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



Duccio di Buoninsegna, *Christ Taking Leave of His Disciples*,
panel from the Maesta Altarpiece (1308–1311),
Museo dell'Opera Metropolitana del Duomo, Siena, Italy

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

To have Faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that He says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus if you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey Him. But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to Heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of Heaven is already inside you.”

– C.S. Lewis

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. Joe Utterback (b. 1944)

RINGING OF THE BELL AND WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 117

ONE: Praise the LORD, all you nations!

ALL: **Extol God, all you peoples!**

ONE: For great is God's steadfast love toward us,

ALL: **And the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

*** HYMN 238**

Thine Is the Glory

DRAW NEAR TO GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

Risen Christ, whose resurrection we celebrate at Easter,

you called us to be a community of love, loving others as you loved us.

You called us to keep your commandments.

But very often, we have found it easier to believe in you than to follow,

and we have been wary of the Spirit who you promise to us.

Loving Savior, forgive us. Embrace us in your love once more

so that it reshapes and transforms us.

Pour out the Holy Spirit upon us,

inspiring and equipping us to love others, just as you have loved us.

Silence for personal reflection

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: J. Christopher Pardini, 2005
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KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE, GRACE, AND PEACE

** Please stand in body or spirit*

*** SING GLORY TO GOD**

Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal
as God's love, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise our God ye heav'n-ly host,
Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung twice)

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart;
G/B G D
I want to see you; I want to see you;

TEXT and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, 1997
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OPEN THE EYES
Irregular

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 67

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ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

WORD IN MUSIC

O Love

arr. Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-29

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ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

IF YOU LOVE ME

James Sledge

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 316**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

*** RESPONSE OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jay Campbell

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

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.

Prayer Concerns

Sabra Staley, in the hospital with an infection

Neill Ferill, brother of Allison Stiller, following surgery for a brain tumor

Mike Volpe, recovering after a fall

Ally Campbell, recovering from ACL surgery

The Valley family on the death of Matthew Valley

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

Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor James at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998
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 Music Harm. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 LM with alleluias
 (alternate harmonization, 10)

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

* HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

* OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

arr. Clarence Kohlmann (1891-1944)

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leader	Jay Campbell
Ushers	Jack Sarver, Marnie Sarver
Music	Chancel Choir
Audio/Video	Andrew Jonas, Diane Maloney

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please visit www.fallschurchpresby.org.

Masks in Worship

Masks are strongly recommended but no longer required in worship. Please consider those who are immune compromised or unable to be vaccinated and continue to mask up.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Child care is available for **children up to age 4 in Room 201**. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time. For children **4 years of age and older**, Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following the passing of the peace.

Congregational Meeting, June 19

Session has called a Congregational Meeting for June 19, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing elders and deacons.

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