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Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

Call to Worship

P Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! One generation will commend His works to another.

C **We will speak of His awesome deeds and declare His greatness.**

P The Lord is near to all who call on Him and He upholds all who are falling.

C **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650-80 Text and tune: Public domain

Confession of Sin

- P God's word is true! In His great love He has claimed us as His own! Dear friends, we are children of God, but we still struggle to think, speak or act the way God has called us. However, He promises that when we're honest and confess our failures, He forgives us and cleanses us from all that makes us unholy. So, we pause now to reflect on our need for His mercy and forgiveness before we confess our sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Prayer of Confession:

- P Let us pray:
- C **Almighty God, we realize that even though through faith in Jesus we have new life in You, our lives don't always reflect who we are in Christ. We have sinned against You by what we have done and also by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, we humbly ask that You forgive us. Send us the power of Your Holy Spirit so we can grow more fully into who You created us to be in Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Faith

- P Friends, hear the good news and believe! Almighty God, in His mercy, has given us His only Son, Jesus Christ to die for us and for His sake, forgives us all our sins! We have been redeemed and set free! Thanks be to God!
- C **Hallelujah, we are forgiven! Hallelujah, we are set free!**

Please be seated

Hymn of Praise Video: " The Power of the Cross" by Casting Crowns

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you

have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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SERMON:

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 (PASTOR JOE ROBB)

Please Stand

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



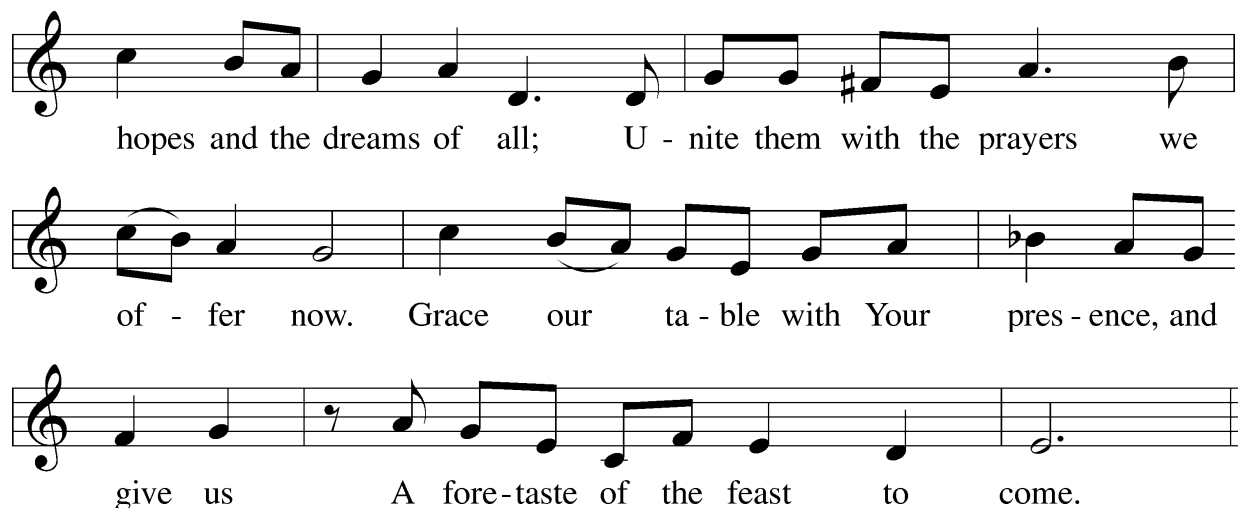
Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our



cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were



sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the



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Prayer of the Congregation

A Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

C 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 and ever. Amen.

