

Hope United Church of Christ
Worship Order
Holy Communion - June 4, 2023

Welcome - Pastor Meg
Announcements and Offering

Offering Response: "*Give Thanks*"

**Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. x2
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am
rich because of what the Lord has done for us." x2
Give thanks!**

Prelude: All is Well - - - arr. Mark Kellner

Opening Song: No.84 "This Is the Day"

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our hearts sing a song of praise.

All: We rejoice in this season of longer days.

One: Our hearts sing a song of praise.

All: We rejoice in the warmth of the sun and the cool evenings.

One: Our hearts sing a song of praise.

All: We see life transforming all around us.

One: Our hearts sing a song of praise.

All: We come ready to have our spirits refreshed.

One: Our hearts sing a song of praise.

All: We are grateful for the gift of renewal through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray:

All: For all the ways we allow ourselves

**to hold onto negative attitudes and unhelpful spirits: grant us
forgiveness.**

**For all the times we reject the teachings of Jesus: grant us
forgiveness. For all the ways we neglected to be messengers of good
news to our families, our neighbors, and our world: grant us
forgiveness. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Special Music: Lamb of God - - - Hope Choir
words & music by Twila Paris - - - arr. Gary Rhodes

Children's Message: Change

THE ALLELUIA: **Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**
 Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!
 Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!
 Hallelujah! Halle-lu-jah!

Prayer before Scripture

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 NRSVUE

Sermon: What, Where How? *Rev. Meg Wilson*

Song of Response: No. 283 "Spirit of the Living God"

Prayers of the People: God of Life... hear our Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Apostle's 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 again 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.**

Song of Preparation: No.332 "As We Gather at Your Table" verse 1

Holy Communion
All are welcome to share in this meal

Pastor: The Lord is with you!

All: And also with you!

Pastor: Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

All: We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God, time after time, you draw us here to inspire us, feed us, and save us. Especially when our love fails, you are here, steadfast, and true. You created this world and called it good. You created us to proclaim your good to all. And so, we raise our voices in praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty,
The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High.**

Pastor: We remember the life and ministry of Jesus: how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, ate with sinners, and preached forgiveness and peace. It was at this table that he issued the invitation:

**All: To gather together, to share together, to remember together,
and to go and do likewise in the world.**

Pastor: For the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, also, he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, on this day of resurrection, we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, your people, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make us lovers and tellers of your word. Make us ones who heal and share your grace. And make us one body in Jesus Christ. All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for all time! Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Pastor: Let us together receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer after Communion:

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now called to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Song: No.347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Benediction

Blessing: "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends"

Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Postlude: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - - - arr. Bill Irwin

MORNING

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This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1-7; Acts 2:1-4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.
St. 2-3, traditional; alt.

Unison
E \flat B \flat 7

1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

E \flat

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

A \flat E \flat A \flat

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
Les Garrett, 1967

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

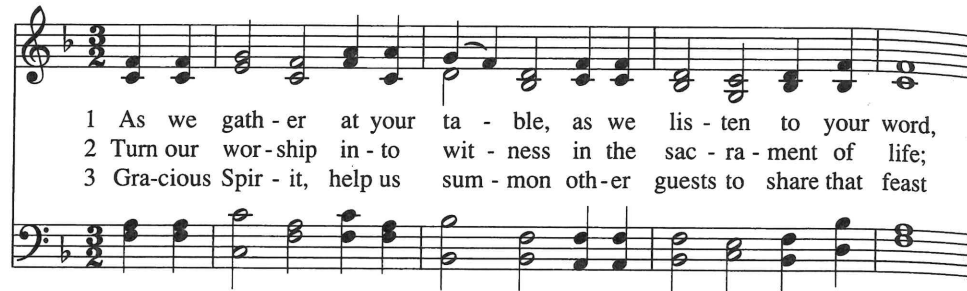
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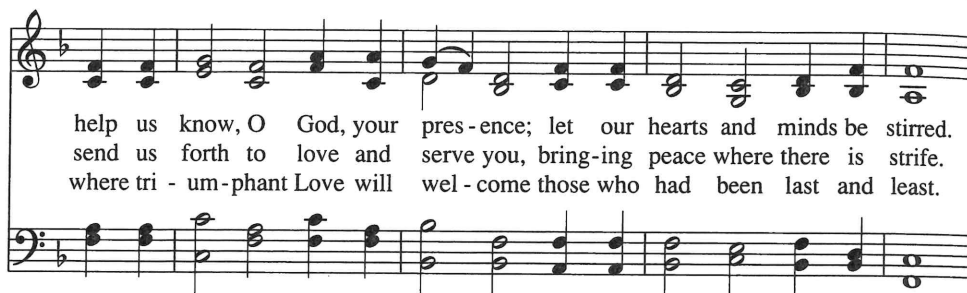
As We Gather at Your Table

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

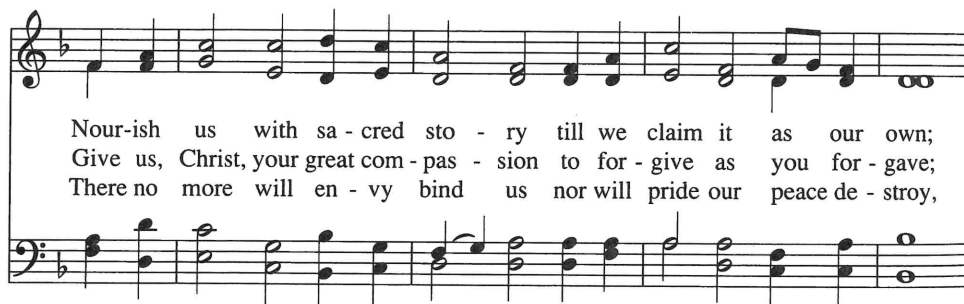
Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989



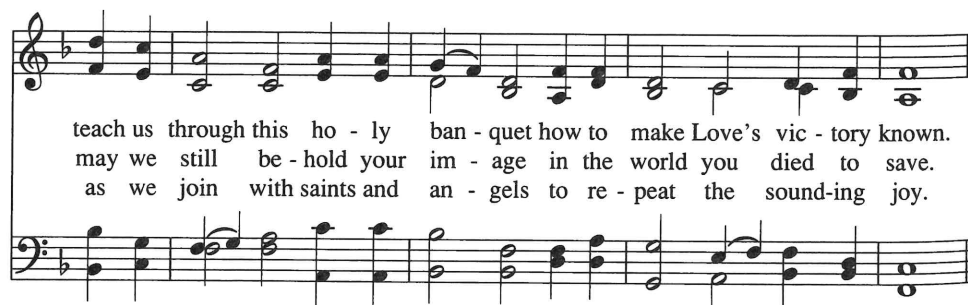
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."

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Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
 The Sacred Harp, 1844
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain
 Jamaican folk song
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975