

Sunday, January 25, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
ALL-CHURCH CELEBRATION & POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP!

TODAY'S FOCUS: UNITY. How do we overcome the stumbling blocks in our relationships that weaken our partnership with Christ and diminish the Church of God?

PRELUDE — Brendan Krueger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

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

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #545 “The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

1. The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 27* — Diana Murray

One: The Lord is our light;

Many: whom shall we fear?

One: The Lord is our stronghold;

Many: of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Let us behold the beauty of the Lord and seek his Word.

Many: and our feet will remain on solid ground.

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation;

All: Let us sing and shout for joy!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC — Closer Walk “Me and Jesus”

HYMN TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Sue Mercer

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 — Diana Murray

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

MESSAGE “United We Stand, Divided We Fall” Rev. Lin Cheek

***RESPONSIVE HYMN** UMH #557 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

2. Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other’s woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

OFFERTORY — Rinn Choir “Will the Circle Be Unbroken”

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Diana Murray**

All: God of grace and mercy, you sent your Son into our midst that we might see his way of love, and that we might hear his call and follow. May we all follow Christ by working together in ministry and mission, and living by Christ's example. Bless these gifts we offer you this morning. They represent a sacrifice and commitment to be ones who walk in the way of compassion, grace, and love. We pray in the holy name of the Christ, our Example, our Hope, and our Redeemer. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin [are there any joys or concerns today?]

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 #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus — no turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me — no turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow — no turning back, no turning back.

***BENEDICTION — Lin**

POSTLUDE — Brendan Krueger

Prelude/Postlude—Brendan Krueger
Offertory— Choir
Organ — Betsy Foushee
Liturgist —Diana Murray
Special Music: Love Light

Accomp.— Brendan Krueger
Song Leader — Scott Anderson
Violin — Rae Ann Norell
Children's Message— Sharon Goldade