



PRELUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 133

One: How good and pleasant it is
when kindred – when brothers –
live together in unity.

All: **It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
On the beard of Aaron, running down
over the collar of his robes.**

One: It is like the dew of Hermon which falls
on the mountains of Zion.

All: **For there the Lord ordained his
blessing,
life forevermore.**

SONG *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (#350)*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for the time is drawing nigh.

Refrain:

Sisters, don't grow weary;
brothers, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for the time is drawing nigh.

It's our faith makes us happy;
it's our faith makes us happy;
it's our faith makes us happy,
for the time is drawing nigh. **[Refrain]**

We are climbing Jacob's ladder;
we are climbing Jacob's ladder;
we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
for the time is drawing nigh. **[Refrain]**

Every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher,
for the time is drawing nigh. **[Refrain]**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious God, help us to see and speak the truth.
Our lives are impacted by our choices and those of
others that put argument ahead of listening, and
conflict ahead of peace. We want to be victors more
than we desire to speak blessing. We do not see the
beauty, power, and mystery in the world you have
created. Jesus, have mercy on us! Heal and
transform us! Open our ears to listen and our eyes
to notice. Put words of peace and blessing in our
minds and in our mouths. Amen.*

(moment for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE— from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

*Brothers and sisters, hear the good news! For all people
who are in Christ, we are reconciled to God and being
made new. Christ reconciled us to God, and gave us the
ministry of praying and acting for the restoration of unity
in our church, neighborhood, nation, and world. Thanks
be to God, we are forgiven and invited into the blessed
community. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

SONG *We Are One in the Spirit (#300)*

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:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

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:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

