

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.**

(Standing)

Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.  
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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. Amen.**

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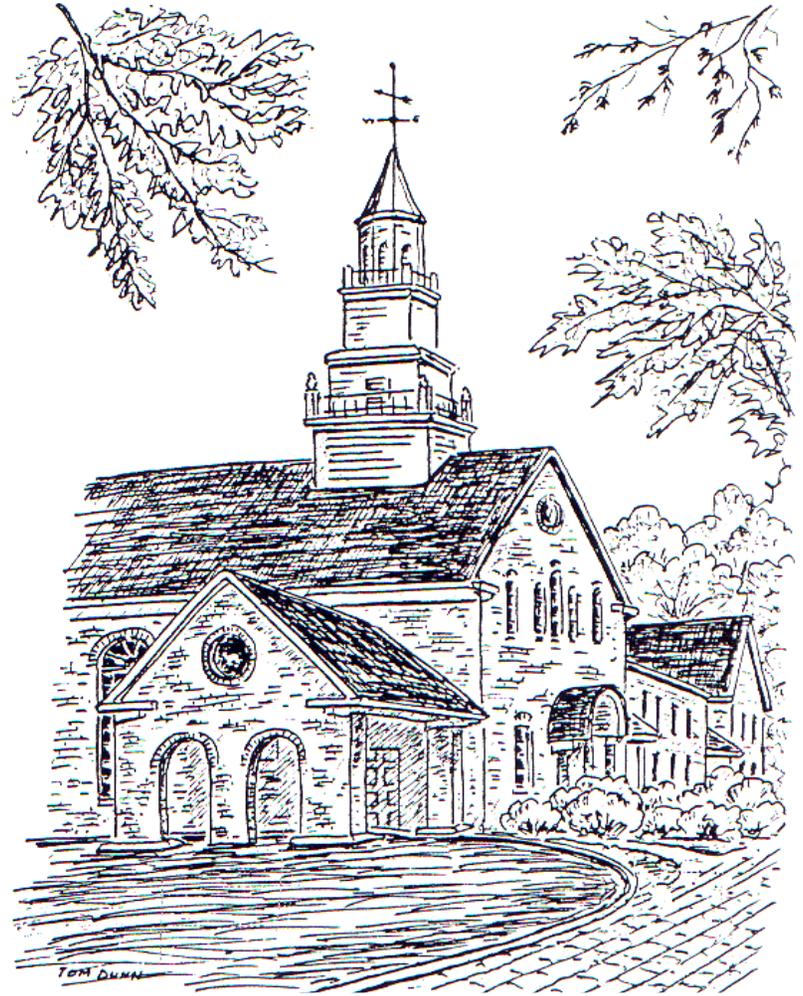
# Friedland Moravian Church

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 24, 2021**

**Worship 10:00 AM**

Our purpose is to make the Lord Jesus Christ a reality in the lives of people.



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## Order of Service

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Hymn "Called Together and United"

Liturgy Christian Unity

Scripture Reading Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

### Children's Message

Anthem Pastorale C. Wesley  
*Stephanie Goodrich, flute*

Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20

### Sermon

Hymn "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

### Benediction

### Postlude

**Watchword for the Year:** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

**Watchword for the Week:** Trust in him at all times, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8

**Mission Prayer Focus:** Pray for Alas de Socorro in Honduras.

**Please place your offering in one of the designated areas before or after the service.**

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Meagan and Jonah Weavil's marriage celebration with family and friends.

*At the request of the Elders, in order to preserve a reverent spirit of worship, please silence your cell phone, refrain from taking pictures, and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.*

## Christian Unity

(Standing)

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.**

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.**

(Sitting)

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.**