

PRELUDE

GREETING

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—

**People: members of God's family,
and brothers and sisters to one another.**

Leader: There are no outsiders here among us,
no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

**People: For we have been brought together
by the redeeming love of Jesus.**

Leader: Let's join together in worship!

From Christine Longhurst, re: Worship

OPENING SONG

"O God of Every Nation"

Hymnal # 435

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

From Starters for Sunday, posted on the website of the Church of Scotland.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 2:11-22

MESSAGE

"God's New Society"

Kevin Klatt

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Gift of Love"

Greg Kleindl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

CLOSING PRAYER

God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests. You lavishly offer us your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into your family, You invite us to share in the abundance of your kingdom. God, you have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God. Remind us that when we offer hospitality to others, we are receiving Christ into our midst and so fulfilling the law of love. We open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend, the rich, and the poor, We open our lives to offer a generous heart toward all. **Amen.**

Adapted from A Litany of Hospitality written by Christine Sine. Posted on Word Made Flesh.

HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

Hymnal # 159

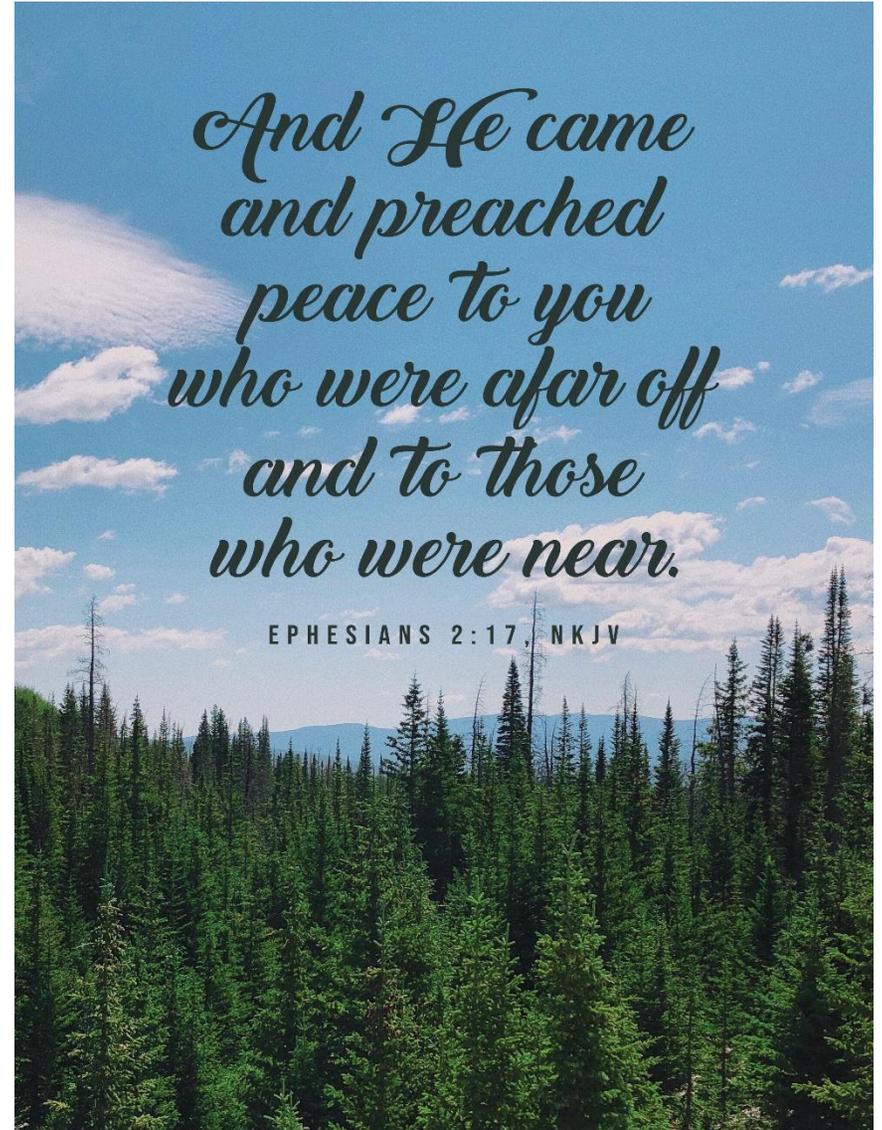
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

We leave this place no longer strangers,
but members of God's own family, brothers and sisters
through the blood of Jesus Christ. Together, we are being
built into a holy dwelling place where God lives by the Spirit.

So go out with joy and confidence to love and serve
the world, for we do not go alone.

From re: worship

POSTLUDE



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