

## Welcome to Worship

*Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors*

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### **Prelude**

#### **Gather Us In (#529)**

Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Focus**

Today's passage concerns much of what happens to Jesus on the night of his arrest. Though the disciples remain confused, what stands out is the continual Hope that Jesus offers in each conversation. Amid this confusion, we are invited into a sacrament where in dying, Jesus gives the Spirit of Life to his people.

### **Confession**

(Reading Together)

God of creation, you redeem us from all sin.

Yet, we forget that in you we find our refuge.

We live in fear rather than faith.

We strive to be great rather than follow in your servant steps.

In our words, our actions, and our thoughts, we betray you.

Deliver us from our fears, strengthen our hearts, and hear our cries, Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Though we may turn our faces away from God, God never turns away from us. The One who prepares a place for us at the table is the same One who forgives us our sins. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

### **We Greet Each Other**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 22:1-38

#### **Table of Plenty (#808, verses 1-3)**

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table

where saints and sinners are friends.

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
to share the cup of my love.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

O come and eat without money;

come to drink without price.

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
with faith and fullness of life.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

My bread will ever sustain you

through days of sorrow and woe.

My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
to flood the depths of your soul.

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

### **Let Us Break Bread Together (#837)**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the Lord of life,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the Lord of life,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the Lord of life,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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**God at Work:** Special feature by the deacons

### **Congregational Prayer**

**Message:** "Our Hope in Jesus"  
Pastor Jonathan Owens

### **The Lord's Supper Litany:**

**Pastor:** In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup.

**People:** We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

### **The Lord's Supper**

#### **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated 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 catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Parting Blessing**

#### **And Can It Be (#695, verses 1 & 4)**

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain—  
for me, who caused his bitter death?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that you, my Lord, should die for me?  
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that you, my Lord, should die for me?

No condemnation now I dread,  
for Christ, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that you, my Lord, should die for me?

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