



July 7, 2024  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 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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## ***We Gather to Praise God***

### **PRELUDE**

*I Found a Church*      Eric Gibson, Leigh Gibson, Mike Barber (contemporary)  
Honey & Locusts

*I found a church today, you led me to its doors; There was love about, it made my spirit soar  
We had worship there and Jesus' name was praised; And I sang along  
I found a church today*

*And all the souls inside welcomed from their pews; You were in their eyes and in their voices too  
And my heart was full when it was time to pray; I came back to you  
I found a church today*

*And your love shone in through the windows wide; And it brightened the room til I'd nothing left to hide  
Though I can't recall what kept me away; Yet you knew my need  
I found a church today*

*I'll come back next week and bring a friend along; He needs to hear your word, he needs to sing your songs  
Keep a fire in me, don't let me get away; O, it feels like home  
I found a church today*

*And your love shone in through the windows wide; And it brightened the room til I'd nothing left to hide  
Though I can't recall what kept me away; Yet you knew my need  
I found a church today*

*Yes, you knew my need, I found a church today*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME**

Megan Klose

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Megan Klose

ONE: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Within this covenant God gives us new life, strengthens us to resist evil, and nurtures us in love.**

ONE: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**ALL: We do!**

ONE: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**ALL: Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior!**

ONE: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his word and showing his love?

**ALL: We will, with God's help!**

**\* HYMN 481**

*I Believe in God the Father*

*The text from this hymn is a 21<sup>st</sup>-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed (in the manner of Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter.*

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jenny Lansbury

*Based on The Confession of Belhar*

ONE: We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. Therefore, let us bring all that separates us from God and one another to the One in whom we are united.

**ALL: Holy One, your unity is both a gift and an obligation, but we constantly sort people into "us" and "them," and "worthy" and "freeloader." Your life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of enmity and hatred, but we still harden our hearts against people whose words and actions cause us inconvenience or pain. You have told us that you love nothing more than peace and justice, but we don't embrace justice if it comes at the price of our peace and comfort. Help us to notice and dismantle our categories. Give us patience, resolve, and open hearts to remain in relationship through conflict. Let injustice discomfort us so that your justice becomes our peace. Help us reflect your wide, inclusive love.**

*Personal prayer in silence*

*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

ONE: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

## \* SING GLORY TO GOD 583

*Glory to God*



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979  
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GLORIA (Taizé)

## \* PASSING THE PEACE

Megan Klose

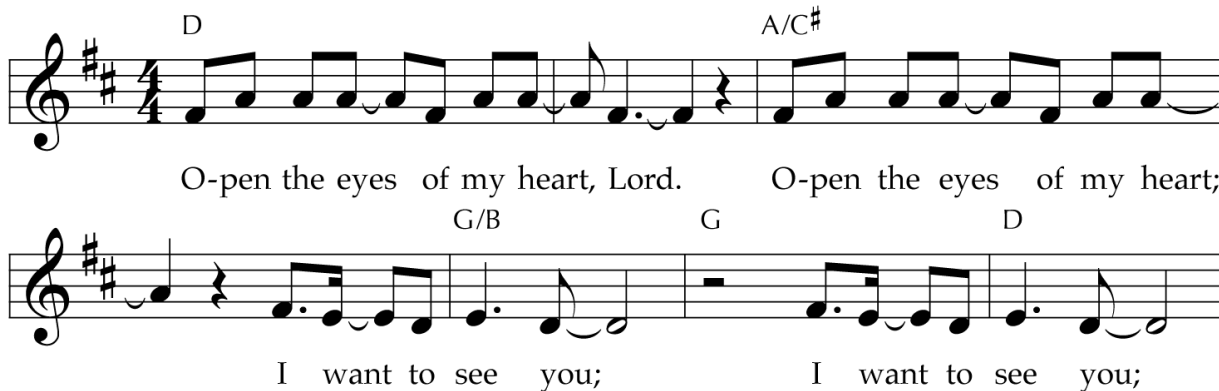
ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

