
Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



Samuel Anoints David to the Kingdom, Alexander Ivanov, 1806-1858

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Proceed with much prayer and your way will be made plain.

– John Wesley

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

* Song #628 (vv. 1 and 3)

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O
 2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O
 3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O

God, I will tell the won-ders of your ways, and glo-ri - fy your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In
 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In
 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In

you I will find the source of all my joy. Al - le - lu - ia!

This simple song based on Psalm 9:1-2 was created in the mid-1970s for a morning devotional of a group touring in the picturesque high Alps. Later it was incorporated into their programs and soon spread throughout Europe and the world, being translated into many languages.

TEXT: Claude Frayssé, 1975; English trans. Kenneth I. Morse, 1988
 MUSIC: Claude Frayssé, 1975; harm. Alain Bergèse, 1976
 Text and Music © 1975 Claude Frayssé
 English Trans. © 1989 The Hymnal Project (admin. Brethren Press)

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Opening Prayer

** Please stand in body or spirit*

Scripture

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

When the people of Israel demanded a king, Samuel had anointed Saul as king following God's direction. Saul's reign begins well, but he soon becomes a disappointment to God who says, "I regret that I made Saul king..." And so God directs Samuel to find a new king.

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

^{16:1}The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

James Sledge

Offering Gifts and Song #725 (vv. 1 and 3)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b B^b E^b

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b E^b B^b7 E^b

be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F B^b A^b B^b

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.
 MUSIC: Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music Adapt. and Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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 (alternate tune: ANGEL'S STORY, 724)

Prayers of the People

Tom-Erik Bowen

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving on Session (governing council). At the end of each petition we will sing:



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1982
Text and Music © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS
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Prayers of concern

Paige Bach, recovering from bronchitis and pneumonia
Nicole Moose (Alleman), recovering from spinal surgery
Callie Brown, recovering from surgery for a broken leg and ankle
Christa Young, undergoing treatment for a recurrence of cancer
Bill Darrow, following surgery for a detached retina
Keith Lenert, continuing to heal after hip replacement surgery on May 18
Educators, administrators, support staff, and students during the pandemic
Staff and residents of elder care facilities everywhere
First responders, health care providers, caregivers, essential employees, and all who continue to put their lives at risk during the pandemic

Continued prayers

Kris Barth, Allan Capon, Steve Graff, Emma Corina Granado, Mike Hugo, Laurel Kovach, Nora Long, Sandy Martin, Ruth Mileham, Bob Moore, Cort Peret, James Steele, Lawson Swift, Helen Waugh, Charles Wirth

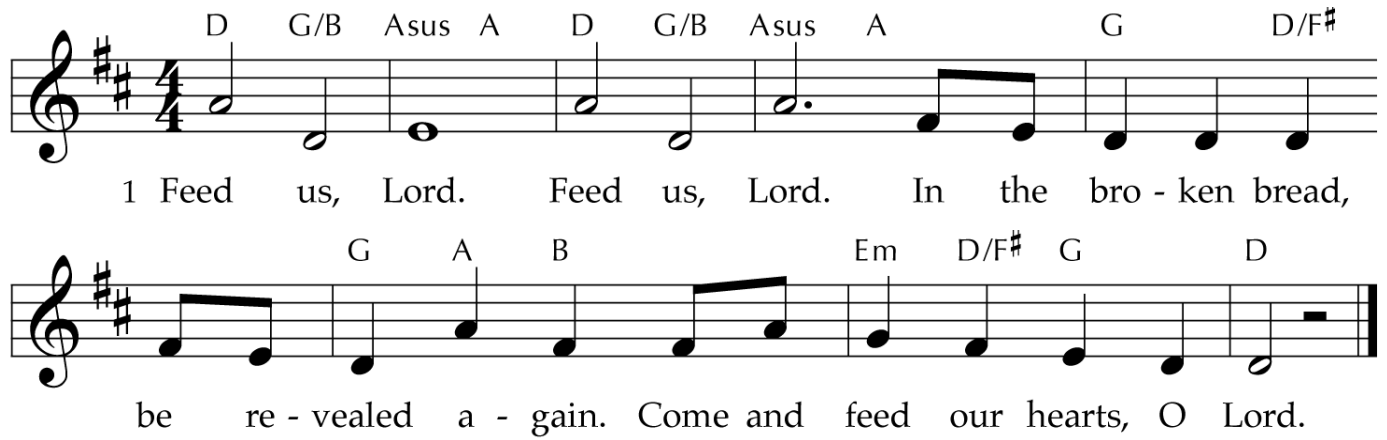
Communion of the People

Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song #512

The Bread and Wine Are Here



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

TEXT and MUSIC: Greg Scheer, 2007
Text and Music © 2007 Greg Scheer

FEED US
3.3.5.5.7

Post-Communion Prayer

* Song #743 (sung twice)

O God, You Are My God

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

Though this refrain from a longer song is not a paraphrase of any particular psalm, the language in the first six lines has definite scriptural overtones (such as Psalms 31:14, 5:3; Deuteronomy 26:17). The final two lines sound more spontaneous and lead to a confident conclusion.

