



**Morton Grove Community Church
(pcusa)**

January 24, 2021

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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The Service for the Lord's Day Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 24, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Beth Farias

Prelude

Jason Nelson

God Calls Us

Call to Worship

Rev. Beth Farias

We come to remember.

We come to remember that

we are not divided

if our hearts are united in you.

We come to remember that

we are not strangers

because we belong to you.

We come to remember that

our house is God's house,

and we are all beloved members.

We come to remember.

We come to remember that

at one time we were separated,

but now, we are one in God.

Amen.

Opening Hymn #317 (vs. 1,2,4)

In Christ There Is No East or West

God Prepares Us

Time of Centering Ourselves in the Holy

It is easy to look at the world in a binary way.

Good and evil, light and dark, physical and spiritual.

It's neat. It's clean. It's clear.

In and out, pure and impure, worthy and unworthy.

But when our theology stretches into real life,

and separates humanity into two, and places one above the other,

we create harm. Our need for clarity causes us to deny reality.

**God, please forgive us for when we look at the world in extremes.
Forgive us for not seeing your creation in all of its complex beauty.
Help us to break down the binaries that need to be broken,
Because we know that with you,
there is no male or female, undocumented or citizens, rich or poor.
We are now all members of the household of God.**

Lighting the Candle for Peace

Hymn #430

Remember Not, O God

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

As we listen to these words written so long ago, open our hearts to their relevance in our lives today. Give us the courage to wrestle with what is difficult, to enjoy what is beautiful, and to use this knowledge to act boldly in more loving ways. Help us to never settle for easy answers, but to see that You are present in the full length, breadth, and height of life. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 57:14-21

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

Rev. Beth Farias

Sermon

Hymn #322

We Are One in Jesus Christ

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Rev. Beth Farias

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Beth Farias

Music Selection (Offertory)

Jason Nelson

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us into the World

Sending Hymn #747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Beth Farias