

A Celebration of God's Love & Grace

*Draw The
Circle Wide*

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
MARK MILLER

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
3:00PM



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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

GREETING



As you prepare for worship, please greet your neighbors and fill out a Connections Card by scanning this QR code with your smartphone or use the printed version found in the pew in front of you. To let our pastors know about a prayer request for you or someone you love, use the QR code found at the bottom of page 9 of this bulletin or place your card in the offering basket when it is passed.

Response: I was glad when they said to me,
“**Let us go to the house of the Lord!**”

Psalm 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

To worship is to dance with the Spirit of Love,
who is alive in each of us.

**Through worship
we speak and sing our visions
of the new creation into reality.**

Through worship
we breathe the air of a time yet to be,
a time when barriers are broken down
and wounds are healed.

**Let us celebrate with hope
that silenced voices will be heard,
trembling voices will be made strong,
oppressed people will be set free,
so that the Spirit at work yesterday, today, and forever
will be proclaimed.**

Jann Aldredge-Clanton, *Earth Transformed with Music! Inclusive Songs for Worship*, Eakin Press 2015

Welcome

All sing together at the refrain each stanza



1. Let's walk to - geth - er for a while and
2. Let's talk to - geth - er of a time when
3. Let's dream to - geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin to build a world where
we will share a feast, where pride and pow - er
earth and heaven are one, a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, to - be the hands of
kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, and joy will set the
love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where our mourn - ing turns to

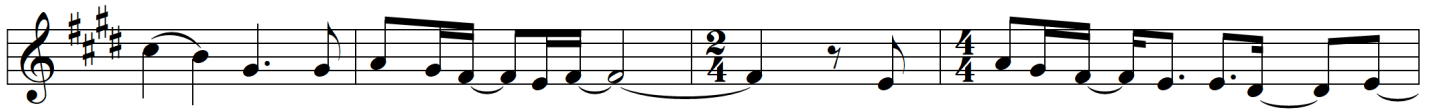
Refrain



heal - ing and to plant the seeds of peace. Sing - ing wel - come,
ta - ble as we join our hands to pray. Sing - ing wel - come,
danc - ing, ev - ery crea - ture lifts its voice! Cry - ing wel - come!



wel - come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are



wel - come the love of God to share 'cause all of us are wel - come here;



all are wel - come in this place.

Words: Laurie Zelman and Mark Miller

Music: Mark Miller

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HYMN IN PROCESSION Gathered Here to Share Our Music

1. Gath - ered here to share our mu - sic, gath - ered here in
 2. Songs of faith and hope u - nite us; songs of heal - ing
 3. Learn - ing, grow - ing here to - geth - er, var - ied gifts en -
 4. Shar - ing songs from man - y plac - es, mov - ing in a

u - i - ty, we have come from var - ied cul - tures,
 set us free; break - ing walls and build - ing bridg - es,
 rich - ing all, we ex - plore the pow - er of mu - sic,
 cir - cle wide, we dis - cov - er worlds of beau - ty,

blessed by our di - ver - si - ty. Blend - ing man - y gifts and
 we cre - ate com - mu - ni - ty. With the sa - cred Spit - it
 faith - ful to our sa - cred call. Like the man - y notes con -
 with our lib - er - at - ing Guide. As we join the cos - mic

voic - es, sing - ing peace for all the earth, we will
 dwell - ing deep in us and ev - ery - where, we are
 verg - ing, blend - ing in a sym - pho - ny, all our
 cho - rus, hope springs up, sur - prise a - bounds; all cre -

join the Spir - it's la - bor, giv - ing new cre - a - tion birth.
 filled with lov - ing - kind - ness, peace and joy for all to share.
 cul - tures, all tra - di - tions join in grace - filled har - mo - ny.
 a - tion now is sing - ing, earth trans - formed with joy re - sounds.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

And Are We Yet Alive?

