



**Welcome**

**Prelude/Candle-Lighting**      *“Let All Things Now Living” arr. L Larson*      Evelyn Rohrbach

**Ringing the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We exist because God made us.

**All:      We are here because Jesus calls us.**

Leader: We are together because the Spirit binds us to each other.

**All:      Without God, where would we be? Who would we be?**

Leader: Let us worship God, who makes us a community of love.

**\*Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**O Living God of past, present and future, we praise you for calling us into community and making of us a new creation. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *“Creator God, Creating Still”*      (attached)

**Readings**

Bill Burkett

Isaiah 43: 18-21

Acts 2:42-47

From Take this Bread by Sara Miles

**Sermon**

Sharing the Feast of Our Lives

Rev. Kathleen Remund

**Transitional Music**

*“Fear a’ Bhata” arr J. Finlayson*

Evelyn Rohrbach

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother/Creator 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Offertory

**"Here I Am Lord" arr. Larson**

Evelyn Rohrbach

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**O Living God of past, present, and future, we praise you for calling us into community and making of us a new creation. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

**"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"**

Hymnal #438

### Benediction

**Leader:** Go forth this day knowing that you are not alone. You are part of a community that God has called into being. You are fed by the living Spirit of God. You are part of Christ's body. And you are being made new, by God, every moment. Every day. May you rejoice in new life, in restored community, in the presence of the living God.

**All: Amen.**

### Sung Benediction

God, be with you till we meet again;  
By their counsels guide, uphold you;  
With their sheep securely fold you;  
God, be with you till we meet again.

### Postlude

Evelyn Rohrbach

*Today's flowers are in memory of their sister-in-law, Marie Wesolek, from Deb and John Wesolek*

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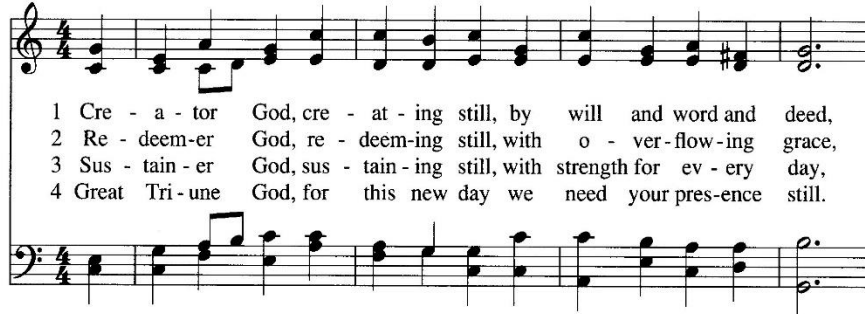
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## Creator God, Creating Still

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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,  
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,  
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.  
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782

Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)  
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love:  
 2. Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.  
 And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's."