

# ***10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF FULL COMMUNION***

*between the Episcopal Church and  
the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church*

*February 10<sup>th</sup> , 2021*

THE  
*Episcopal*  
CHURCH



The  
**Moravian  
Church**



**A Service Celebrating Ten Years of Full Communion  
Between the Episcopal Church and  
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**LITURGY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**Welcome**

The Rev. Janel Rice and The Rev. Canon Maria Tjeltveit

**Prelude:** Moravian Medley

Ms. Rebecca Lepore

(Accompanied by images of Moravian and Episcopal churches, congregations, and ministries.  
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**Call to Worship**

The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp & Ms. DeDreana Freeman

Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

**By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.**

By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

**We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.**

We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

**We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.**

**Hymn Response**

The Rt. Rev. Chris and Mrs. Tina Giesler

DUKE STREET (22 Q)

Lord of all be - ing, throned a - far,  
 Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove,

your glo - ry flames from sun and star;  
 whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,

cen - ter and soul of ev - 'ry sphere,  
 be - fore your ev - er - laz - ing throne

yet to each lov - ing heart how near!  
 we ask no lus - ter of our own.

## Confession

The Rev. Fran Saylor and The Rev. T. Scott Allen

We know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And we have left undone those deeds of lovingkindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.

## Hymn Response

Mr. Enrique Molina

BEECHER

Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;

let us all in you in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.

Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;

end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.

## **Litany for Christian Unity**

The Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon and The Rev. Margaret Rose

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

**We know that we need each other, and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.**

Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

**Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.**

Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

**Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.**

Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

**Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.**

Teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

**Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Anthem**

Moravian/Episcopal Virtual Choir

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

## **Reflections on the *Daily Texts* and Gospel**

### **Introduction**

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman

From *The Daily Texts* for February 10, 2021

The earth and the heavens will perish, but you endure. (Psalm 102:26)

**Reflection**

The Rev. David Guthrie

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

**Reflection**

The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller

From the propers for Unity of the Church:

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one.  
(John 17:22)

**Reflection**

The Most Rev. Michael Curry

## **Call to Racial Reconciliation**

**Invitation**

The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings

**Litany of Repentance**     The Rev. Gay Jennings, The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, The Rev. Evette Campbell, The Rev. Tracy Robinson, The Rev. Janel Rice, The Rev. Maria Tjeltveit

Dear people of God, our history is marred by oppression, by the enslavement of those who differ from us, and by the forces of racism that attack human dignity. The sin of racism is woven into our lives and our cultures, in small and great ways, in things done and things left undone.

As followers of Christ, we reject racism and the oppression of other human beings. In building Christ's beloved community, we must strive to love all people, respect all people, and work for the good of all people. We must stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

In the assurance of our forgiveness, let us come before God and humbly confess our sins: our participation in racism, our privilege based on racism, and our perpetuation of racism.

*Silence is then kept for a time.*

God the Father, you freed your people from slavery in Egypt, yet the legacy of slavery deforms our lives today.

**Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, you prayed that all would be united in your love and service, yet the divisions among us rend your body.

**Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, you inspire us to live peaceably with all, yet the stain of genocide and internment mars our striving for justice.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lord, your people have harmed one another and the earth through negligence, greed, and self-interest.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have failed to condemn discrimination that leads to unrest.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have decried violence, while overlooking inequity and frustration from which it rises.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have practiced injustice for economic gain and have oppressed others to make a false peace.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have sought comfort in advantage for ourselves at the cost of injustice for others.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have welcomed solace over conflict and ignored the cries of those harmed by our comfort.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have grasped for this world's goods, and been arrogant toward those who have little.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have not shared the good things we have been given, and blamed the poor for their poverty.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lord, your people have been fearful and distrustful of those who are different from us.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have divided ourselves from others, and refused to listen to or believe their experience.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have held in contempt those who need our help, and not loved them with our whole hearts.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have been self-satisfied in our privilege, and denied our oppression of others.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have preferred order over justice, and isolation over the struggle for peace.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have quietly held good intentions, and kept silent the message of reconciliation.

**Have mercy on us.**

Your people have failed to act with courage for the sake of love.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day. **Amen.**

## **Commissioning for the Ministry of Justice and Reconciliation**

Dr. Catherine Meeks, Colorado Episcopal Service Corps members,  
Bond family, Nortey family, Rice family, Ms.Sandy Milien

Dear People of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. Courageous women and men have taken the risk of standing up and speaking out for the least and the lowest. This work involves risking ourselves for the sake of God's love, moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ and one another. We are all called to the work and ministry of social justice and reconciliation.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, both with whom you agree and disagree?

