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



Study, Christ Washing the Feet of the Disciples, Henry Ossawa Tanner, ca. 1905

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. – Martin Luther King Jr.

Life is for service. – Fred Rogers

Prelude

Whiter Than Snow

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Welcome

Song #669

Let's Sing unto the Lord

Dm A7

1 Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of glad re - joic-ing.
 2 Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of ad - o - ra - tion,

A7 Dm

Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh be - gin-ning.
 which shows our love and faith and the hope of all cre - a - tion.

Dm A7

God made the sky a - bove, the stars, the sun, the o - ceans;
 Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for great-ness,

A7 Dm

and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beau-ty.
 and so we sing to God, who be - stows such love - ly bless-ings.

Refrain / Estribillo

Dm C B \flat A

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!

Gm Dm A7 Dm

Let's sing un - to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor. ¡Al - le - lu - ya!

SPANISH

1 *Cantemos al Señor
 un himno de alegría,
 un cántico de amor
 al nacer el nuevo día.
 Él hizo el cielo, el mar,
 el sol y las estrellas,
 y vio en ellos bondad,
 pues sus obras eran bellas. Estribillo*

2 *Cantemos al Señor
 un himno de alabanza
 que exprese nuestro amor,
 nuestra fe y nuestra esperanza.
 En toda la creación
 pregona su grandeza,
 así nuestro cantar
 va anunciando su belleza. Estribillo*

Showing the apparent influence of Genesis 1 and Psalm 19, this cheerful hymn was created as the entrance hymn for a mass setting by the author/composer. The joyful tone of this music needs not to be rushed but savored, more like an accentuated dance than a hasty gallop.

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Mark 10:35-45

This passage contains Jesus' final teaching to the disciples prior to his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Jesus has told his disciples three different times that he will be arrested and killed, the final time immediately prior to this passage, but they had never seemed to comprehend what Jesus was saying. Nonetheless they realize that something momentous is about to happen, which likely prompts the request from James and John. Jesus' mention of the cup he drinks and his baptism clearly refer to his upcoming suffering and death. Whether or not James and John recognize this is uncertain.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

James Sledge

Offering Gifts and Song #727 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

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 #520

Taste and See

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness'. The second staff continues with 'of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and' and includes a fermata over the word 'and'. The third staff concludes with 'see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' and includes a fermata over the word 'of'. The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and chords.

TEXT and MUSIC: James E. Moore Jr., 1983
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TASTE AND SEE
Irregular

Post-Communion Prayer

Song #747

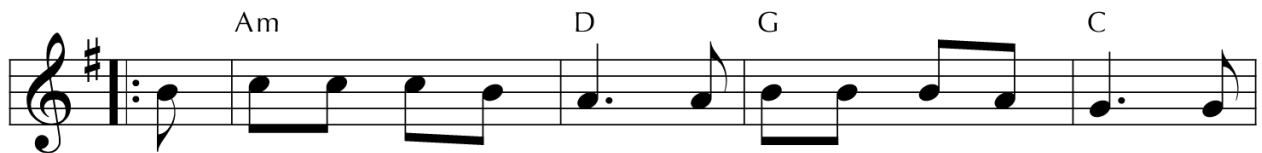
The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.

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
Ushers	Lowell Schuyler, Marsha Schuyler
Music	David Schoonover
Audio/Video	Andrew Jonas, Diane Maloney
Fellowship Hall Flowers	In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Audrey McDowell, from Shelly, Andrew, and Rachel Skomra.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning, whether you are with us online or in person. If you would like to learn more about our community of faith, please [visit the 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

The Rev. Megan Klose, Parish Associate

The Rev. Rusty Lynn, Hon. Ret., Parish Associate

David Schoonover, Acting Director of Music

Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

Online Worship and Meetings

Godly Play – Sunday at 8:45 a.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 842 4172 2114](#)

Worship Service – Sunday at 9:30 a.m. www.fallschurchpresby.org/livestream,
[Sermon.net Media Center](#), [Facebook Live](#), or [YouTube](#).

Online Bible Study – Monday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. [Zoom Meeting ID: 81356493860](#)

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

Saturday Morning Bible Study & Fellowship Group – Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Contact
[Tom Koger](#) for meeting information.

