

Community of Christ CMC Sunday Morning Practice Creative Resistance

August 23, 2026
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Music: Roger Hintzsche

Prelude		AV
Hymn of Gathering	"As We Gather"	CCS 73
Welcome		Jean Hedrich
Call to Worship		
Hymn	"Blessed Be Your Name"	CCS 252
Opening Prayer		Jean Hedrich
Response		
Disciples' Generous Response		Sheryl Sawyers
Blessing and Receiving of Local and Worldwide Mission Tithes		
Scripture Reading:	Exodus 1:8—2:10 NRSV	Wendy Eaton
Focus Moment		Jean Hedrich
Hymn	"We Are Companions on the Journey"	CCS 552
Morning Message		Wendy Eaton
Based on Exodus 1:8—2:10		
Prayer for Peace		Madelyn Smith
Light the peace candle		
Hymn of Courage	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	CCS 624
Sending Forth		Jean Hedrich
Postlude		AV

As We Gather, CCS 73

As we gather, may your Spirit work within us.
As we gather, may we glorify your name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
we'll be blessed because we came,
we'll be blessed because we came.

Blessed Be Your Name, CCS 252

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."*

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.
(to Refrain)

We Are Companions on the Journey, CCS 552

*We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life;
and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.*

No longer strangers to each other; no longer strangers in God's house;
we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord:
to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God,

to walk humbly with our God.

God of Grace and God of Glory, CCS# 624

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, (of this hour,) for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, (of these days,) for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal,) lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail our call from thee, (call from thee,) lest we fail our call from thee.
Amen.