

## Children's Message

**Anthem** "Within These Walls" Stephen Caracciolo

**Scripture** Ephesians 2:12-22

**Sermon** "Scattered Bricks" Rev. Dr. Dana Sutton

\* **Hymn** "All Who Love and Serve Your City" No. 351

**Minute for Stewardship** *Our Thanks-Giving Continues...* Emily Franks

## The Offering of God's People

\* **Offertory Response** "Give Thanks" No. 647

## \* Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*(We conclude with The Lord's Prayer found on p. 35 in the hymnal)*

\* **Hymn** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" No. 761

## Benediction

The peace of God be in your heart  
The grace of God be in your words  
The love of God be in your hands  
The joy of God be in your soul and in the song that your life sings.

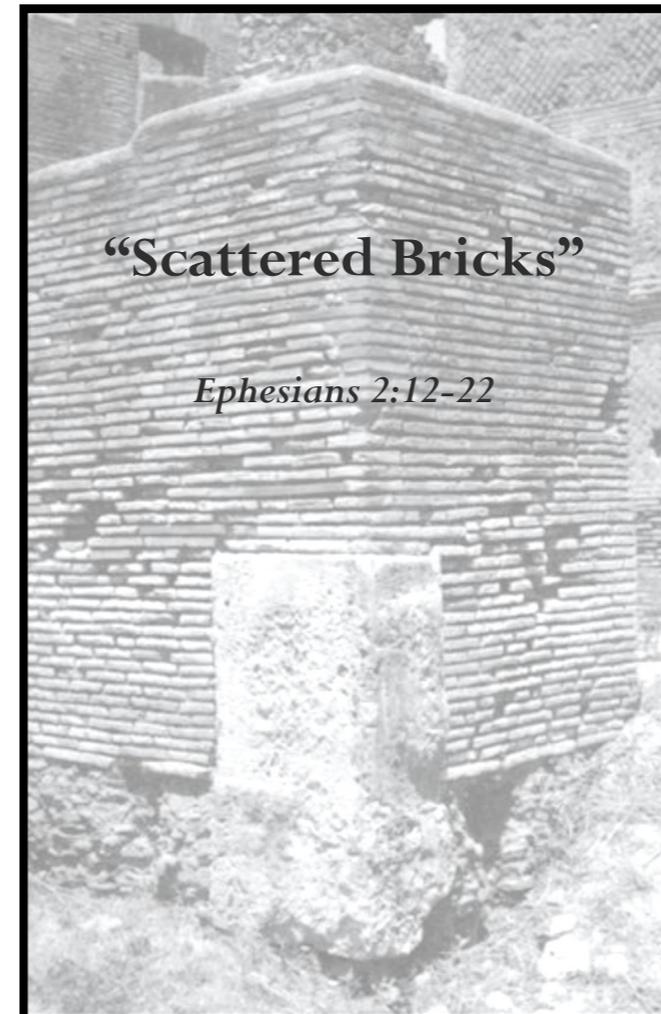
## Benediction Response



# Highlawn

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## A People of *Loving Hearts* and *Helping Hands*

*\* Those who are able, please stand for the parts of worship indicated with an asterisk*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

"You Are Mine"

David Haas

Arr. Mark Hayes

*I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame,  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My name.  
Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine.*

#### \* Prayer of Praise

**Praise be to you, gracious God, for this day, this life, for the weave of your miracles blessing us and for your quiet power sustaining us. We praise you for times of laughter and tears, risk and reconciliation, reflection and healing, and for the stubborn presence of your Spirit making it all sacred. Praise be to you, awesome God, for the holy mysteries of our struggling and wondering, for our trials and triumphs, and all that moves us to awe, to love, to pray, to serve, since it is your Spirit that moves us so and is creating us still; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### \* Hymn

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

No. 309

### Invitation to Confession

Despite the repeating cycle of sin-confession-forgiveness, God's mercy still requires only that one thing of us; honest reflection that leads to admitting that we need help. Let us together admit what we have done and left undone that is separating us from God and one another:

### Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

**O God of such truth as sweeps away all lies, of such grace as shrivels all excuses, come now to find us for we have lost our selves in a shuffle of disguises and the rattle of empty words.**

**Let your Spirit move mercifully to recreate us from the chaos of our lives.**

**We have been careless of our days, our loves, our gifts, our chances.**

**We withdraw in arrogance, hide in timidity, disappear in fear rather than reaching out in hope, engaging in humility, risking in faith.**

**We are busy in self-seeking, lax in self-awareness.**

**We seek the comfort of belonging, shun the cost of responsibility.**

**We are long on easy generalities, short on hard specifics.**

**Our prayer is to change, O God, not out of despair of self but for love of you, and for the selves we long to become before we simply waste away.**

**Let your mercy move in and through us now, freeing us to love honestly, enabling us to trust bravely, reuniting us to live joyfully, and claiming us for the audacious revolution of Christ and your kingdom.  
Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

"The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting."  
Know and believe that we are God's people, forgiven and freed.

### Passing of the Peace

Let's celebrate forgiveness and new possibilities by greeting each other with words of peace and welcome.

*(Please stand and share God's peace as you feel led).*