Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

based on Romans 12:9-21

In a year that seems to have gone off the rails; when each day seems to dawn with new controversy; when uncertainty prevails and controversy is only a social media post away,

God calls us to a unique place of demonstrating his love: showing genuine love, hating what is evil, holding fast to what is good.

When people we've known for years question the authenticity of our faith and choose to "snooze" or "unfriend" instead of asking better questions,

God calls us to outdo one another in showing honor and to be patient in suffering.

When those who look, or act, or speak differently from us are portrayed as persons to be feared,

God calls us to extend hospitality to strangers.

Why should we do all things?

Because we are God's people. We will not be overcome by evil; we will overcome evil with good.

Song	Will you let me be your servant	
Moment for Mi	ssion	
Response	Praise God from whom all blessings flow	# 119

Hearing from God's Word Scripture

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Message

Can I get a witness?

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's prayerPrayer HymnGod's Own Fool

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn Cha	my heart, O God # 114
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Benediction

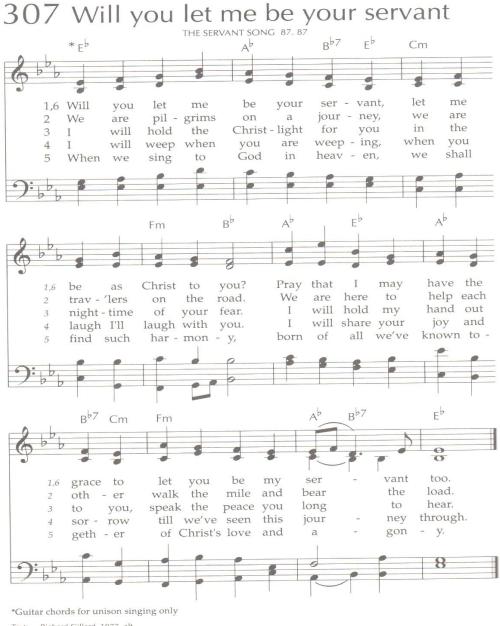
Postlude

Instrumentalists:

Stephen Wills – keyboard Joe Blaha – recorder, arranger Sam Phillips – viola Judy Saunders – guitar Kathie Robinson – flute Shelly Haas – bells Lucas Musselman – djembe

Prayer concerns

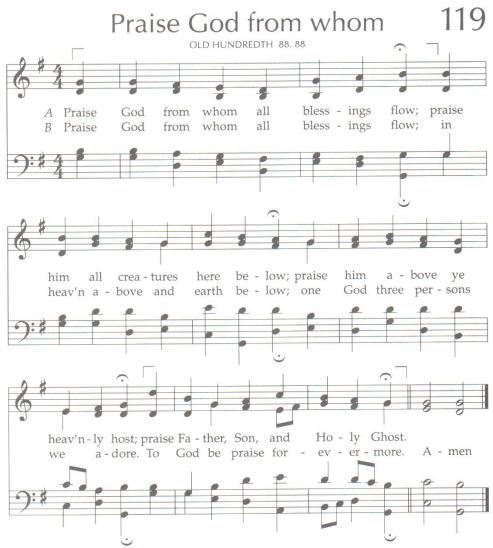
Becky Fowler – recovering from surgery Joyce Harmon – recovering from surgery Rachel Mabe – chemotherapy Gavin Robinson – upcoming heart valve replacement surgery PROCLAIMING: Church



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