TEXT and MUSIC: David Strasser (Beaker), 1991
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Our Life Together as the Body of Christ

The Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leader	Tom-Erik Bowen
Audio/Video	Diane Maloney
Music	Lisa Bloy, piano; Andrew Jonas, tenor; David Schoonover, baritone
Fellowship Time Host	Suzanne Martin
Fellowship Hall Flowers	The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and were grown in the North Fairfax Street flower bed dedicated to the precious memory of Merry Huley, who left us her spirit on May 13, 2020. Praise the Lord for Merry's life and all the beauty of this earth.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We welcome all to our livestream community and hope that you will join us in song and prayer from the safety of your own homes. If you would like to learn more about our community of faith, please [visit our church website](#).

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, "working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church."

The Rev. James Sledge, Pastor
Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement
Noah Clark, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry
The Rev. Megan Klose, Parish Associate
The Rev. Rusty Lynn, Hon. Ret., Parish Associate
David Schoonover, Acting Director of Music
Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

This Week at FCPC

June 13-20, 2021

ONLINE WORSHIP AND MEETINGS

Worship Service – Sunday at 9:30 a.m. www.fallschurchpresby.org/livestream, [Sermon.net Media Center](#), [Facebook Live](#), or [YouTube](#). (Subscribe to the FCPC YouTube channel to receive notification when we go live. Learn how [here](#).)

Fellowship Time – Immediately following worship. [Zoom Meeting ID: 919 9132 3252](#)

Tuesday Morning Prayer – Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 104 294 101](#)

Saturday Morning Bible Study & Fellowship Group – Contact [Tom Koger](#) for meeting information.

In-person worship begins June 27. Some details on worshipping as safely as possible are still being worked out. More information will be coming soon.

Congregational Meeting June 27. The Session has called a meeting immediately following worship in order to elect an additional deacon.

Join us for our monthly virtual Fellowship Time immediately following worship. [Zoom Meeting ID: 919 9132 3252](#). This week's host is Suzanne Martin. Anyone is welcome to host Fellowship Time! Learn more [here](#) and sign up [here](#).

Final in-person Youth Group, June 13. All youth are invited to join us for the final Youth Group of the school year. Meet in the front parking lot this Sunday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Welcome Table, June 16. Sign up for your favorite volunteer spot [here](#). If you would like to support Welcome Table with a financial contribution, you can mail a check (made out to FCPC with "Welcome Table" in memo line) to the church office or give through FCPC's secure [Online Giving](#) link.

Welcome Table wants you back! Throughout the pandemic, Welcome Table has successfully served a meal to 600-700 guests twice a month for the past 15 months. This has been accomplished by a small group of dedicated volunteers. As restrictions are being lifted and more people have been vaccinated, we need your help. In particular, we have been chronically short of volunteers for our late afternoon shifts: packing food for takeout from 4:45-6:30 p.m. and kitchen cleanup from 6-7:30 p.m. If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry, please consider signing up on our [Welcome Table signup](#). Thank you!

VBC registration closes June 18! Register [here](#). Vacation Bible Camp will be July 20-22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Though this camp is a little shorter than ones in the past, it will have more fun packed into every minute! Children ages 4 through completed 4th grade are welcome to participate. Cost is \$15/child. VBC will take place 100% outdoors. Questions? Contact [Diane Maloney](#).

Silent Witness Against Racial Injustice, June 19. Please join the Falls Church faith community in Silent Witness and celebration of Juneteenth on June 19 from noon to 1:00 pm along Broad Street. Juneteenth is the celebration of General Gordon Granger's announcement of emancipation to the enslaved of Galveston, Texas, in 1865; the final slaves to be freed. June 19 also marks our first anniversary of the Silent Witness events in Falls Church. Please stay afterward for a group picture commemorating our celebration of both events.

Changes to Silent Witness schedule. With the one-year anniversary of our Silent Witness on June 19, we have two announcements:

1. Our church has joined [VOICE](#) (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement), a local organization which supports community initiatives that have been identified by marginalized communities. Several FCPC members are actively involved. If you would like to join FCPCs efforts, email the [Justice Ministry Team](#).
2. Silent Witness will move to quarterly events after June 19. Mark your calendar for the fall and winter events: October 8, 2021, and January 15, 2022. Spring and summer dates will be announced.

Thank you to all who joined us in Silent Witness over the past year!

Drop & Dash, June 19 & 20. Bring your dad to Drop & Dash next weekend! Please note, there is a specific need for cereal, paper products, granola bars, and canned meats for kids who are on summer break. Other much-needed items can be found at this [Knox Food Pantry link](#). Please also consider signing up to help receive donations at the Broad Street (front parking lot) entrance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (two-hour shifts) using this [SignUpGenius link](#).

Outdoor Movie Night, June 25. Mark your calendar for an outdoor movie night hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team. We will have short films (think Pixar shorts) starting at 8 p.m. with a full-length feature film starting once it is completely dark. Bring your own chair; we'll supply the snacks! Questions? Contact [Diane Maloney](#).

God sightings. You are invited to share a photo that captures a time or place where you have experienced God. Photos submitted by noon each Wednesday will be considered for use at the opening of our virtual worship service. Email images to [Diane Maloney](#).

Pastoral care during social distancing. If you or your loved one is in need of pastoral care, please do not hesitate to contact [James Sledge](#). And if you are at-risk from COVID-19, please let James or the [deacons](#) know if we can offer you support with specific tasks such as grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, or other things that might put you at risk.