



**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**  
**WATTS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**  
**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GATHERING**

Chimes

Welcome – Dorisanne Cooper

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Light

Prelude: “Now Thank We All Our God” .....Johann Crüger  
Tom Bloom, *organ*, Melody Zentner, *flute*

**PRAISING GOD**

Call to Worship

*Minister:* Where are the teachers in our midst who will guide us as we learn?

*People:* We follow Christ’s example and learn from one another!

*Minister:* Where are Jesus’ disciples, who thirst to know God’s ways?

*People:* We follow Christ’s example and learn from one another!

*Minister:* Our church school is this sacred community, and our classroom is the world.

*People:* Thanks be to God for new beginnings, for new opportunities to learn together!

Hymn 687: “In Christ There Is No East or West” ..... ST. PETER

Time with Children – Esther Soud Parker

**PRAYING TOGETHER**

Hymn 305: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” .....CHILDREN PRAYING

Minister: John Bunyan wrote, “When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart.” Let us offer our heart-felt prayers of confession, first in silence.

Prayers of Confession in Silence

## Corporate Confession:

*Minister:* Rabbi, Teacher Jesus, you who taught thousands and yet were willing to learn from the least of these, we confess that we pretend to know when in truth, we still wonder.

*People:* Forgive our pretense, that we may open ourselves to unexpected teachers, to fresh ideas, to one another, to you.

*Minister:* Vulnerable Christ, you who lived in generous love, we confess that we have closed ourselves off, that we have seen so much suffering that we stop looking, rather than see and respond to those in need.

*People:* Forgive our neglect that we may care for one another and follow in the example you set for us. In your name we pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 305: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” .....CHILDREN PRAYING

Pastoral Prayer – Esther Soud Parker

## **TENDING TO THE WORD**

Gospel: Mark 7:24-30

*Minister:* The Word of God for the People of Christ.

*People:* May the Spirit grant us understanding.

Sermon – Dorisanne Cooper

Silence

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

*Minister:* “Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.” (Proverbs 22:9)

*People:* Let us celebrate our blessings with generosity as we collect the offering for the ministry and outreach of this congregation.

Receiving Our Gifts

Offertory: “How Great Thou Art” ..... O STORE GUD

Melody Zentner, *piano*

Doxology.....LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

## **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Table and the Words of Institution

Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **COMMITTING OUR LIVES IN FAITH**

Invitation

Hymn 504: "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus" .....SOUTHWELL

Benediction

Carrying the Light into the World

Postlude: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ..... 17<sup>th</sup> Century German  
Tom Bloom, *organ*, Melody Zentner, *flute*

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# 305 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your spir - it

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef in 2/2 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody in the treble clef begins with a whole note chord, followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

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CHILDREN PRAYING

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in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing,

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The treble clef melody includes a half note rest followed by a quarter note, then continues with eighth and quarter notes. The bass line remains consistent with the first system.

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!

1 (optional) Final

The third system concludes the piece. The treble clef melody features a final cadence with a whole note chord. The bass line also concludes with a whole note chord. Above the treble staff, a box indicates two endings: '1 (optional)' and 'Final'.

# 687 In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in  
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev' - ry - where their  
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
4. In Christ now meet both east and west in

him no south or north, but one com - mu - ni -  
high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the  
e'er your race may be; all chil - dren of the  
him meet south and north; all lov - ing hearts are

ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.  
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, c. 1830

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