And are we yet alive?!
And see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for God's almighty grace!
What troubles have we seen?
What mighty conflicts past,
 fightings without and fears within since we assembled last!
Hallelujah, we are alive! And see each other's face.
Glory, thanks and praise for God's almighty grace!
Yet out of all our God has brought us through by love!
And still God does this help afford,
 and hides our life above.
Hallelujah, we are alive! And see each other's face.
Glory, thanks and praise for God's almighty grace!

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Music: Mark A. Miller

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I Believe

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.

Words: Anonymous Jewish poem

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When the Fig Tree Fails to Blossom

When the fig tree fails to blossom and no fruit is on the vine;
 when the fields are bare as deserts and our hope is hard to find;
 when a song of celebration seems entirely out of place;
 when our lives are stretched to breaking,
 hanging by a thread of grace:
 we will rejoice in the Lord.
When the sun and moon are shaken and the heavens lose their light;
 when we think we are forsaken, there's a comforter in sight,
 for the day is surely coming when these labor-pains have passed.
We will greet the new creation and, with all the saints at last:
 we will rejoice.

Words: David Gambrell

Music: Mark A. Miller

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Home By Another Road

You taught my heart what love can be,
so I'm headed back home by another road.
I once was bound, but now am free,
so I'm headed home by another road.
Join me now, the road is wide, all God's children side by side,
where justice will shine and love abide,
we're headed back home by another road.
God's people on the move again,
and we're headed back home by another road.
The power of love has made us kin,
and we're headed back home by another road.
Still worshipping we're on the way,
and we're headed back home by another road.
We'll hold each other's hearts this day,
and we're headed back home by another road.

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Child of God

No matter what people say or think about me,
I am a child of God.
No matter what people say or think about you,
you are a child of God.
No matter what the world says or thinks about me,
I am a child of God.
No matter what the church says,
decisions, pronouncements on you,
you are a child of God.
And there is no thing,
or no one who can separate,
they can't separate you from the truth
that you are someone, you are family,
you are meant to be a child of God!

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RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Transgender Education Network of Texas

OFFERING

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Mark A. Miller

(With References to AZMON by Carl Gläser)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Words: Charles Wesley

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low: Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Thomas Ken; adapt. Gilbert H. Viera

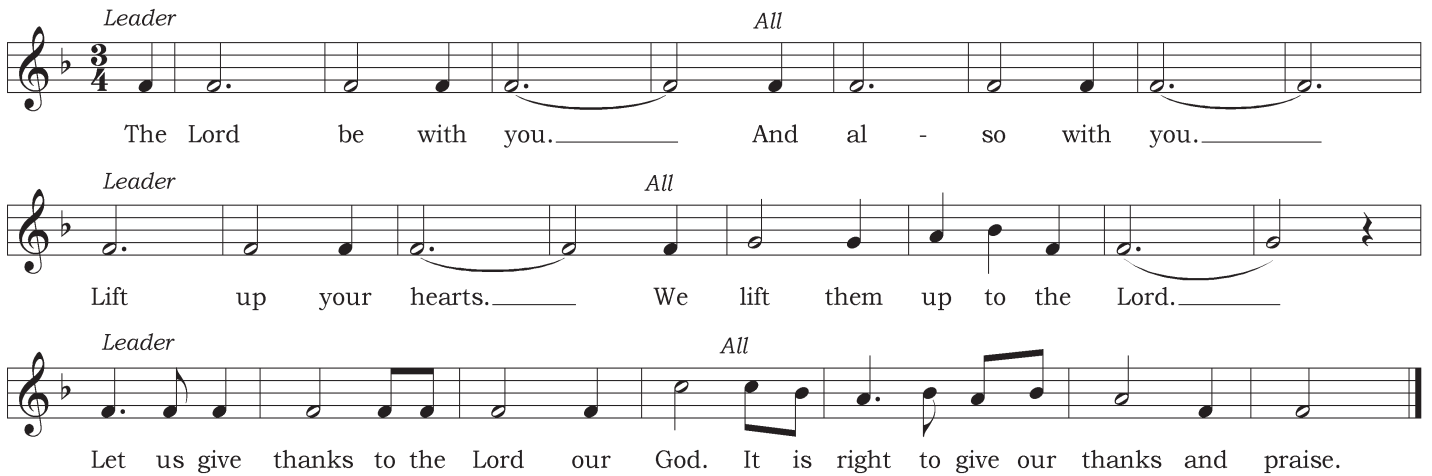
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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

