

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP, AUGUST 14, 2022  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

WESTWOOD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CINCINNATI, OH



*Body of Christ* by Danny Hahlbohm

ONE BODY  
MANY PARTS

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

**Welcome and Announcements**

*[Please take a moment to silence all mobile devices and prepare for worship.]*

**Prelude:** “Andante” from *Sonata No. 5 in E Minor*—J. S. Bach  
Samantha Goes, flute and Heather MacPhail, piano

**Ringing of the Tower Bell**

*[\* Where indicated (\*), those who are able are invited to stand.]*

**\* Call to Worship** (*Responsive*)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

We gather as your beloved children, O God.

However glad, or out of sorts we are—we come to you.

**We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.**

**We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.**

We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

**We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community,**

**So this becomes a place where all are welcome.**

We come together to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with one another.

With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

**Opening Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 482:** “*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*”

Samantha Goes, flute

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him.

### Invitation to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Merciful God, too often we wrestle and struggle: with ourselves, with our friends and family, with the world around us—and, especially, with you. We fall into the trap of thinking that we can fix, control, or change someone or something. We beat our heads against the wall, grow increasingly frustrated, until we are exhausted. Remind us of the opportunities you provide to try something new and different. Help us to let go, to relinquish control—to stop the struggle and trust you, and believe once again that you are with us, and for us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

#### A Moment for Silent, Personal Confession

#### Assurance of Forgiveness (*Responsive*)

We rejoice in the good news that God sent Jesus into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him; that by faith—and faith alone—we are justified.

**Thanks and praise be to God. Amen.**

May Christ’s peace—that which the world cannot give—be with you now and always!  
**And also with you!**

#### \* **Response: Gloria Patri** (*Unison*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end, amen, amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS



August WestFed Food Pantry needs: Cereal, canned vegetables (beans, peas, etc.)



Flowers are given this week in memory of:

- ♥ Ron Rothhaas, their son Robert, and their parents, Margaret and Edward Jones and Helen and Elmer Rothhaas, by Eileen Rothhaas..
- ♥ Fred and Carol Hillsley, by their family.



Prayers are requested for:

- ♥ Bob Peters, a friend of Denny and Beth Richmond.
- ♥ Walt Albers, Linda Gardner’s brother, facing cancer surgery.
- ♥ Bob and Cindy Robertson, friends of Pastor Jeff and Jane.
- ♥ Lore McBain and her family, cousins of Pastor Jeff.
- ♥ Eileen Rothhaas, with health concerns.
- ♥ Joe Dearwester, continuing health issues.
- ♥ Ada Tribble, Chancie’s mom
- ♥ Greg Vails, recovering from surgery.
- ♥ John Schickner, recovering from COVID, at Shawneespring in Harrison.
- ♥ Wendy’s former student, Nick, battling with cancer.
- ♥ Cathie and Larry DeFazio, dealing with on-going health issues.
- ♥ Linda Kugele who continues to deal with breathing issues.
- ♥ Our homebound members and friends.
- ♥ Our Scouting units, their families and leaders.
- ♥ Our Session, our committees, and the discernment team.
- ♥ Our partnership with City Gosel Mission’s Princesses Ballet.



## MOMENT FOR MEDITATION: IF WE ARE THE BODY...

It's crowded in worship today, as she slips in  
Trying to fade into the faces.  
The girl's teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know,  
Farther than they know...

But if we are the body, why aren't his arms reaching?  
Why aren't his hands healing? Why aren't his words teaching?  
And if we are the body, why aren't his feet going?  
Why is his love not showing them there is a way, there is a way?

A traveler is far away from home. He sheds his coat  
And quietly sinks into the back row.  
The weight of their judgmental glances,  
Tells him that his chances are better out on the road.

But if we are the body, why aren't his arms reaching?  
Why aren't his hands healing? Why aren't his words teaching?  
And if we are the body, why aren't his feet going?  
Why is his love not showing them there is a way?

Jesus paid much too high a price  
For us to pick and choose who should come,  
And we are the body of Christ.

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Jesus is the way.

~ Written by Mark Hall of the Christian band, *Casting Crowns*



## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Reading:** *1 Corinthians 12:4-30—One Body with Many Members*

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

<sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

<sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 17:20-21—The Coming of the Kingdom*

<sup>20</sup> Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, <sup>21</sup> nor will they say ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For in fact the kingdom of God is within you.”

**Sermon:** “*If We Are the Body, Which Part Are You?*”

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

### **Invitation to Stewardship**

*[No offering will be collected. Please place your offerings in the baskets located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity—now and always!]*

### **Offertory Prayer** (*Unison*)

**Gracious God, thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your reign of righteousness here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. We ask these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Offertory Solo:** “*Sicilienne*” from *Pelleas et Melisande*—Faure  
Samantha Goes, flute

### **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

#### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

#### **Sharing of the Elements**

#### **Pastoral Prayer after Communion**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us—not into temptation—but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## BEARING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* **Hymn No. 435:** “*We All Are One in Mission*”

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace  
So every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming Word.  
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Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

### **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** “*Voluntary in C Major*”—Boyce

## LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Jeff Colarossi, *Pastor*

Heather MacPhail, *Organist/Director of Music Ministries*

Jason Dennison, *Videographer/Director of Technology*

Jane Colarossi, *Lay Worship Leader*

