

Liturgy



Theme: United: Pursuing the mind of Christ

Scripture: Romans 15:1-9

Opening prayer

Almighty God,
How wonderful is your handiwork in all the world.
By your grace, you formed humanity in your image.
With your love, you sent Jesus to show us the way, the truth, the life.
By your Spirit, you call us, even now, to a unity that only you can provide.
Guide us this day. We want to be more like Jesus.
In His name we pray, Amen.

Suggested hymns

You are the salt for the earth – Hymn #226
In Christ there is no East or West – Hymn #306
Help us to help each other – Hymn #362
Prince of peace, control my will – Hymn #534
Be thou my vision – Hymn #545
Blest are they – Hymn #1085

Time of prayer

International partners have written prayers and reflections for the Mission Offering the last few years. These can be used as part of your prayer, if desired.

You may also pray for our international partners who are listed on the bulletin insert bookmark with the resource “Prayers for partners.”

Invitation to the offering

Psalm 133: 1 reminds us, “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

Whether it be with fellow believers in our community or with our sisters and brothers around the world, it's wonderful when we are united for the glory of God and our neighbor's good.

As we celebrate this offering, we renew our commitment to pursue the mind of Christ together and to discern how we are to carry out Christ's work.

Our gifts to the Mission Offering of the Church of the Brethren support ministries like Brethren Volunteer Service, Global Mission and Service, and Discipleship Ministries that invite us to put our faith into action, seeking the mind of Christ in our churches and with sisters churches around the world.

Offering prayer

Gracious God,

We thank you for our brothers and sisters around the world who reveal Christ to their neighbors and with whom we are united in mind and spirit. Bless them in their ministries and give them endurance to be faithful to your call.

Take these offerings, these gifts of love, and use them to make your will evermore a reality in this world.

In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Sermon

Benediction

As we go, may the words and actions of Christ be seen in us.
may the unity of the Spirit surround us,
and may the love of God flow through us.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.