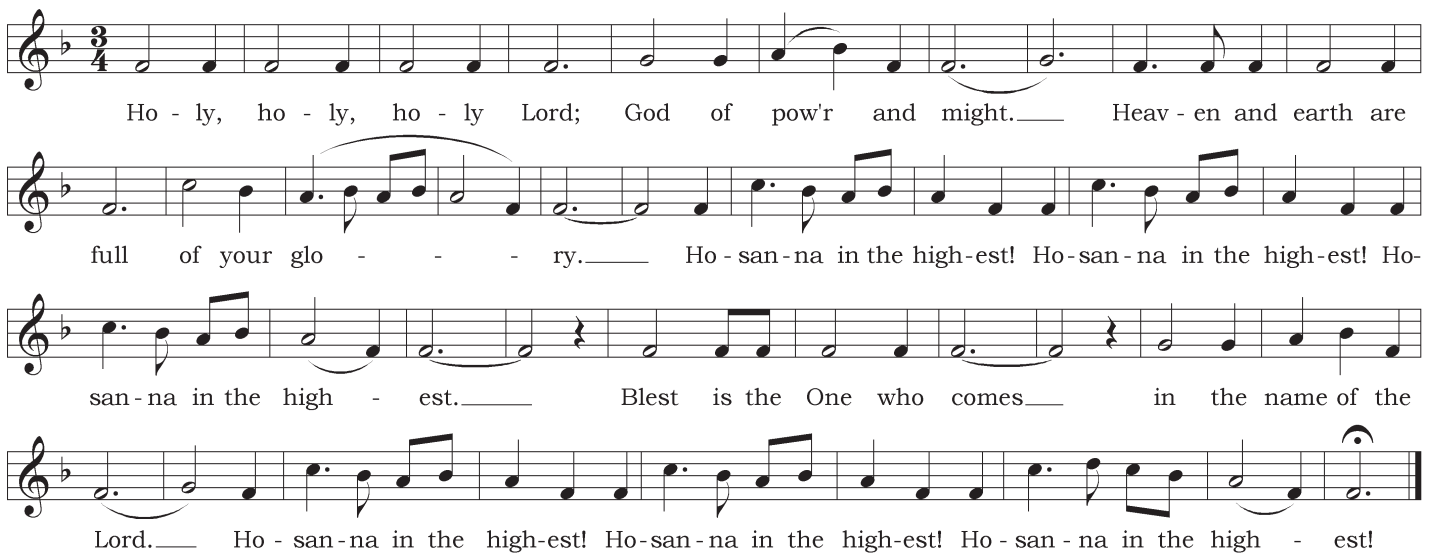


Leader The Lord be with you. _____ *All* And al - so with you. _____

Leader Lift up your hearts. _____ *All* We lift them up to the Lord. _____

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Divine Protector, Defender of Life,
your love for this world is everlasting.
As oceans burn and species go extinct,
our children are made vulnerable at school
and our neighbors are denied at our borders,
there is so much reason to despair.
But you, O God, refuse to abandon us to destruction.
Christ takes on flesh.
In the midst of struggle,
you are glimpses of hope,
encounters of freedom,
tastes of what satisfies when so much leaves empty.
In these incarnate moments,
we sense the closeness of your Kindom,
and we are inspired to sing with all creation in praise of you:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow'r and might. _____ Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - - - ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est. _____ Blest is the One who comes _____ in the name of the
Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

You, O God, reorder the world into right-relationship.
 You lift high those made low.
 You humble the arrogant.
 You hear the earth groaning under greed and consumption
 and your fire burns in the hearts of your prophets.
 With this hope and assurance,
 we turn to the witness of Jesus
 whose teachings reveal the way to liberation.
 We seek his wisdom.
 We practice his courage.
 We remember his radical commitment to love.

