Order for the Public Worship of God  
March 7, 2021  
3rd Sunday in Lent  
11:00 AM Worship Service  

WE COME TO WORSHIP  

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “Wayfaring Stranger”  
Joel Raney  

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  

CALL TO WORSHIP  “Come, Share the Lord”  
Bryan Jeffery Leech  

We gather here in Jesus’ name; his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.  

We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.  
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.  
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PRAYER OF THE DAY  

HYMN #463  “How Firm a Foundation”  
FOUNDATION  
(stanzas 1,2,4,5)  
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.  

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”  

CALL TO CONFESSION  

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)  
Jesus, cleanser and refresher of our hearts, in this Lenten journey, look deep within our lives, and clear away all that holds us back. May our minds, spirits and bodies be a temple that is open to your presence and may our words and our actions be transparent to your love and truth. In a moment of silence before you, we name those things which need your cleansing and healing, so that we may be your disciples. In Jesus’ name. Amen.
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED (Together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only
Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL DUET “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

See the full hymn in Glory to God #509

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

LENTEN SERIES From Dust to Promise: Refreshing Our Hearts
Sermon #3 “One Table Still Standing”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #507 “Come to the Table of Grace”

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND
THE SHARING OF THE CUP
(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

COMMUNION SONG
“When at This Table”
Jane Marshall

When at this table I receive a blessing, the broken bread, the wine of life for me,
then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor, and let the Spirit set our spirits free.

What faith I have, I bring to join this table, what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;
with brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing, the feast where God is making all things new.
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THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #516
“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”
Kingdom

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you to keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Manna Toccata”
Franklin W. Ashdown

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fiery trials thy path way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for Repose,

Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
I'll never, no, never, no, never for sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainland churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.
Come to the Table of Grace

1 Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...
3 Come to the table of love...
4 Come to the table of hope...
5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord’s Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

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TABLE OF GRACE
7.7.10.7
516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven a-bove us, hallowed all our lives, O Lord.

3 With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board, may the church still wait-ing for you keep love’s tie un-broken, O Lord.

4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

TEXT: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924, alt.
MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959