

**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**January 23, 2022**  
**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

\*Please stand as you are able, in body or in Spirit.

Gathering Song

*"Find a Home Here"*

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

*"The peace of Christ be with you"*

*"And also with you"*

Prelude

*"Gather By the River to Pray"*

arr. Pepper Choplin

\*Call to Worship

*from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**God calls us to be builders as well.**

God calls us to build our lives:

**to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

God calls us to build our faith:

**to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

God calls us to build our community:

**to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

\*Hymn #332

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1-3, 6)*

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance

*from the UCC Book of Worship*

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. **We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Glory Be to the Father #704

Anthem "We Are the Body of Christ" Emily Lund  
Joanne Slothower, flutist

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Children's Sermon Roxanne Davenport

Testimony Aaron Hartman

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21

Meditation Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Our Savior (debts)

\*Hymn #273 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\*Invitation to Giving

\*Commission & Benediction from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Go into the world and proclaim the good news!

As we go from this place on this day holy to God we rejoice in the strength of God, we fix our eyes on the grace of Christ, and we drink deeply of the Spirit, who makes us one.

Postlude

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If you are ill, have a fever, or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you remain at home.

**The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross** are given to the Glory of God.

**Worship Resources:** *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* and *UCC Book of Worship*.

**Year End Giving Statements** are available by contacting the church office.

<b>Worship Participants</b>	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Gloria Crum
Deacon in Charge	Mike Herbert
Lector	Gary Patterson
Children's Sermon	Roxanne Davenport
Media Coordinator	David Frantz and Connie Morrill-Hair
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman

# 332 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
 3. Je-sus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sor-rows cease;  
 4. He breaks the power of can-celed sin, He sets the pris-oner free;  
 5. He speaks, and lis-tening to His voice, new life the dead re-ceive;  
 6. To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be ev-er, ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of His grace.  
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of Thy name.  
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.  
 His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a-vailed for me.  
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.  
 by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 100)  
 MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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Higher key, No. 209; lower key, No. 520

# 333 Make a Joyful Noise

*Unison*

1. Make a joy-ful noise to the Lord all peo-ple, come join your voic-es to  
 2. Make a joy-ful noise to the Lord all peo-ple, let's swell the courts as we

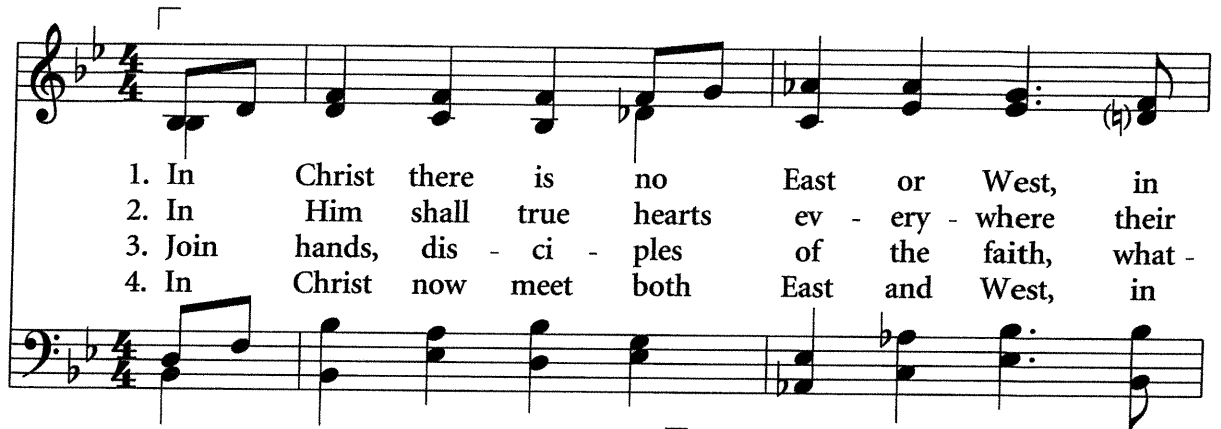
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 MUSIC: William B. Petricko, 2001; arr. Andrew Daniels, 2009  
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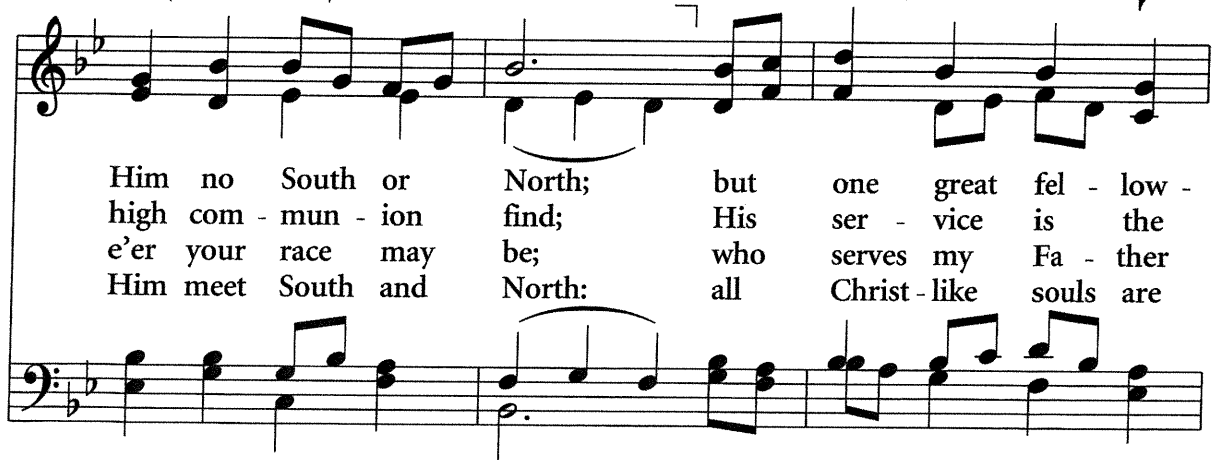


