COB - NYC 2018
7-24 PM TUESDAY Worship

Joyful Noise

Everywhere I Go
The Hula
Sisi Kushangilia
Move In Our Midst
Here As In Heaven

Promo Spot

Peacebuilding and Public Policy Office for Church of the Brethren

Live Announcements

Speaker Introduction

Call to Worship

[Piano underscores this]

Take a moment and breathe...[count to 10]

Breathe in God’s peaceful presence...[count to 5]

Already here, already moving...

Choir Anthem - verse 1

"Breath of God, Breath of Peace"

by Adam M. L. Tice and Sally Ann Morris
Opening Prayer
Come upon us, Breath of God.
Refresh us, Restore us.
Inspire us
And Fill us.
Fill us with your peace, your love, your grace.
So that together we can become your church - your Body

Come upon us, Breath of God.
Empower us, Unite us.
And bring us peace.
Amen

Choir Anthem - verse 2-3
"Breath of God, Breath of Peace"
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Passing of the Peace

Song of Prayer
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Scripture Litany
Ephesians 4:1-6

ONE: So here's what I want you to do.
TWO: Live as people worthy of the call you have received from God.
ONE: I don't want any of you sitting on your hands.
TWO: I don't want any of you strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere.

ONE: Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience.

TWO: Accept each other with love. Alert at noticing differences,

ONE: and quick at mending fences.

TWO: You're all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction,

ONE: So stay together,

TWO: Outwardly

ONE: And inwardly.

TWO: You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope.

ONE: There is one Lord, one baptism

TWO: One God who is above all, through all, and in all.

ONE: But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same.

TWO: Out of the generosity of Christ, we are each given our own gift

ONE: So we may be family.

TWO: The family of faith God calls us to be.

Message
Audrey and Tim Hollenberg-Duffey

Anointing - Introduction
Anointing in the Church of the Brethren is a special ordinance by which oil is placed on your forehead and special words of blessing are spoken, and then a prayer is shared by the anointer. Over the years, people have been anointed for many reasons- healing, calling, life transitions- anointing is a deliberate way to include the blessing of God in your life. Tonight maybe you feel a relationship is torn in your life, with a friend or a family member, maybe you feel like your relationship with God is distant or fractured. Maybe, you are simply seeking a stronger covenant with God and with your brothers and sisters.

Whatever your personal reasons, tonight we anoint for True Peace. We anoint one another with the hope and promise that the True Peace of Christ might bind us together in a common purpose for ministry in his name. To model this True Peace between brothers and
sisters, anointers will be scattered around this worship space. Every anointing position will have a youth and advisor so that the harmony of their ministry might be demonstrated.

Brothers and Sisters, in just a moment, anointing pairs will scatter across the room. You will be invited to be anointed. As the music plays you are welcome to go to a pair near you as you are led and be anointed for the True Peace of Christ to fill your heart. Let us come into this time of anointing in an attitude of prayer and reflection.

**Anointing**

*Phrase:*

We anoint each other to bind ourselves in the hope and peace of Christ.

*Singing during anointing:*

Take, O Take Me As I Am
Come and Fill Our Hearts
Light of the World
Fluye, Espiritu Fluye
Come Share the Spirit

**Anointing - Prayer**

Lord of all,

Tonight many of us have chosen to take a step closer to you. God, we ask that you strengthen the covenant that you have with your people. We ask that you bind us up with Christ to participate in his ministry.

But Lord, even as we stepped closer to you, we have stepped closer to one another. So we ask that you might bless our covenant with one another. We ask that you would never have us feel alone. We ask that love might rule in our hearts as we ministry hand in hand.

In loving one another, we show the world which prefers division, that you are truly one God who is above all and through all and in all. We are not the same, but we are your body, leaning into our diversity for the sake of our unified mission. May the anointing we now share bind us together. And may the true peace you offer fill our hearts so that we might work together in common purpose for ministry in your son’s name. It is in his name that we pray all these things. Amen.
**Song**

God, Make Us Your Family

**Sending**

Tim: I beg you, bear with one another in love,

All: and the God of peace will be with us.

Audrey: Make every effort to maintain the unity of the spirit,

All: and the God of peace will be with us.

Tim: Bind yourselves with true peace,

All: and the God of peace will be with us.

Audrey: Live a life worthy of the calling to which you’ve been called,

All: and the God of peace will be with us.

Both: Go in Christ’s peace.