

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

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Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

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 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)**
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE *Shine, Jesus, Shine* arr. Bettcher

WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

With powerful words and dramatic gestures,
 with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,
we respond to God's call to offer healing and hope to our world.
 With courage to face the injustices around us,
 with the willingness to go into the brokenness,
we fulfill the call of Jesus to engage in faithful obedience.
 With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds,
 with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,
we become the Spirit's refuge for all who live in worry and fear.

* HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts.

But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, who abides in us. (Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN OF RESPONSE refrain

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

MEDITATION

* HYMN (Back of Bulletin)

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WE RESPOND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Do Lord

arr. Stephenson

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 391 vs 4

Take My Life

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served by intinction. Please come forward, take a piece of bread (crackers are gluten free), dip it in the chalice and commune. Then return to your seats.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

May God be with you.

May God be also with you.

People of God, open your hearts.

We open our hearts to God and to each other.

Let us give thanks to the Living God.

With joy and praise, we offer our thanks to the One who offers abundant life.

In the morning ... we lift our praises to you now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge. All creation sings glad praises to you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who came for our sake. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you ... God in Community, Holy in One.

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 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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART

* HYMN 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

* BENEDICTION

* SUNG BOY SCOUT BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linstead

arr. Behnke

* You are invited to stand if able.