Godly Play, Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Based on the Montessori Method, Godly Play helps children develop a Christian language system through storytelling and wonder. Godly Play takes place every other Sunday at 8:45 a.m. on Zoom. [Zoom Meeting ID: 842 4172 2114](#)

Singing in worship. Given the continued low Covid transmission rates among the vaccinated in Fairfax County, and even lower rates in the City of Falls Church, the Worship Ministry Team has decided to allow masked congregational singing. Along with this change, we ask that all worshippers who are eligible to do so be vaccinated. If you choose not to be vaccinated, please join us in worship online. We will continue to limit attendance to 50 people and masks are required. [Please register here.](#)

Lemonade on the Lawn. Join us following worship for lemonade and distanced fellowship on the front lawn. Hosted by Susan Beeman and the Community Building Ministry Team.

Drop & Dash, Oct. 17. Drop off donations from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Broad Street/front parking lot entrance. Donations help restock the shelves at Knox Presbyterian Food Pantry. Most-needed items can be found [here](#). Please also consider signing up to help receive donations (two-hour shifts) [here](#).

Youth Pumpkin Party, Oct. 17. Open to all 6th-12th grade students. Join us on the front lawn from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for our annual pumpkin party! We'll supply the pumpkins and the carving tools. All you need to bring is your creativity!

With gratitude and thanks for disaster relief. Mercy Ministry would like to thank the congregation for your great generosity as we responded to disaster and humanitarian crises over the last few months. As is custom, we sent \$1000.00 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with relief efforts following the earthquake in Haiti, flooding in Tennessee, and devastation due to Hurricane Ida. You more than matched that \$3,000.00, and we were able to send close to \$7,000.00 total to help people in need in each of those places. Thank you for your continued grace!

Online Bible Study: The Letter of Paul to the Romans, Oct. 18. Join Pastor Sledge on Zoom Mondays at 2 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. for this 10-week study. The Apostle Paul may have done more to shape Christianity than anyone other than Jesus, and his writings on being saved by grace were central to the Protestant Reformation. His letter to the Roman church is Paul's longest and lays out his understanding of the faith in great detail. Bring your Bible and your curiosity as we explore God's grace and the shape of Christian living. The lessons are available for download [here](#). [Zoom Meeting ID: 81356493860](#)

Welcome Table, Oct. 20. Click [here](#) to sign up for your favorite volunteer spot. If you cannot be there in person, your financial support would also be most welcome. Send a check (made out to FCPC with "Welcome Table" noted) to the church office or give online [here](#) or via the QR code below. Thank you for your continued support!

The Family Table, Oct. 24. Join us Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. in Frady Park (across Fairfax Street from the church) for a special outdoor Family Table gathering. The Family Table is designed for all ages to have conversations about life and faith together. We will gather in the park to share in the movements of worship in a different and creative way.

CNC seeks nominations. The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is seeking member nominations for elders and deacons for 2022. CNC members are Jay Campbell (Chair), Susan Beeman, Gary Ewart, Dan Lenert, Eric Munson, Kirk Salpini, and Bonnie Seklecki. Email nominations to CNC@fallschurchpresby.org. Deadline for submission is Oct. 31.

Congregational Nominating Nuggets. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing thoughts from our elders and deacons on what it means to serve in these roles. This week's reflections come from Elder Jay Campbell and Deacon Kathy Chavez.

I knew going in that serving on Session would require time and commitment; I didn't realize that it would be such a rewarding and spiritually enriching experience. I've become more appreciative and grateful for all the hard work by staff, elders, deacons, and volunteers in service of FCPC's ministries. I've made new and deeper friendships at church, and witnessing others' faiths in action has inspired my own faith and spiritual commitment. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as an elder and what the experience has meant for my own faith journey. – Jay Campbell, Elder

One of my favorite things about being a Deacon is working with my care families and getting to know them. I love sending emails and notes and hearing back about what they are doing. I am grateful that I've been given the opportunity to weather the pandemic together with them. – Kathy Chavez, Deacon

Submit your recipes for the FCPC Cookbook by Nov. 8. Submit 1-2 of your favorite recipes online using Morris Press Cookbook's website. [Click here](#) for instructions. Questions? Contact [Allison Hoak](#). There is a \$10 minimum donation per cookbook with all proceeds supporting FCPC's hunger ministry fund. Reserve your copies [here](#). Cookbooks will be available in early December.

Scan the QR code at right to connect to the mobile version of FCPC's Online Giving web page.

