

Worship Leadership

Our thanks to all who helped to prepare and lead this evening's worship service, including:

PreacherModerator David Sollenberger
Worship leader.....Christina Singh
Music coordinator.....Scott Duffey
Ensemble.....Dan Shaffer (drum set), Andy Duffey (percussion/Djembe),
Kevin Walsh (bass guitar), David Sollenberger (lead guitar),
vocals by Kayla Alphonse, Ellen Whitacre Wile,
Gilbert Romero, and Josiah Ludwick
Keyboard and guest soloistLeah Hileman
PianistRyan Arndt
Guest hymn leaderNancy Faus
OrganistBilly Martin
Touching moment ..written and enacted by Frank Ramirez and Jennifer K. Scarr
Recorded music for skitSteve Engle
TestimonyCliff Kindy
Liturgyprepared by Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm and Paula Bowser
Worship center.....designed and created by David Thornburg
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Sunday Evening, July 10

Embracing One Another with Christ as Our Example

Preacher

David Sollenberger

"Following Jesus Again... Must We?"



Church of the Brethren Annual Conference 2022
Omaha, Nebraska

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Gathering Music

Welcome

Processional *We Kneel Together* #32
*We kneel together, we bow as one, we raise our voices to God above.
Free all your people, make all things new, You're our Redeemer,
we worship you.*

*Responsive Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship God who loves us, Christ whose love embraces the world, and the Holy Spirit whose love never ends.

Many: This is love...

One: not that we first loved God, but that God first loved us.

Many: This is love...

One: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Many: This is love...

All: that we are to love one another as God loves us.

*Invocation

***Hymn** *Come Let Us All Unite to Sing* #3

Touching Moment from Our Past Wet and Wild

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music *God the Maker*

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of mercy, forgiveness, and warm embrace, thank you for gathering us together. We offer our gifts of money, time, and attention. We give ourselves to you even as we seek to support one another. Through all your people, throughout the world, we offer gifts of love and compassion, asking that you multiply them many times over. Thank you for this conference and our meeting together: help us to practice your warm embrace with one another in all of our listening and speaking, our praying and giving, our working and worshiping. In the name of One who embraces all, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Testimony

Hymn *He Is Among Us* #10

Scripture Reading Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Following Jesus Again... Must We?

Prayers of the People in Word and Song *Oh, Draw Me, Lord* #14

One: Please join me in prayer.

All: God of love and mercy,
we pray for your forgiveness.

We sometimes take from others what does not belong to us: assuming we know what is best, we speak more often than listen, we act before understanding.

We sometimes withhold from others what is ours to share: patience and forbearance, compassion and embrace.

All sing: *Oh Draw Me, Lord*

One: We continue in prayer.

All: God of compassion and forgiveness,
we know that your love is larger than we understand,
and your arms reach widely to all the world.

Bless us now as we turn again to you.

Help us to receive your forgiveness as we long to forgive ourselves and one another.

Help us to feel your embrace as surely as you embrace us.

All sing: *Oh Draw Me, Lord*

One: We continue in prayer.

All: God of creation and its creatures,
move us beyond ourselves to our neighborhoods and world.

As Jesus saw neither sinner nor saint

but one who longed to be received in love,

teach us to lift our gaze beyond our hopes and fears, to see neither strangers nor enemies but neighbors and friends.

We are your people, in Christ Jesus

who teaches us to embrace one another as he draws us closer to you.

All sing: *Oh Draw Me, Lord*

***Hymn** *Eres Todo Poderoso* #6

*Benediction

Postlude *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* Gordon Young

**Please stand as you are able*