**I will, with God's help.**



Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*The Presider concludes*

In the name of God and of this Church, I commission you to stand up, speak out and live into the reign of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

The Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch

As we commit ourselves to the journey ahead, let us join together in the prayer our Savior taught us:

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Concluding Prayers**

The Rev. Margaret Rose, The Rt. Rev. Graham Rights,  
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ferguson

Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by our awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

**Hear us and help us all, we pray.**

May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

**Grant us grace to unite in essentials, to accept diversity in non-essentials, and to love one another in all things.**

## **Hymn**

Moramus Southern Province Choir with introduction by The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp

## GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Join we all with one ac-cord; praise we all our com-mon Lord;  
One the name in which we pray, one our Sav-ior day by day;

for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.  
with one Cup and with one Bread thus one cov-'nant way we tread.

Part - ners with the saints of old, no more stran - gers in the fold,  
One in spir - it, one in life, one a - mid earth's fre - quent strife,

one the Shep-herd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.  
one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n a - bove.

Benediction:

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols

Postlude: *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*, BWV 715 by Johann Sebastian Bach

Mr. Chad Levitt

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## **Participants in the Service**

With designations: M (Moravian); NP (Northern Province); SP (Southern Province);  
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- Welcome: The Rev. Janel Rice (M NP\*), Calvary Moravian Church, Allentown, PA,  
The Rev. Canon Maria Tjeltveit (E\*) Diocese of Bethlehem (PA)  
Moravian-Episcopal Coordinating Committee Co-Chairs
- Prelude: Ms. Rebecca Lepore (M NP), Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA
- Call to Worship: The Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp (M SP\*), Calvary Moravian Church, Winston  
Salem, Ms. DeDreana Freeman (E\*) Diocese of North Carolina
- Hymn Response: The Rt. Rev. Christopher and Mrs. Tina Giesler (M NP), Bishop of the  
Moravian Unity, Director of Mission Outreach, Board of World Mission
- Confession: The Rev. Fran Saylor (M SP\*), Mizpah Moravian Church, Rural Hall, NC,  
The Rev. T. Scott Allen (E\*), St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Allentown,  
PA
- Hymn Response: Mr. Enrique Molina (E) Spanish Mass Leader, Christ Church, Reading, PA
- Litany for Christian Unity: The Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon (M, NP), Bishop of the Moravian  
Unity, Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA; The Rev. Margaret Rose (E),  
Deputy for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations of the Episcopal Church
- Anthem: Organist: Susan Frickert, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schnecksville, PA  
Conductor: Neil Farrell (E), Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown  
Virtual Choir Producer: Anthony Newett, Newett Studios  
Singers: Katherine Kaiser (E), Grace Spruiel-Honchella (M NP), Christa Warda  
(E), Nina Olieman (E), Kelly Schmidt (M NP), Neil Farrell (E) and Luke  
DiGiacinto (M NP), Robert Olieman (E) and Steven Derstine (E)
- Introduction to Reflections: The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman (E\*) Bishop, Diocese of North  
Carolina
- Reflections: The Rev. David Guthrie (M SP), President, Provincial Elders' Conference  
The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Miller (M NP). President, Provincial Elders' Conference  
The Most Rev. Michael Curry (E) Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
- Introductions and Lord's Prayer: The Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch (M NP\*), Bishop of the Unity
- Call to Racial Reconciliation: The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings (E) President, House of  
Deputies of the Episcopal Church

Litany of Repentance: The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings (E), The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin (E) Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of New York; The Rev. Evette Campbell (M SP), Rolling Hills Moravian Church, Longwood, FL, The Rev. Tracy Robinson (M NP), Iglesia Esperanza for Bethlehem, Bethlehem, PA, The Rev. Janel Rice, The Rev. Maria Tjeltveit

Commissioning for Ministry of Justice and Reconciliation: Dr. Catherine Meeks (E), Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, Atlanta; Clarke Christina Greene (E), Sophie Kitch-Peck (E), Stephanie Whitehouse (E), Colorado Episcopal Service Corps; Adam, Jennifer, Charles, and Oliver Bond (E) Diocese of Bethlehem; Cynthia, Jaina, and Nortey (E), Diocese of Bethlehem; Janel, Christian, and Sophie Rice (M NP); Ms. Sandy Milien, (E), Missioner for Community Engagement, Diocese of Bethlehem

