

WORSHIPPING GOD
July 18, 2021
“Geared Up for Life – Learning from Ephesians”

**We invite those who are able to stand*

Invitation to Worship.....Dan Koger

Prelude..... *Spencer Koger, Piano*

*Call to Worship.....Laura Flick

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—

members of God’s family and brothers and sisters to one another.

There are no outsiders here among us,

no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

Let’s join together in worship!

*Hymn.....Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

Led by the CBC Ensemble

*Diverse in culture, nation, race
We come together by your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground
Where hope and healing love are found.*

*God, let us be a bridge of care
Connecting people everywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate
And lust for power that separate.*

*God, let us be a table spread
With gifts of love and broken bread,
Where all find welcome, grace attends,
And enemies arise as friends.*

*Passing of the Peace.....Dan Koger

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

New Testament Lesson (Ephesians 2).....Shelly Ullom

So remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called “uncircumcised” by Jews who are physically circumcised. At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God’s promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the dividing wall, the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups,

making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God.

When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God's people, and you belong to God's household. As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a dwelling place where God lives through the Spirit.

Morning Prayer.....Dan Koger

Visual Reflection – “A Prayer for the Church” (Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Meditation“Christ is Our Peace”Dan Koger

*Hymn.....In Christ There Is No East or West

Led by the CBC Ensemble

*In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith,
What e're your race may be;
Who serves my Father as his child
Is surely kin to me.*

Blessing for CLUE Camp and CBC Missionaries

*Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Sending Forth.....Dan Koger

Postlude.....*Spencer Koger, Piano*