Call to Worship

* Opening Song: “Welcome”

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Prayers of the Community

ONE: Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way Jesus, and to care for our companions both here and beyond, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer these prayers on behalf of our community and our world.

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

ONE: For the welcoming of the outcast and the stranger, who long for a place at the table,

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: For the nourishment of those who hunger, who live each day uncertain of where their next meal will come from,

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: For the quenching of those who thirst in body and in spirit, whose parched mouths are silenced by systems of oppression and violence,

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
ONE: For the wisdom and humility of those in positions of power, that their words and actions might unite and uplift, rather than divide and discourage.

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ONE: And for all of us gathered here today, that we may be moved by your spirit to be active agents in your work of justice, reconciliation, and compassion in our world.

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

ALL: Open our hearts, O God, to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen.

Proclaiming
Sermon
Monica Banks (MDiv ’17)

Responding
Invitation and Offering
Gretchen Gabrielson (MDiv ’19)
Communion
Mark Jensen
Communion Song: “Come Share the Lord”
MUO #80

Sending
* Benediction
Monica Banks
* Sending Song: “Until All Are Fed”
MUO #108

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
Notes for Today’s Worship

About the Worship Leader
Monica Banks is a third-year student and candidate for ordination with the North Carolina Commission on Ministry of the Disciples of Christ. She founded New Communion, an Asset Based Community Development organization that focuses on food insecurity. She co-directs the organization with David Harrison (MDiv ‘17). She is wife to Ryan, and mother to Julia and Brennan. She is passionate about the biblical narrative of “shared abundance” and believes that real reconciliation begins at the Table. “The experience of the Eucharist outside the walls of the church allows us to truly experience the gospel.”

Worship
Today’s worship service was planned by Brian Hollingsworth (MDiv ‘17), Monica Banks (MDiv ‘17), and Sophia Russell (MDiv ‘18).

The altar design was created by Demi McCoy (MDiv ‘17) and Brian Hollingsworth (MDiv ‘17).

The bulletin cover is by Japanese artist Soichi Watanabe and is titled “We Are All One in Jesus Christ”

MUO = Make Us One Songbook

Parts of the Call to Worship and the Prayers of the Community are adapted from Vanderbilt’s Revised Common Lectionary: http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=42

Communion
Communion today is celebrated by intinction. You will be given a piece of bread that you are invited to dip into the wine or grape juice. The bread is gluten-free and baked by Marisa Fraley (MDiv ‘17). Wine and grape juice are present in both chalices. Wine is in the lesser-filled side of the chalice and inscribed with a “W.” Grape juice is in the greater-filled side of the chalice and is inscribed with a “J.”

Davis Chapel During Lent
Throughout the season of Lent, the chapel space will display visual reminders of our wilderness journey of fasting and repentance. The tapestries at the front have been replaced with purple cloth, symbolizing suffering and penitence. The altar design, including sand and stones, symbolizes desert and wilderness. The fountain will remain off, reminding us of our longing and thirst for God. The open windows, and the single candle in the middle of the altar, symbolize God’s light and presence with us, even in darkness.

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