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



The Communion of the Saints, for All Saints, Ira Thomas, www.catholicworldart.com

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*In the great circle, dancing in
and out of time, you move now
toward your partners, answering
the music suddenly audible to you
that only carried you before
and will carry you again.*

– Wendell Berry, “Our Children, Coming of Age”

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Faith

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

RINGING OF THE BELL AND WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 147

ONE: Praise the LORD!

ALL: **The LORD is gracious!**

ONE: The LORD gathers the outcasts of Israel.

ALL: **The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

ONE: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving.

ALL: **Praise the LORD!**

*** HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation

DRAW NEAR TO GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

Creator God, Redeemer God, Sustainer God,

Out of love you created us and called us good.

You call us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege.

You call us to risk our lives and comfort for justice, but we fear worldly consequences for faithful action.

We fail to follow where Christ leads, where the Spirit leads. We make excuses for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action.

Forgive what we have been, Three in One, and direct us to what we will be.

Move us to risk following where you call. Amen.

Silence for personal reflection

SUNG RESPONSE

Come and Fill Our Hearts

The musical notation is for a sung response in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a treble clef. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!' are written below the second staff. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!' are written below the second staff.

TEXT AND MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
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** Please stand in body or spirit*

RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE, GRACE, AND PEACE

* SING GLORY TO GOD

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

* 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)

Leader Lis - ten, *All* lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

TEXT: Kenyan; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1987

MUSIC: Kenyan; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1987

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Music Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

NENO LAKE MUNGU

6.4.6.4 with refrain

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

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ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Andantino

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*** RESPONSE OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Armstrong

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

Bill Kercheval, at Inova hospital following cardiac arrest

Continued Prayers

Kris Barth, Sarah Barth, Ally Campbell, Allan Capon, John Drinkell, Neill Ferill, Steve Graff, Mike Hugo, Elina Kent, Nora Long, Rusty Lynn, Ruth Mileham, Bob Moore, Sharane Patek, Cort Peret, Ken Waugh, Christa Young

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

* DOXOLOGY

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;

praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.

Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

TEXT: Anon.
MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

DA N'ASE
Irregular

*** 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 733**

We All Are One in Mission

*** OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Benediction

Alexander Schreiner (1901-1987)

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leader	Sue Armstrong
Ushers	Chuck Hobbie, Young Hobbie
Music	David Schoonover, Wendy Hellmann
Audio/Video	Xander Burdette
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Carolyn Bruce and family, in loving memory of Bob Appleby, Carolyn's father, on his August 14 birthday.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red friendship pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. 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. Godly Play for older children is on hiatus for the summer.

Fellowship Time

Join us in the parlor for light refreshments and fellowship immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Hosted by Kathy Chavez and Community Building Ministry.

Sermon Talkback

Ever wanted to ask a question about a sermon? Have a comment or a thought that you'd like to share? Join Pastors James and Megan for a conversation around the sermon and the worship service. Sermon Talkback meets in the library at 9:30 a.m. and again at noon.

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⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Second Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:


From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,
 in my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.