

Service Sheet for Sunday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Hymn: “What Brought Us Together” (v. 1 – 2)

What brought us together, what joined our hearts, the pardon which Jesus, our High Priest, imparts?
‘Tis this, which cements the disciples of Christ, who are into one, by the Spirit baptized.

Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell, and thus in sweet concert Christ’s praises to tell
In peace and blessed union our moments to spend, and live in communion with Jesus our Friend?

Hymn: “They Who Jesus’ Followers Are: (v. 1 – 2)

They who Jesus’ followers are, and enjoy his faithful care
By a mutual, hearty love their belief in Jesus prove.

By your reconciling love every stumbling block remove
Each to each unite, endear; come and spread your banner here.

Hymn: “There is a Balm in Gilead”

*Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
(Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, ‘He died for all.’ *(Refrain)*

Music:

“Sweet and Low” – Improvisation on Traditional Hymn

“Will There Really be a Morning” – by Ricky Ian Gordon

“Liebesleid” (“Love’s Sorrow”) - by Fritz Kreisler

“Prelude No. 1” - by George Gershwin

Reflection:

“To Know Him” - by Barbara Axelson

Our Watchword this week is to ‘lay aside immaturity’ (what a great idea!) and to walk in the way of insight (another great idea). Our hymn asks, ‘what brought us together’? We learn that it is Christ’s pardon, which ‘cements’ together the disciples of Christ. Now ‘cements’ is a pretty impressive word. Do you think of yourself as cemented to your friends, your acquaintances, and passing strangers?

We cannot know which strangers are disciples until they are no longer strangers. So the hymn writer encourages us to tell them of Christ, described as “our Friend.” And we are to test the spirits and be watchful - again walking in the way of insight. Be alert to recognize God. We can learn to know him more perfectly through his word, fellowshiping with his children and going to him in prayer - what a gift! Amen.



Throughout August we are also holding **Sunday 8:00 a.m. services** in the parking lot at Ephraim Moravian Church (9970 Moravia Street). Bring a chair, we will be singing, and park in the upper church parking lot or on Moravia Street. There will be a few spaces on the lower parking lot for those with mobility issues. These 8:00 a.m. services will be cancelled if there is inclement weather.