

# WORSHIP AT THE CLARK COUNTY FAIR

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**He's got everybody here in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**PRELUDE** Jodi Rueth

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lead a life worthy of your calling.

**We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this  
alone, so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling,  
gifts to be used with service and centered on the  
needs of others.

**We come to build up Christ's Body,  
in humility and gentleness,  
with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling,  
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;  
we would share the grace, love, and  
forgiveness offered to us.**

Live a life worthy of the calling  
to which you have been called.

**We gather as God's family  
in our homes, in our churches, in our  
communities and at our Fair.**

**HYMN** *"He's Got the Whole World"*

1. **He's got the whole world in His hands,  
(Repeat 2x)  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**
2. **He's got the sun and the rain in His hands,  
He's got the moon and the stars  
in His hands,  
He's got the wind and the clouds  
in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**
3. **He's got my mother and my father  
in His hands,  
He's got my brothers and my sisters  
in His hands,**

**LITANY BASED ON EPHESIANS 4**

Friends, during the days of our isolation from one  
another, our faith in God and the various ways we  
worshiped God gave us hope that again, we would  
celebrate our faith as one Body in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.

**We are grateful to again greet our friends as we  
acknowledge our one faith and our trust in God.**

*The challenges are great yet making an effort to  
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of  
peace is a priority for the faith community.*

**It is our calling to build up the Body of Christ.**

And so, we come to the Fair, worshipping outside  
together. Some of us are sitting at picnic tables  
enjoying our favorite fair foods supporting  
organizations that benefit our community; we  
meet concession and carnival workers hoping to  
earn enough to put food on their tables as well.  
*Others among us worship at home, trusting we are  
all doing our best for the sake of our community  
and ourselves.*

**We are striving to do our best with all humility  
and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one  
another in love so that we might build up the  
Body of Christ.**

At the Fair we see the many talents and interests  
God has given to people of all ages in Clark  
County.

**We have each been given a variety of gifts  
through Christ which we are called to use to build  
up the Body of Christ.**

*In our relationships with other, at the Fair, in our  
churches, in our churches and communities  
speaking the truth in love, may we grow up in*

*every way into Christ our Savior and Redeemer.*  
All of us who are followers of Jesus, including judges and competitors, 4-H and FFA leaders, and parents, grandparents, and siblings, are called to live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

*May we serve together to build up the Body of Christ in love. Let us pray.*

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Good and Gracious God, through You all people and all things are connected. Help us to celebrate the diversity that strengthens us; guide us to open our hearts and minds to the unity we share in body, Spirit, and faith; and continue to lead us in our calls to share in the ministry of the gospel and to let all know that they are loved. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

#### **A READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

##### **Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,<sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,<sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism,<sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.<sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,<sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.<sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.<sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,<sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working

properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

#### **MEDITATION**

Pastors Chad Anderson and Jacoba Koppert

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*(From the United Church of Christ of Canada)*

**We are not alone. We live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word, made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in God's Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen.**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

##### **PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us. Save us from the time  
of trial and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

#### **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

##### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians"**

**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:**

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 work hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other,  
we will work hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Announcements**

**WELCOME -**

We welcome you to our service of worship! We are glad that you have joined us in-person here at the Fair,, through the internet or on the radio. We pray that you will experience the love of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**RADIO BROADCAST**

Our Radio Broadcast this Sunday will be live on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM at 9 am. and 11 am.

UCC would like to thank Lorraine Shaw in memory of husband, Bob Shaw.

Calvary's radio Broadcast is given to the Glory of God by Jana Lee Marden in celebration of Lowell Gesche's 80th birthday.