Please remain standing

Words of the Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please be seated

Video During Communion: "Come As You Are" by Crowder

Continuous Distribution by Pastor

(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)

All Receive the Sacrament together

(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)

Thank the Lord

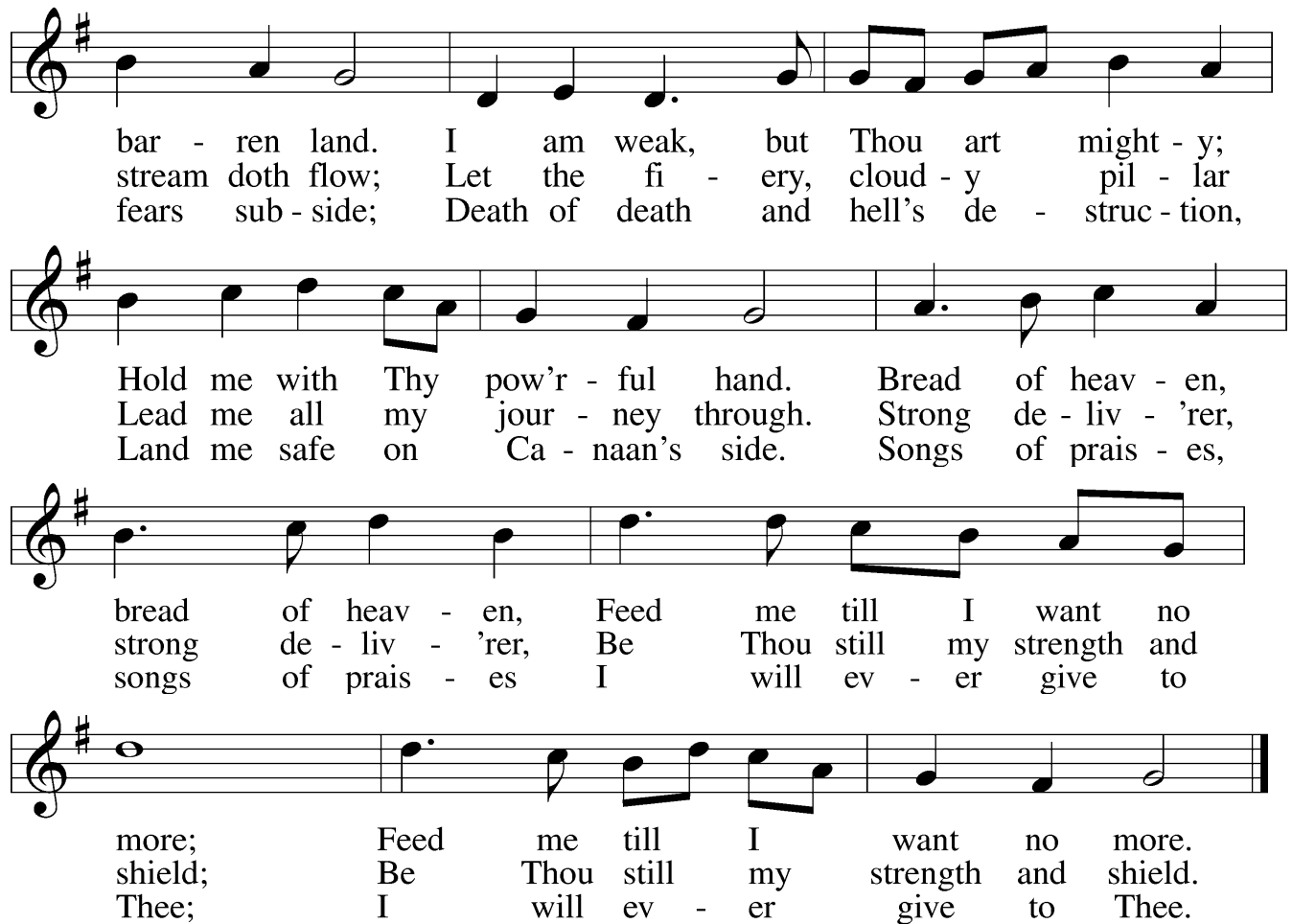
LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-
joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Benediction

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,
bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to
more;
shield;
Thee;
Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91
Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932
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Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated and please wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

Thank you, Kris Kindschuh, for serving as our worship leader today. You are so appreciated and loved.

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