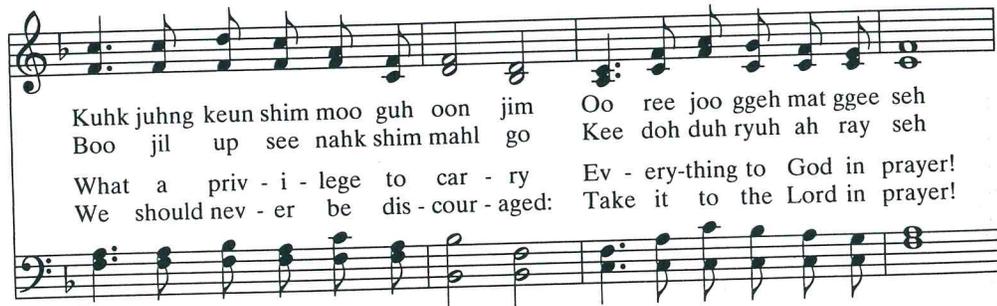
Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue

Charles Crozat Converse, 1868



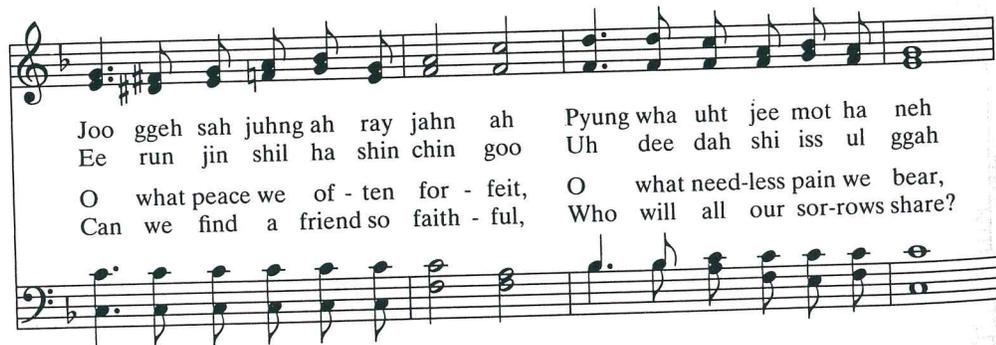
1. Chway jim ma tun oo ree goo joo Uh jjee joh un chin goon jee
2. She hum guhk juhng mo dun kway rom Um nun sah rahm noo goon gah

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?



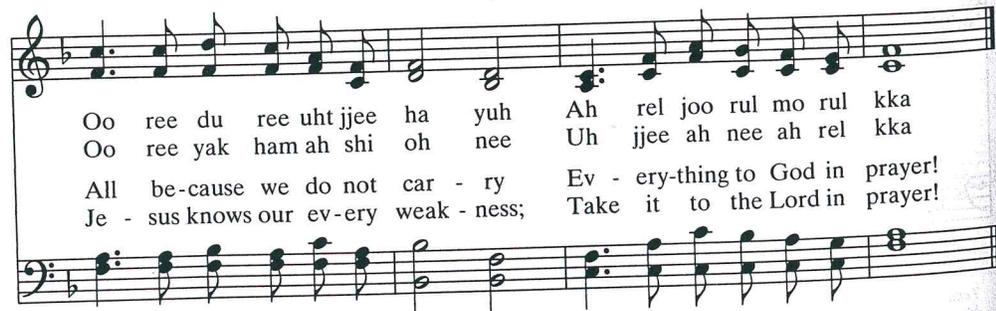
Kuhk juhng keun shim moo guh oon jim Oo ree joo ggeh mat ggee seh
Boo jil up see nahk shim mahl go Kee doh duh ryuh ah ray seh

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Joo ggeh sah juhng ah ray jahn ah Pyung wha uht jee mot ha neh
Ee run jin shil ha shin chin goo Uh dee dah shi iss ul ggah

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?



Oo ree du ree uht jjee ha yuh Ah rel joo rul mo rul kka
Oo ree yak ham ah shi oh nee Uh jjee ah nee ah rel kka

All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev-ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!