love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

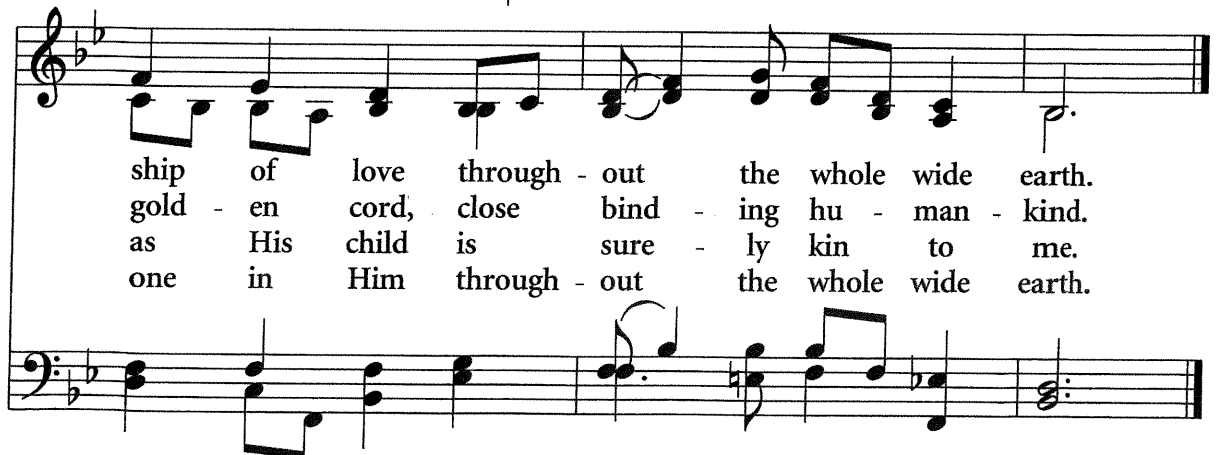
## In Christ There Is No East or West 273



1. In Christ there is no East or West, in  
 2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 4. In Christ now meet both East and West, in



Him no South or North; but one great fel - low -  
 high com - mun - ion find; His ser - vice is the  
 e'er your race may be; who serves my Fa - ther  
 Him meet South and North: all Christ - like souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord, close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 as His child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908, alt. (Gal. 3:28; Luke 13:29)  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

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*Alternate tune, ST. PETER*