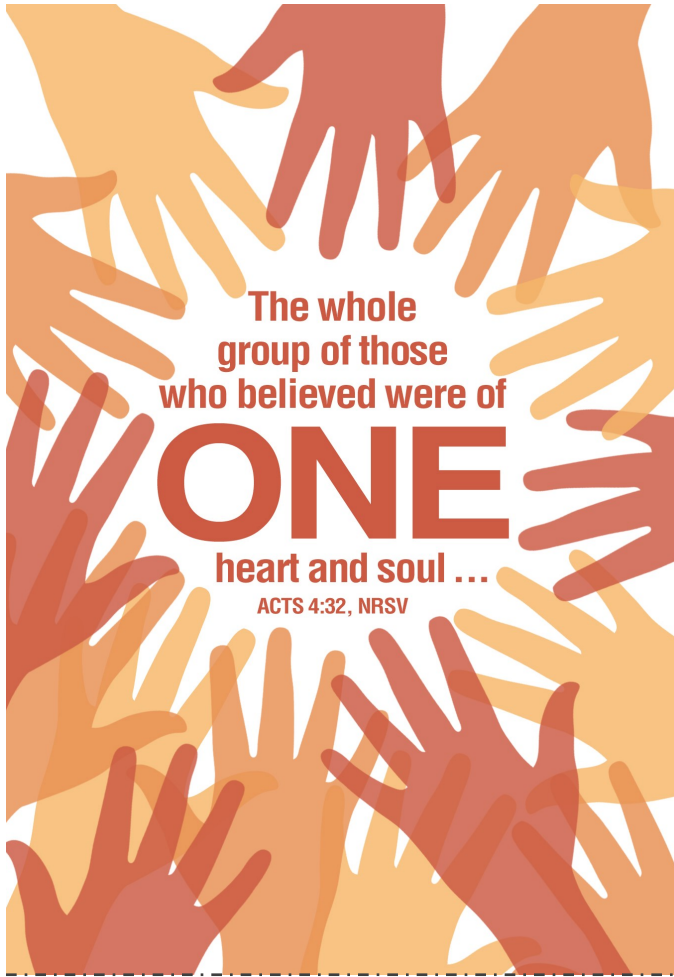


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Worship Celebration

Twenty-fourth Sunday
after Pentecost

November 12, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children Words of Welcome

Prelude *Kommst du nun Jesu, vom Himmel herunter*, BWV 650
Johann Sebastian Bach

+ Opening Prayer

*Beloved,
we are called to live in right relationship with God
by loving one another.
Let us come together to live and love
centered around Christ.*

+ Hymn

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

First Lesson — John 15.12-17 (NRSVUE)

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson — Acts 4.31-35 (NRSVUE)

³¹When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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Sermon

Living Into Community

Hymn

Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry

and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

arr. Andre Thomas

Doxology

UMH 95

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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

*Freely we have received;
freely we give,
with gratitude and joy.
Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

Amazing Grace (vv. 1,3,4,6)

UMH 378

+ Benediction

Postlude

Invention in G

Josh Kraybill

*Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.*

A Note from the Organist:

Today's postlude was my midterm project for my 18th century counterpoint class. I hope you all enjoy.

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Morning Prayer:

Center of all, I awake to the day you have made
with praise on my lips,
for your Spirit gives me breath.
May I live this day for the sake of Jesus,
the light of the world,
the apple of my eye,
my beginning and end. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Creator of all, you make the night
for peace and rest.
In the moon and stars we see the reflection
of your eternal light,
so whether we live or whether we die,
we know that we belong to you.
Keep watch over those who work through the night;
give peace to those who cannot sleep.
Let me surrender all anxiety and fear
to your loving embrace,
that I may awake to serve you with joy. Amen.