AFRICA EXCHANGE PROJECT 2023 MISSION TRIP

Sunday, August 13, 2023



Pomerini Kindergarten equipment dedicated to Africa Exchange Project founder, Bob Ahearn. Bob's nephew, Jim, holds a portrait of Bob given to the Ahern family in gratitude by the Pomerini community.

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Prelude Morning Has Broken Gaelic Melody, arr. Halberg

Call to Worship Isaiah 55, 1–3, 6–7 Ruth Griffin

*Opening Hymn I Love the to Tell the Story

Welcome and Announcements Mattie Schadt

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

Mattie Schadt

One: Holy God, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of your people.
You forgave their iniquity and pardoned all their sin.

All: Restore us again, O God of our foundation, and put away your indignation towards us. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

One: God will speak peace to the people, to those who repent in their hearts.
God's redeeming justice is at hand.

All: Bathe us again, O God of our transformation, And anoint us with steadfast love and faithfulness. Let your faithfulness spring up from the ground, and righteousness fall down from the sky. Amen.

(Psalm 85)

*The Peace of Christ Jim Ahern

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Matthew 25:34-40 Jim Ahern

Blessing

Anthem Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone

Sermon "Reflection on the Recent Trip to Tanzania"

^{*} As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

*Hymn

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Prayers of the People

Rev. Debbie Clark

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Rob Schadt

Offertory

Doxology Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done.
Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Benediction

Romans 15:5-6

Ruth Griffin

Postlude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

A Plymouth Church welcome and a hearty thank-you to **Susan Minor**, our guest accompanist this morning.

Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Postlude in quiet contemplation.



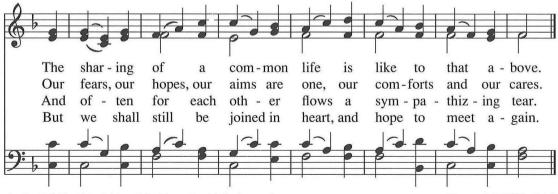
This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.



Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M. Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768–1836) Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped



Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along with many of his original tunes in 1680, the year of his death. Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8. Erneuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665 Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863



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