## *We Listen for God's Word*

## SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 452 (sung twice)

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*



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

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-21

Jenny Lansbury

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-10

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

### **\* HYMN 321**

*The Church's One Foundation*

### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from The Confession of 1967*

Megan Klose

In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations... God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of [our lives]: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate... Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in [us] and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

**SERVING, GIVING, GROWING STORY** Gail Ammons, Chris Bongardt, Dale Martin

### **BLESSING FOR ALYSSA CANCE**

Megan Klose

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Jenny Lansbury

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 who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor Megan at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

*Please keep in your prayers ...*

Sally Storr, in treatment for cancer

Allan Capon, Robbie Harris, Young Hobbie, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh, with continuing health concerns

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

Megan Klose

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal ([fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online](http://fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online)), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.*



## OFFERTORY

*Tomorrow Will Be Kinder*

Laura Rogers, Lydia Slagle (contemporary)  
Honey & Locusts

*Black clouds are behind me, I now can see ahead; Often I wonder why I try hoping for an end  
Sorrow weighs my shoulders down; And trouble haunts my mind  
But I know the present will not last; And tomorrow will be kinder*

*Tomorrow will be kinder; It's true, I've seen it before  
A brighter day is coming my way; Yes, tomorrow will be kinder*

*Today I've cried a many tear; And pain is in my heart  
Around me lies a somber scene; I don't know where to start  
But I feel warmth on my skin; The stars have all aligned  
The wind has blown, but now I know; That tomorrow will be kinder*

*Tomorrow will be kinder; It's true, I've seen it before  
A brighter day is coming my way; Yes, tomorrow will be kinder  
A brighter day is coming my way; Yes, tomorrow will be kinder*

## \* DOXOLOGY 605

*Praise to God the Father*

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.

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Megan Klose

## *Invitation to the Lord's Table*

### *Great Thanksgiving*

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

ONE: It is truly right...

### *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of  
pow - er, God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est! Blessed is the  
One, blessed is the One, blessed is the One who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na! Ho -  
san-na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: David E. Poole, 2007  
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SANCTUS (Poole)

## **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.**

## **Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements**

*Come forward by the center aisle, take bread, dip it into the cup and eat, then return to your pen by a side aisle. Bread is gluten-free, cup is non-alcoholic, and yeast-free wafers are available. A tray with bread and cups will be brought to those who wish to remain seated.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Megan Klose

Generous God, in you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

## **\* HYMN 295**

*Go to the World!*

## **\* CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

## **POSTLUDE**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

arr. Clarence Kohlmann (1891-1944)

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## **Supporting Us in Worship**

Worship Leader

Jenny Lansbury

Ushers

Drew Luten, Katharine Stewart

Communion Preparation

Linda Garvelink, Gail Robarge

Audio/Video

Diane Maloney

Sextons

Drew Luten, Katharine Stewart

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Chris Beckner and Carly Kelly's 17th anniversary.

## ***A Warm Welcome***

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at [www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon).

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to one of the pastors as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

## ***Children in Worship***

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each sanctuary entrance.

**The Kids' Corner** in the front right of the Sanctuary is a space where children and their grownups can play, read, color, and participate in worship.

**Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this service. Godly Play (for children ages 4 and up) is on summer break and will resume Sept. 8.

## ***Fellowship Hour***

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

**Card Ministry Sunday.** Stop by the Card Ministry table during Fellowship Hour today and write a quick note to someone who's celebrating a birthday this month or needs a word of encouragement or prayer. Cards and stamps provided.

## ***Announcements***

### **Escape Weekend registration – \$30 discount until July 15**

Register now to reserve your spot at Escape Weekend 2024! Pay in full by July 15 and receive a \$30 discount. Sign up through the link in the Friday egram.

Need help registering? Come to Escape Weekend Fellowship Hour on July 14.

Grab a bag of Route 11 chips and visit the Escape Weekend help desk.



