

CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ONE IN CHRIST

WELCOME & BREATH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

OPENING SONG # 2224

"Make Us One, Lord"

The Faith We Sing

Make us one Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You. (2X)

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Safiyah Fosua

Jesus prayed that we might be one; one in spirit, one in mission, in union with each other and with You. Help us to recognize your reflection in the eyes of everyone. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION

"For Everyone Born"

Shirley Erena Murray

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice, and joy, compassion and peace.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,

And God will delight when we are creators of justice, and joy, compassion and peace.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice, and joy, compassion and peace.
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him. I realize how kind God has been to me, and so I tell each of you not to think you are better than you really are. Use good sense and measure yourself by the amount of faith that God has given you. A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another. God has also given each of us different gifts to use. If we can prophesy, we should do it according to the amount of faith we have. If we can serve others, we should serve. If we can teach, we should teach. If we can encourage others, we should encourage them. If we can give, we should be generous. If we are leaders, we should do our best. If we are good to others, we should do it cheerfully.

MESSAGE

"One Whole Body"

Pastor Roy

CLOSING SONG # 560

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

United Methodist Hymnal

Help us accept each other, as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human, and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations, to do the truth in love,
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters, with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, fill us with your wisdom and strength. Help us to accept one another as brothers and sisters, finding love and joy in our life together. Unite us, overcoming all hostility and prejudice that might keep us apart. Seeking to be the Body of Christ on earth, build us up in the bonds of peace. Amen.