through our abilities. Some are offered through our time and attention. Some are offered through acts of compassion. Some are offered through our financial resources. No gift stands alone. Together, our offerings become part of God's work of healing, welcoming, and serving. Let us stand as we are able and give generously, with gratitude, for the gifts God has entrusted to us.

DOXOLOGY ***Praise God*** **Blue Hymnal #46**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: ***God of every good gift, you have blessed us in different ways and called us to one shared ministry. Receive our offerings and receive the lives they represent. Join our gifts with the gifts of others, so that the hungry may be fed, the lonely may find companionship, the excluded may receive welcome, and the broken may experience healing. May all that we offer become a sign of your uniting love in Jesus Christ. Amen.***

HYMN ***We are One in the Spirit*** *(They'll Know We are Christians)* **Blue Hymnal #494**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God who created you rejoice in the person you are. May Jesus Christ, who prayed that we might be one, draw you into deeper love for your neighbors. May the Holy Spirit awaken your gifts and join them with the gifts of others.

And may we become, in all our beautiful difference, one body - serving together, growing together, and bearing witness together to the uniting love of God.

POSTLUDE & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING **Mr. Kevin Crone & Acolyte**

SENDING WORDS

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

All people: ***Amen.***

August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost
United in Christ Worship Series – ***That They May All Be One***

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: We now light the candles as a reminder that Christ is present among us.

All people: ***Christ gathers us into one body and calls us to live in love.***

PRELUDE & CANDLELIGHTING **Mr. Kevin Crone & Acolyte**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus prayed for those who would follow him:

Congregation: **"That they may all be one."**

Pastor: We come from different places and carry different stories.

Congregation: **Yet Christ gathers us into one community.**

Pastor: We possess different abilities, perspectives, questions, and gifts.

Congregation: **Yet the same Spirit moves among us all.**

Pastor: We do not need to be identical in order to belong.

Congregation: **We are members of one body.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship the God who creates diversity, nurtures community, and makes us one in love.

All people: ***Let us worship God together!***

HYMN ***The Church's One Foundation*** **Blue Hymnal #272**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Beloved of God, Jesus prayed that his followers might be one so that the world might recognize the love of God. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess the ways we have wounded the unity Christ desires.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: ***Merciful God, you have created us with different gifts, different stories, and different ways of seeing the world. Yet we confess that we sometimes treat difference as something to fear. We divide people into "us" and "them." We listen only to those who agree with us. We mistake unity for sameness and disagreement for hostility. We fail to recognize the gifts you have placed within***

others. Sometimes we act as though our part of the body is the only part that matters. Forgive us, God. Teach us to listen with humility, to speak with kindness, to disagree without dehumanizing, and to seek the good of the whole community. Make us one - not by erasing our differences, but by joining our lives through the love of Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Hear the Good News. God does not abandon the Body of Christ when it becomes divided or wounded. God continues to heal, restore, and gather us together.

All people: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Through the Holy Spirit we are renewed. By God's love, we are made one. Amen!***

PRAISE HYMN ***Gloria Patri*** **Blue Hymnal #35**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: Because we belong to one body, the peace given to one of us is meant to be shared by all of us. The peace of Christ be with you!

Congregation: **And, also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME" – ***Many Pieces, One Picture***

HYMN ***In Christ There is No East or West*** **RED Hymnal #406**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All people: ***Holy Spirit, you have spoken through prophets and teachers, through communities and individuals, and most fully through Jesus Christ. As the Scriptures are read, open our ears to hear your voice. Open our minds to receive your wisdom. Open our hearts to recognize our belonging to you and to one another. May your Word unite us in love and send us into the world as witnesses to Christ. Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING **1 Corinthians 12:4-14**
GOSPEL READING **John 17:20-23**

SERMON ***That They May All Be One*** **Rev. Laura C. Baker**

INVITATION TO REFLECTION

Pastor: Let us take a quiet moment to consider one or more of the following questions:

- What gift has God entrusted to me for the good of the whole?
- Whose gifts or experiences might I need to recognize more fully?
- Where might Christ be calling me to help mend a division?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All people: ***We believe in God, who created one human family in beautiful and sacred diversity. We believe in Jesus Christ, who prayed that his followers might be one and who crossed boundaries to welcome, heal, and restore. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives different gifts for the good of the whole community.***

We believe that the Church is one body with many members. No gift is unnecessary. No faithful voice is without value. No person stands alone.

We believe that our unity does not require uniformity. It is rooted in Christ, sustained by grace, and revealed through love.

With God's help, we will seek reconciliation, honor the gifts of others, and live as signs of Christ's uniting love. Amen.

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people*:** ***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.

SPECIAL MUSIC ***What a Wonderful World*** **Mr. Lucas Buhrman**

A white Offering Collection Box is located on the table between the sanctuary & overflow area

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: The Apostle Paul reminds us that the Spirit gives each person something that can serve the common good. Some gifts are offered