**Summer pickup choir, July 14.** Anyone who wants to sing with the choir should come to the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. to practice something “simple” for the 10:00 a.m. service. We’d love for you to join us, even if just for one day!

**Thank you, B&G volunteers!** Many thanks to our dedicated Buildings and Grounds Crew, Facilities Manager David Wilson, and FCPC neighbor Les Brorsen for doing a wonderful job of trimming our trees and sprucing up the church grounds on June 29. Be sure to take a look at their fine work and say thank you when you get a chance!

**Summer pastoral staffing.** As we wait for our next pastor to be called, Reverend Megan Klose will serve as Head of Staff. Megan will provide for our pastoral needs and will work with pulpit supply preachers to help lead Sunday worship.

### ***Church Calendar***

#### **Sunday, June 7**

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

#### **Monday, July 8**

Community Building Ministry, 6:30 p.m., Library

#### **Tuesday, July 9**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Session, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

Deacons, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

#### **Wednesday, July 10**

Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Library and Zoom

#### **Thursday, July 11**

Finance Team, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Justice Ministry, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

#### **Friday, July 12** - *No scheduled events*

#### **Saturday, July 13**

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

#### **Sunday, July 14**

VOICE Core Team, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Pickup Choir, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

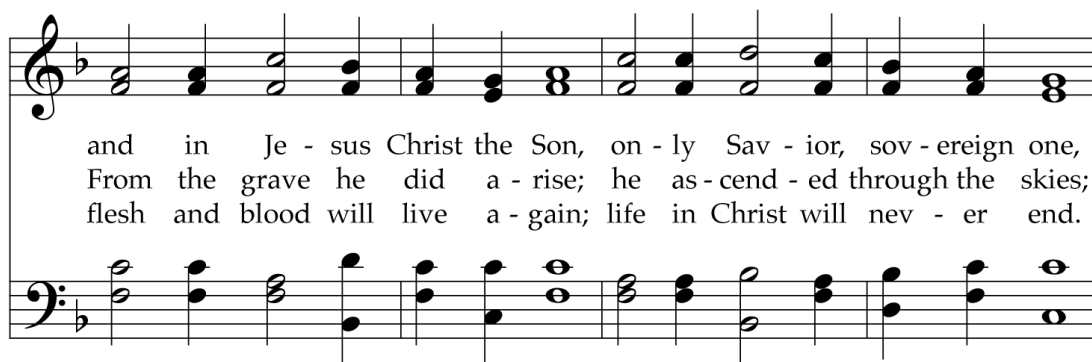
# I Believe in God the Father 481



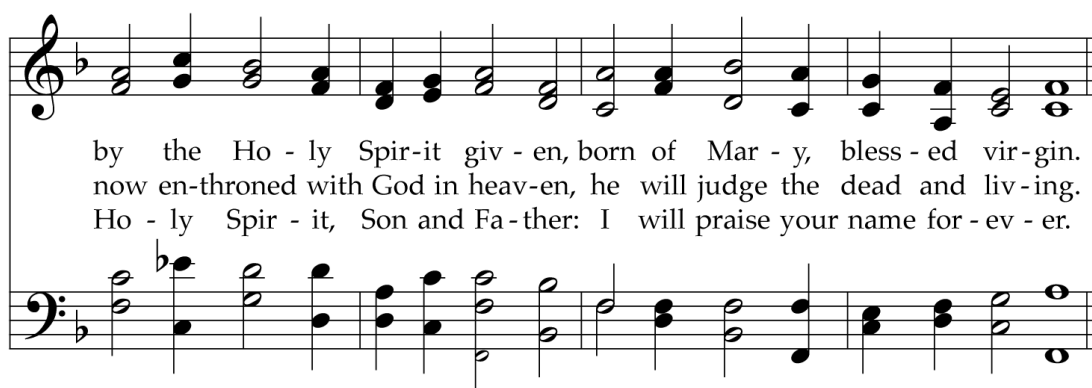
1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,  
 2 Un - der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith - ful to his fi - nal breath.  
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;



mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor-ship and a - dore;  
 He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de-scend - ed in - to death.  
 saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;



and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,  
 From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;  
 flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.



by the Ho - ly Spir - it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir - gin.  
 now en-throned with God in heav - en, he will judge the dead and liv - ing.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

This text is a 21st-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed (in the manner of Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter (see also no. 87).

