

Sunday, January 19, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

MLK Sunday/Human Relations Sunday

TODAY'S FOCUS: SPIRITUAL GIFTS. Paul wants us to remember that God gives spiritual gifts to everyone and each of us has gifts to share. Which gifts do we have? How are we nurturing them, in ourselves and in others?

PRELUDE — Anneke Toomey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #114 “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

1. God of change and glory, God of time and space,
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.

REFRAIN: Many gifts, one Spirit, on love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver, one Lord, one spirit, one Word,
Known in many ways, hallowing our days. For the giver for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

2. God of many colors, God of many signs, you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. **REFRAIN**

3. Freshness of the morning, newness of each night, you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, may gifts from one great heart. **REFRAIN**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 36:5-10)** — Diana Murray

One: God, your steadfast love is so vast, it reaches beyond our sight, and your faithfulness is greater than the world we see.

Many: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments save humans and animals, and are as deep as the deepest ocean.

One: How precious is your steadfast love! In the safety of your wings, all people may take comfort and refuge.

Many: In your house, they find food that satisfies and living water that quenches all thirst.

One: Your life and love are like a fountain in our lives.

Many: You are the love-filled Light that allows us to see and understand.

One: O God, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

All: And continue your salvation to those who love you with an upright heart!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — ?

SPECIAL MUSIC — ?

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 — Diana Murray

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

MESSAGE

“Gift Giving”

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

UMH #177 “He Is Lord” (2x)

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every Knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

OFFERTORY — Anneke Toomey

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Diana Murray

ALL: Loving God, in the midst of the clamor of the world, we hear you speaking to our spirits, urging us and encouraging us to use the gifts you have so graciously bestowed on each one of us. As we present our tithes and offering to you this morning, help us to make the connection between the faithfulness you require and the blessings you bestow. In the name of your Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** TFWS #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

REFRAIN: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: **REFRAIN**

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other,
we will work side by side, and we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride: **REFRAIN**

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: **REFRAIN**

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Anneke Toomey

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke
Song Leader—Janice Bachmann
Liturgist — Diana Murray

Accomp.—Anneke
Special Music — ?
Children's Message —?

Offertory—Anneke
Organ — Betsy
Violin — Rae Ann