



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPARTANBURG, SC

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
OCTOBER 4, 2020  
11:00AM

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Thy Holy Wings*

Swedish Hymn

ACOLYTE

*During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.*

*Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.  
O be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,  
and let my every moment be lived within Thy grace.*

### INTROIT

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we gather around God's table from near and far;

All: **We are the People of God!**

One: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition,

All: **We are brothers and sisters in Christ!**

One: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism;

All: **We are One in God's Spirit!**

One: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus,

All: **For we are the people of Redemption!**

One: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

All: **Let us continue the worship of God through choral music.**

*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.*

*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.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God,  
mother of mercy, father of grace:  
You have called us to one table,  
but we have pursued our own course.  
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,  
but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.  
You have promised us the bread of life itself,  
but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.  
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,  
but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.  
And now we are famished, too, Lord.  
Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.  
Transform us, at this table, and for this table,  
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,  
by the power of your Son, our Lord...

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.  
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.  
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.  
Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things,  
and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSE

*Gloria*

## TAIZE COMMUNITY

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

QUEBEC

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-9

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:32-38

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Voices from the Past for the Days that are Ahead:  
The Gracious Invitation*

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*I Come With Joy*

Karen Marroli

DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

SONG

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung Responsively)

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: ***And also with you.***

One: *Lift up, lift up your hearts.*

All: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

One: *Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

SONG

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*  
(words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

BICENTENNIAL

*You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat;  
come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.*

*As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice,  
so when you call your family, Lord,  
we follow and rejoice.*

*You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat;  
come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN 801, VERSE 5

CRIMOND

*Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*In Christ There is No East or West*

arr. Dale Wood

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. J. Lewis Johnson  
Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang  
Mrs. Holly M. Bannan  
Mr. Jacob W. Bannan, Acolyte

Holt Andrews, Director  
Marcia Andrews, Organist

### Additional Musicians

Patti Foy  
Lisa Cunningham  
Reel Robertson  
Paul MacPhail

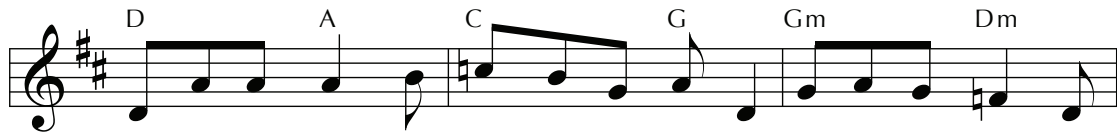
### *Today's Floral Memorial:*

*In loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Chapman  
by the family.*

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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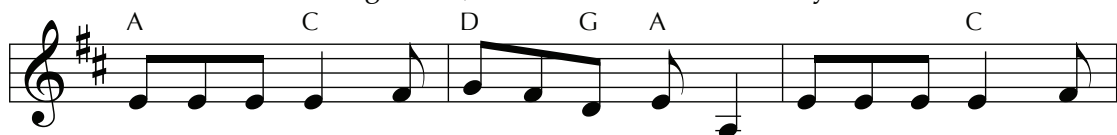
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



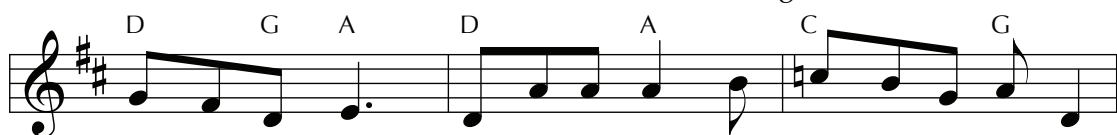
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



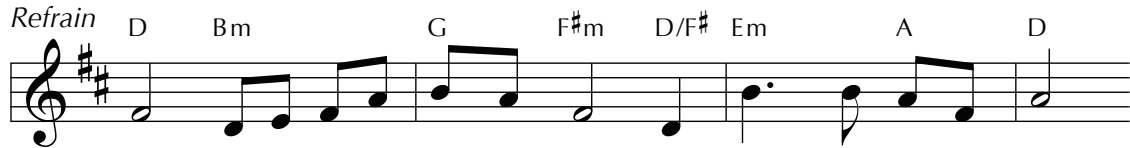
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 523



You sat-is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat;



come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joice.  
that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heaven-ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can-not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Submitted together, this text and tune were chosen from about two hundred entries to be the official hymn for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress held at Philadelphia in 1976. At the center of its many biblical images, the third stanza draws on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17.

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MUSIC: Robert E. Kreutz, 1976

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BICENTENNIAL

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