

Worship Guide

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God of Freedom, our hearts are full because of your presence and compassion.

People: Let us reach far and wide with the hands of love so that all may know freedom in you.

Leader: We come to you in this moment, cups running over with thanksgiving.

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

Hymns *"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"*

***Over the mountains and the sea, your river runs with love for me,
And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands,
For I will always sing of when your love came down.***

***I could sing of your love forever. I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever. I could sing of your love forever.***

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"In This Very Room" No. 295, vs. 2 & 3

***In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us;
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.***

***In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world;
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r
To chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.***

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Children's Message

Music for Reflection

Prayers of the People and 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, 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, forever. Amen.**

Scripture John 13:31-35 & Acts 11:1-18

Message "Freedom to Love"

Music for Reflection

Communion Invitation and Prayer (*Our Table is Open to All*)

Music for Meditation

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Hymn *"They'll Know We Are Christians"* No. 494, vs. 1 & 2

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:***

Refrain:

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:***

Refrain

Blessing

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kathy McDowell and Rev. Beth Wendl, ministers;
Chris Chandler, piano; Daonne Caldwell, elder.

Save the Date:

- **May 25:** Graduate Recognition & Camp Blessing in 11 am Worship
- **June 1:** Mission Angeles Mission Moment in 11 am Worship & Congregational Meeting following
- **June 8:** Pentecost Celebration in 11 am Worship

BCC Disciples Women Lunch & Service Project:

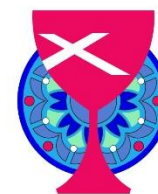
Today after Worship

Our BCC Disciples Women will meet for lunch and a service project today, immediately after worship. Lunch will be courtesy of all of us as we each bring a favorite salad and/or dessert to share. Rolls and drinks will be provided.

Our service project will be to pack food bags for a special project called **Backpack Buddies**. This non-profit does an amazing job of providing weekend and summer meals to children and families experiencing food insecurity. We'll learn more about the organization and pack bags (to be delivered to Presencia) as part of our time together.



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