

*“Can't We All  
Just Get Along?”*



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**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Eighth Sunday After  
Pentecost  
July 18, 2021  
10:00 a.m.*

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME Pastor Mary Hurley

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

\*OPENING HYMN "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (#317, vs 1, 4)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

**People: We have come for relief from life's turmoil. God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.**

Leader: God's steadfast love surrounds us here. We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

**People: This is God's house, and we are God's children. God invites us to feel at home in this place.**

Leader: We have a covenant with our Creator. This is a time for renewal of our promises.

**People: God calls for righteousness and justice. God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.**

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

**Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do. Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. We feel your compassion for us and for all your children. We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust. You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri

MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mary

RESPONSE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

LORDS PRAYER (in unison)

HYMN "Cornerstone" Katie Maurer

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2: 11-22 (NRSV) Pastor Mary

SERMON "Can't We All Just Get Along?" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Oh, How Good It Is" Katie Maurer  
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\*RESPONSE "Bless Thou the Gifts" (p. 625)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks. Establish your rule in our midst so we may proclaim your reign in the world. Send us where you need us most. Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community. Be to us a watchful Parent, and teach us to live as sisters and brothers who find you in one another and respond in love to each other's needs. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Just As I Am" (#293, vs 1, 5, 6)

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Mary

POSTLUDE Katie Maurer

(\* All who are able please stand when noted.)