

Sunday Morning Worship
July 13, 2008



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to Brethren

Brethren Church General Conference
Church of the Brethren 222nd Annual Conference
Sunday Morning Worship Service
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9:00 Gathering Music

9:15 Announcements

9:30 Prelude

Prelude Toccata in F Major, BWV 540 J.S. Bach

Welcome and Prayer

*Song/Hymn “Brethren We Have Met to Worship”

*Call to Worship Psalm 100

Reader One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Reader Two: Worship the Lord with gladness; .

Reader One: Come before Him with joyful songs.

Reader Two: Know that the Lord is God.

Congregation: It is He who made us, and we are His; We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Reader One: Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

Reader Two: Give thanks to Him and praise His name. .

Congregation: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Song/Hymn The Wonderful Cross Redman

Scripture Romans 6:3-11

“Belief Declared and Lived!” *Arden E. Gilmer, Park Street Brethren Church, Ohio*

Hymn: "Count Well the Cost"

Offering Call to Joyful/Thankful Giving

Offertory "Here I Am"

Prayer of dedication and blessing

Choral Anthem "Speak, O Lord"

Scripture John 12:24-26a

Hymn/Song "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

Confession/Reconciliation Litany of Confession

One: Indeed, dear God of faith and faithfulness, we haven't been gentle with our immediate faith families and we haven't been gracious with our brethren cousins. Some of our divisions are informal, personal, and daily; some of our divisions are formalized, institutional, embedded in history that stretches back 125 years.

All: We confess our fear-based anger and the hurtful ways in which we have lashed out. We confess our reactive righteousness and our reluctant humility. Forgive us, we pray.

One: Ease our fears and embolden our love; Restore us to each other and to you, we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Who taught his followers to pray, saying,

All: 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*use: sins and those who sin against us*)

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn/Song “Heart with Loving Heart United”

Scripture Psalm 133:1-3

“Power in Unity” *Shanthi Edwin, Brush Valley Brethren Church, Pennsylvania*

Feetwashing “You Who Took a Towel” (Duet)
“Bind Us Together” (Words on screen)

Scripture Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

“Well Grounded Grain Brings Phenomenal Fruit” *Chris Bowman, Oakton Church of the Brethren, Virginia*

*Songs/hymns “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Benediction/Sending “Forever”

*Those that are able please stand.

Worship Team: Arden Gilmer, Shanthi Edwin, Chris Bowman

Music Coordinator: Leslie Lake

Choir Director: Jesse Hopkins

Organist & Pianist: Leah Hileman & Jonathan Emmons

Drummer: Aaron Gomez

Scripture Readers: Gretchen Zience, Shanthi Edwin, Deann Oburn, and
Kurt Borgman

Offering Prayer: Fred Miller

Joint Praise Team:

Brethren Church: Tony Lieb, James Pinto, Phil Quinn, Jim Frado, and Jenn Pinto.

Church of the Brethren: Leah Hileman, Leslie Lake, Bob Lake, Ruby Deoleo, Scott Duffey, and Tom Zuercher.