Concluding Prayers: The Rev. Margaret Rose (E) Deputy for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations of the Episcopal Church; The Rt. Rev. Graham Rights (M SP) Bishop of the Unity; The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ferguson (E), St. John's Episcopal Church, Sandwich, MA

Final Hymn: Moramus Chorale (M SP), Conductor: Mr. Drake Flynt

Benediction: The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols (E\*) Bishop, Diocese of Bethlehem

Postlude: Mr. Chad Levitt (E), Trinity Episcopal Church, Easton, PA

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Montage of Images of Moravian and Episcopal Ministry and Full Communion (p. 1)  
*Credits/Used by Permission in Italics.*

- 1, Central Moravian tower, *Moravian Church Interprovincial Board of Communications (IBOC)*.
- 3-7, Celebration of Full Communion Service, February 10, 2011, *IBOC*.
- Moravian clergy serving Episcopal congregations: 8, *St. John's Cartoogechaye, NC*, 9, 10, *St. Stephen's Cathedral & School, Harrisburg PA*.
- 11, Joint Episcopal & Moravian congregation, *St. Mark's Church, Downey, CA*.
- 12-13, Moravian music, *IBOC*.
- 14-15, MECC meeting at Grace Episcopal Church, Allentown, PA, *T. Scott Allen*.
- 16, Moravian Unity Youth, *IBOC*.
- 17-20, *Reformations Yesterday and Tomorrow*, at College Hill Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA, *IBOC*.
- 21, Candle making, Rural Hall Moravian Church, NC, *IBOC*.
- 22, Wife of Presiding Bishop of Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan) receiving Moravian star, *Maria Tjeltveit*.
- 23, Outreach, *St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston Salem, NC*.
- 24, Esperanza for Bethlehem, *IBOC*.
- 25, *Diocese of North Carolina*.
- 26, Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry, Winston-Salem, NC, *IBOC*;
- 27, Acolytes, Diocese of Bethlehem, *Kyle Krick*.
- 28, Central Moravian, Bethlehem, PA *IBOC*.
- 29, *Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, PA*.
- 30-32, Home Church, Winston-Salem, Love Feast, *IBOC*.

Neighboring churches who share Zoom worship and Love Feasts: 33, *St. John's Church, Hamlin, PA* & 34, *Newfoundland Moravian Church, Newfoundland, PA, IBOC*.  
 35, *Join We All: Welcoming Refugees and Immigrants as Neighbors and Friends*, ecumenical event, Northern Province, *IBOC*.  
 36, *Refugee Community Center, Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown, PA, Maria Tjeltveit*.  
 General Convention Prayer Service at Hutto Immigrant Detention Center, Taylor, Texas: 37, *Frank Logue*, 38, *House of Deputies News*.  
 Episcopal and Moravian Bishops as Co-Consecrators: 39, consecration of Tom Shelton (Southern Province), *IBOC*, 40, consecration of Allen Shin, *Kara Flannery*; 41, consecration of Carol Foltz (first woman bishop in Southern Province), 42, consecration of Kevin Nichols, *Diocese of Bethlehem*.  
 43, *Eastern District Youth Rally, IBOC*.  
 44, *The Rev. Canon Peg Chamberlin, (Moravian) former President, Minnesota Council of Churches and National Council of Churches, Maria Tjeltveit*.  
 45, *Calvary Moravian Church, Allentown, PA*. 46, *MECC at Moravian Archives, T. Scott Allen*.  
 Northern Province Pilgrimage for Racial Justice, led by Dr. Catherine Meeks: 47-49, *IBOC*.  
 50, *The Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown, PA*  
 51, *Liberty Hidden and Stolen*, Clergy rally, Allentown, PA, *POWER Lehigh Valley*.  
 52-53, *Moravian Cup of Covenant with Episcopal clergy, Emmaus, PA, Maria Tjeltveit*.  
 54, *Sanctuary with Moravian star, St. Mark's Church, Downey, PA, The Downey Patriot*.

## To learn more about our Churches:

The Episcopal Church: [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

The Moravian Church (Northern and Southern Provinces): [www.moravian.org](http://www.moravian.org)

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