Welcome
Betsy

Prelude
“Here In This Place”  Christopher Grundy

The Call
Jeremiah 31:7-9 (The Inclusive Bible)

“For thus says YHWH:
Sing aloud with joy for Jacob!
Hail the Heads of Nations!
Make your praises heard, and say,
‘YHWH, save your people, Israel’s remnant!’
For I will bring them from the lands of the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth -
the blind and the lame
will be among them,
along with expectant mothers and women in labor.

They will return in vast numbers.
They will return weeping and praying.
I will guide them in my mercy.
I will lead them beside streams of water,
along the level ground where they will not stumble.
For I am forever a mother and father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.”
Gathering Song

“Gather Your People” vv. 2 & 4

Gathering Prayer

Ever-calling God,
You have gathered us into your church
- a body, not a building -
and for that we give an abundance of thanks.
We ponder our history, ancient and still developing,
and marvel at the many expressions of your church.
Grant us the vision to be inspired as a reunited body
that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.
Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us,
into Jesus’ vision and dream
that your faithful people may be one in you.
Amen.

Children’s Time with Pastor Betsy

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:10-14 (The Inclusive Bible)

Hear the word of YHWH, you nations,
proclaim it on faraway shores:
“The one who scattered Israel will gather it in,
and watch over it as shepherds watch their flocks.”
For YHWH ransomed Jacob
and delivered the people from a foe stronger than they.
When the people arrive they will shout for joy on Zion’s heights,
radiant over God’s goodness -
over the grain, wine and oil,
over the young of the flocks and herds.
They will flourish like well-watered gardens,
and sorrow will be no more.
Then the young women will dance with joy,
and the young men and the elderly will make merry.
“I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, exchanging gladness for sorrow.
I will satisfy the priests with the fat of the land,
and my people their fill of the bounty,” says YHWH.

Message “Reunited, and It Feels So Good”

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
Song of Response

“This I Pray”
Amelia Lloyd, vocalist

Thanksgiving to God

Blessing and Commissioning

Sending Forth Song

“Blessed Be the Ties That Bind” vv. 1 & 4

Sources:

The Call is Jeremiah 31:7-9 in The Inclusive Bible.

Gather Your People

Based on 1 Corinthians 12; Isaiah 2:3-4; 11:9

INTRO \( m = 112 \) With a gospel swing

Capo 3: (Bm) (A/C\#) (D) (Bm7/E) (Esus4) (E) (Em7) (G) (G/A)

Dm C/E F F/G Gsus4 G Gm7 Gm7/C

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Melody

Bb/F F Gm7/C F Bb/F F Bb/F C/E Dm7

Harmony

Gather your people, O Lord. Gather your

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love. Gather your peoples, O Lord. Gather your

love, of love. Gather your peoples, O Lord.
VERSES

(A) C (Bm7) (Em7) (Asus4) (A) (F#m7) (Gmaj7)
Dm7 Gm7 Csus4 C Am7 Bbmaj7

1. Draw us forth to the table of life; brothers and sisters,
2. We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other,
3. No more harm on the mountain of God; swords into plow-shares.
4. Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life; waters of mercy,

(Gm7) (F#m7) (G) (C) (G/B) (G/A) 2 D.S.
Am7 Bb Eb Bb/D Bb/C

1. each of us called to walk in your light.
2. each of the gifts the Spirit provides.
3. Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.
4. waters of hope that flow from your side.
Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
2 Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;
3 We share each other’s woes, each other’s burdens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,

The sharing of a common life is like to that above.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.