



FALLS CHURCH  
PRESBYTERIAN

May 15, 2022  
5th Sunday of Easter  
8:30 a.m.

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

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## Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

*Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now.*

– Fred Rogers

## Gathering Song #243 (sung twice)

*Be Not Afraid*

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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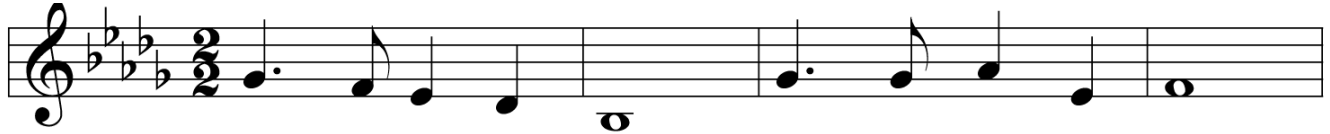
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BE NOT AFRAID  
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## Welcome

\* Song #230

*Joyful Is the Dark*



1 Joy - ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,  
 2 Joy - ful is the dark Spir - it of the deep,  
 3 Joy - ful is the dark, shad - owed sta - ble floor;  
 4 Joy - ful is the dark cool - ness of the tomb,  
 5 Joy - ful is the dark depth of love di - vine,

(Dm) (Dm7) (Em) (Gsus) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup>m7 Fm A<sup>b</sup>sus A<sup>b</sup>



roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing:  
 wing - ing wild - ly o'er the world's cre - a - tion,  
 an - gels flick - er, God on earth con - fess - ing,  
 wait - ing for the won - der of the morn - ing;  
 roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry,

(Dm) (C) (F) (Dm) (G) (C)  
 E<sup>b</sup>m D<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>m A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>



maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of love,  
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum - age black and bright,  
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing birth,  
 nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and gloom:  
 ho - ly, haunt - ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.

(Dm)	(Em7)	(Dm)	(Gsus) (G)	(C)
E <sup>b</sup> m	Fm7	E <sup>b</sup> m	A <sup>b</sup> sus A <sup>b</sup>	D <sup>b</sup>



Word - in - flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.  
 swoop - ing with the beau - ty of a ra - ven.  
 hails the in - fant cry of need and bless - ing.  
 dark - ness was the cra - dle of the dawn - ing.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

## Opening Prayer

### Scripture

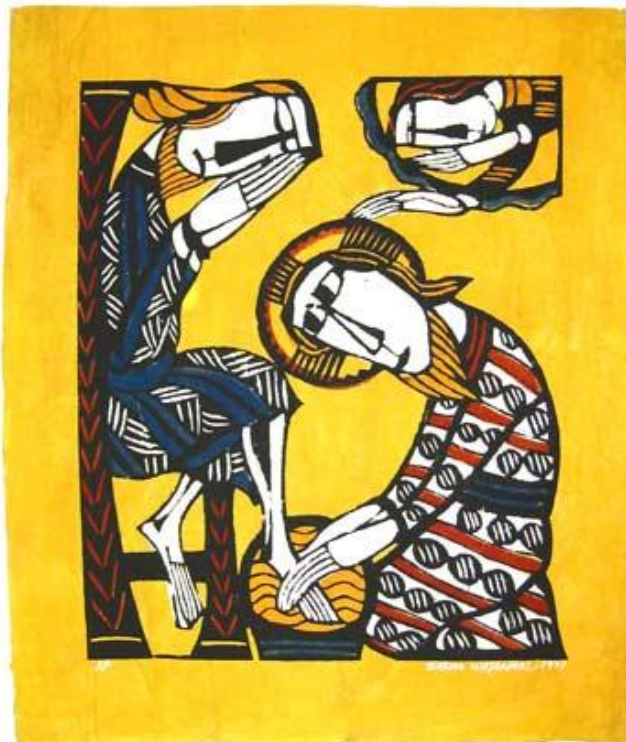
John 13:31-35

This reading takes place on the night of Jesus' arrest. Shortly before, Jesus has washed the feet of his disciples, work done by slaves or servants. Immediately before these verses, Judas goes out to betray Jesus, and immediately after these verses, Jesus predicts Peter's denial. In that context, Jesus speaks of his coming glorification, and of the shape of the new community that his followers will soon form.

*When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'*

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



*Christ Washing the Feet of St. Peter*

Sadao Watanabe, 1963

### Reflection

James Sledge

# Offering Gifts and Song #699

# Fill My Cup

Refrain C F C

Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my

G C Am Caug

cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it

Fine

o - ver - flow; let it o - ver - flow with love.

1 Lord, let me be your in - stru - ment, spread - ing  
2 It's my de - sire to live for you and to

F C G Em7

sun - shine in the land; let peo - ple see your  
al - ways walk up - right; give me the strength to

