

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • September 6, 2020**  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

During this worship service we are invited to receive the elements of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. To participate with us, please have available a bit of bread or crackers, and some kind of juice or beverage.

**Welcome**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and  
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

**Prelude**

*Brothers and Sisters, We Have Met to Worship*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble in awe.

**Hymn 401**

*Here in This Place - Gather Us In*

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

## Prayer of the Day

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name. And finally, by your mercy, may we obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

## Homily

*Life together - the gathering*

## Offertory

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds Us Together*

arr. Mark Hayes

## Announcements and Prayer Concerns

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Including the *Lord's Prayer*, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

## Hymn 529

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Draw us in the Spirit's ether, for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

arr. Diane Bish