On the night of his arrest,
 Jesus shared a meal with his companions.
 He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:
 “This is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.”
 After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying:
 “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.”
 In remembrance of the love that saves us,
 we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

May the Spirit come and settle upon these gifts,
 making this bread and this cup be for us a Holy Encounter,
 reminding us that Christ is with us,
 that Resurrection is a promise granted to us,
 and that the Kindom is always closer than we can imagine.
 May we be nourished,
 that we might nourish others.

A - men. A - men. A - - - - men. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

Ayudanos, O Dios

A - yu - da-nos, O Dios, con - cé - de-nos tu paz. A - yu - da-nos, O
Dios, con - cé - de-nos tu paz. A - paz. O help us, save us,
grant us peace, O God! A - yu - da-nos, help us grant us peace, O
God! A - yu - da-nos, O Dios, con - cé - de nos tu paz.

We Will Rejoice In Love

soprano descant 2 (We will re - pent in love,

1. We will re - joice in love, lift up our voice in
 2. We will re - pent in love, raise our la - ment in
 love, love, make ev - ery choice in love, we will up -
 love, love, dare to dis - sent in love, we will up -
 hold your world in love. We will de - light in
 hold your world in love. We will per - sist in
 love, share and in - vite in love, till all u - nite in
 love, love, choose to re - sist in love, and co - ex - ist in
 love, we will re - make your world in love.)
 love, we will re - make your world in love.
 love, we will re - make your world in love.

La Lucha

En la lu - cha hay vi - da, en la lu - cha es - pe -
 ran - za. En la lu - cha hay vi - da, ¡siem - pre hay, siem - pre
 hay es - pe - ran - za! En la Can - ta - mos en la - lu - cha!
 Can - ta - mos por la jus - ti - cia! Can - ta - mos por nues - tras
 vi - das, ¡siem - pre hay, siem - pre hay es - pe - ran - za!

I Dream of a Church

1. I dream of a church where ev - 'ry-one is wel - come, I dream of a
2. O God, fill our hearts to reach out in wel - come, make us to
place we all can call home. I dream of a world where jus - tice is
see your vi - sion once more. Let's dream of a world where our hands are
flow - ing with hope and peace grow - ing, where God's will is done.
your hands, we of - fer our - selves, O God, make it so.
Make it so, make it so! We pray for that
day, make it so. We dream of a world where Love reigns a -
mong us and your will is done, O God, make it so.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Beloved One,

if we grow weary in love,

may this meal live on as a reminder of what sustains us.

In seeking the flourishing you intend for us, our neighbors, and this planet,

keep our hearts tender, our spirits alive, and our senses attuned
to the beauty that surrounds.

With gratitude for your abiding presence, we pray.

Amen.

'Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;
'til no one hurts or steals or lies,
and no more blood is spilled:
God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done and all things are made new,
God has work for us to do.

'Til age and race and gender no longer separate;
'til pulpit, press, and policies are free of greed and hate:
God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done and all things are made new,
God has work for us to do.

In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill,
in board room and in billiard hall,
in wards where time stands still,
in classroom, church, and office,
in shops, or on the street,
in every place where people thrive,
or starve, or hide, or meet.

God has work for us.
By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands,
by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands.
By praying through our doing,
and singing though we fear,
by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near.

God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done and all things are made new,
God has work for us to do.

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle

wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the

1 2
cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it

wid-er still. Let this be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing

1
side by side, draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

2

wide. Draw the cir - cle draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle

wide. No one stands a-lone,we'll stand side by side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-le

wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this be our song: no one

stands a - lone. Stand - ing side by side, draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle

to repeat Repeat as desired to end

wide. Draw the Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle

molto rit.

wide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Celebrant

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

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WORSHIP MUSIC

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