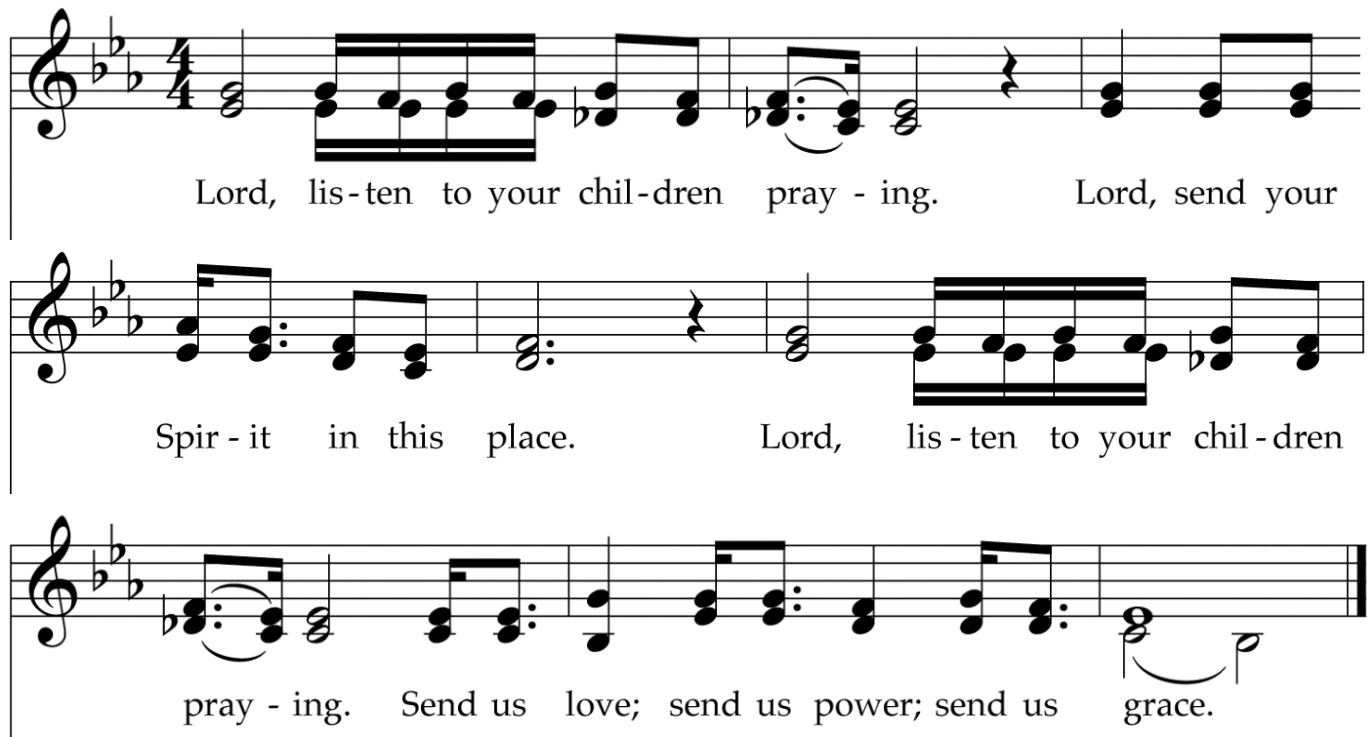
Am7 Dm7 G<sup>2</sup> to Refrain

works in me; help me live the best I can.  
face each day; stay with me through each dark night.

## 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) or other members of the congregation. At the end of each petition we will sing:*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your  
Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren  
pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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CHILDREN PRAYING  
Irregular

### *Prayer Concerns*

The family of Nick Snow, a longtime FCPC Saturday Bible Study group member, Knox Presbyterian member (and pancake breakfast chef), and great friend, who passed after a battle with cancer. Nick was a journalist, covering all things related to the Energy Sector, a loving husband and father, and a great singer. He also read many scripture passages out of the King James Bible with flair. We celebrate his life, gifts, and friendship.

The Bisbee family on the death of Donna Bisbee on May 3

Ken Waugh, in rehab following a recent hospitalization

Sarah Barth, in treatment for cancer

The war in Ukraine and all those affected by it

### *Continued Prayers*

Kris Barth, Allan Capon, Steve Graff, Mike Hugo, Elina Kent, Nora Long, Ruth Mileham, Bob Moore, Sharane Patek, Cort Peret, Christa Young

*A Note of Thanks from Marissa Brown, friend of Myra Bridgforth*

“I want to give the members of your congregation my heartfelt thanks for their prayers and support of Disability Rights International’s fact-finding trip to Ukraine. Not only were we able to complete our work successfully, safely, and in good health, we have been able to generate a consensus for moving forward.”

*Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor James at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org)*

## Communion of the People

### Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, 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.

### Distribution of the Elements

*Communion is by intinction. Receive bread into your open hand, and dip it in the cup. Bread is gluten-free and cup is non-alcoholic. Prepacked communion packets are available for those who prefer them. Those joining us on livestream are invited to use whatever elements you have at home to join in the Lord’s Supper.*

## Communion Song #520

*Taste and See*

Refrain      F                      C                      B<sup>b</sup>                      F                      B<sup>b</sup>

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. *Fine*

# Post-Communion Prayer

## \* Song #300

## *We Are One in the Spirit*



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



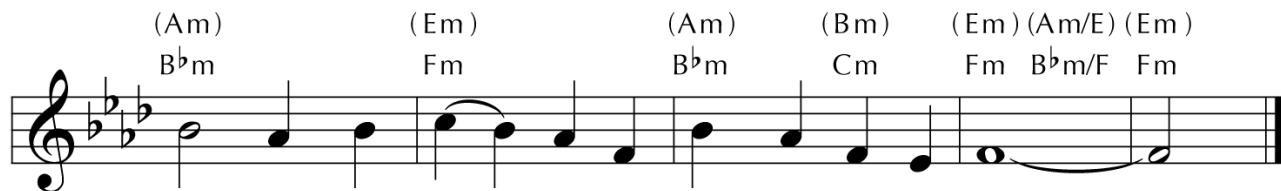
we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

# 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
Music	David Schoonover, baritone; Wendy Hellmann, piano
Audio/Video	Andrew Jonas

## A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to learn more about our community of faith, please visit [www.fallschurchpresby.org](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org).

## Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Coloring sheets and crayons are available on the side table for our youngest disciples.

*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

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

David Schoonover, Acting Director of Music

Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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