



First United Methodist Church of Carson City
January 22, 2023

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Joyful Noise Praise Band Leader: Chris Causey
Pianist: Katie Carozza
Organist: Nancy Mielke

Prelude

Welcome

Praise Songs *Here I Am to Worship*
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Opening Prayer

LEADER

The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

ALL:

Let us join hearts and voices in praise.

LEADER:

In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

ALL:

Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.

LEADER:

God, help us! We know that Christ is not divided. We know that it is your baptism to which we have been called. It is your service to which we are compelled. You have called us to proclaim the gospel, but we even fight about what that is. Help us, God! Help us give up our power and our privileges. Help us to yield for the sake and cause of the cross of Jesus. Help us to want the unity you share, for you are one. In you, there is no division. Help us to embrace and to live the foolishness of a life emptied of power and given to service, in the likeness of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to walk in salvation – in the name of the servant Christ,

ALL:

Amen.

Passing the Peace

LEADER: Peace be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

LEADER: And now let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-18* NIV

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Choir Anthem *When the Stars Are Gone*

Witness to the Word

Praises and Prayers

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer & Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

Action Steps

Closing Hymn *Softly and Tenderly* #348

Blessing

Choir Benediction *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Postlude