# 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:

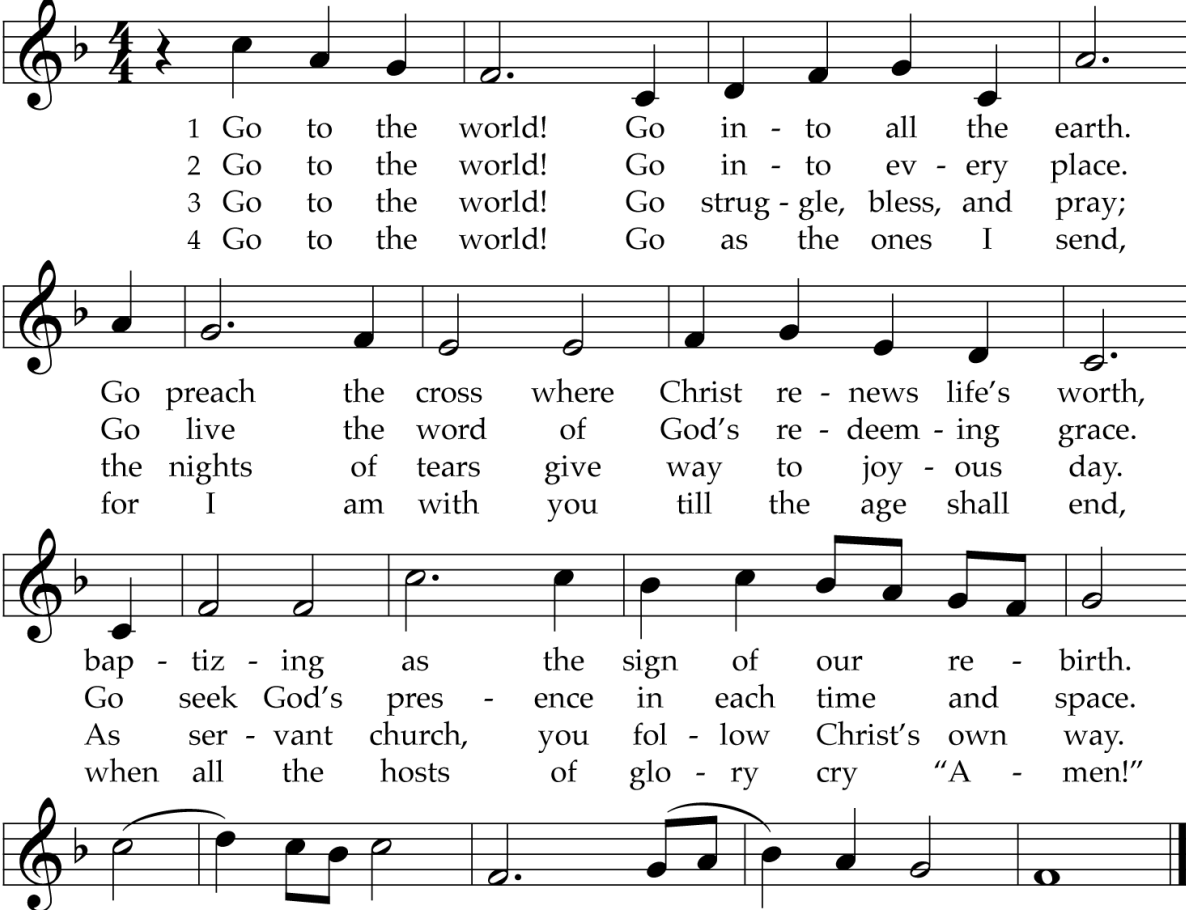
From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.  
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that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

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

## Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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*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."*

*Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.*

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 Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement  
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