

## WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

Rev. Dr. Burns Stanfield

**“I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free”**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joseph Chu

One: Come to me, Jesus says. All who are weary,

**All: Come to me.**

One: And you, who carry heavy loads,

**All: Come to me.**

One: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**All: Let us draw near to Jesus, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Chu

O Lord our God, we give you thanks  
for the grace that is at work in us  
through the gift of our baptism—  
the sign of your threefold name,  
the communion of your faithful people,  
the promise of your glorious realm.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
poured out upon us in baptism,  
let your grace and peace grow in us,  
until we gather at your heavenly throne  
to give you thanks and praise forever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### HYMN

Ruling Elder William McConnell

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Ruling Elder Luci Duckson-Bramble

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**One:** Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord.

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive

to my cry for mercy.

(Psalm 130:1–2)

**All: When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**One:** O God, we make this confession in your presence  
and in the presence of those whom we have sinned against.

We confess that we have broken your community by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
Through long years of neglect and denial  
we have perpetuated brokenness through our inaction.  
We say, “I wasn’t there” or “I wasn’t alive then” or “You cannot blame me.”

**All: When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**One:** We confess that we have benefited from a broken community  
without acknowledging our own complicity.  
We claim that the acts of past generations have nothing to do with us.  
We say, “That was then,”  
yet we stand on the shoulders of those who went before,  
those who made excuses for inaction,  
enforced separation,  
and participated in death.

**All: When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**One:** We confess that we have reinforced a broken community.  
Even as we celebrate that we are created in your image,  
our inherent racism denies that Black and Brown people are created in your image.  
Because we have consistently violated the sacred bonds of your covenant, O God,  
we now confess and reject the sin of systemic racism.  
We have sinned against you and your children.

**All: When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**One:** We confess that we have perpetuated a broken community,  
when your covenant, O God is with all people.  
We have perpetuated a broken covenant by our silence,  
our fearfulness, and our helplessness as we enjoy our privilege.  
This day we say the names of those we have sinned against:  
Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Trayvon Martin,  
and far too many others, whose names we say in the silence of our own hearts.

**All: When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**One:** We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
that you do not hold our sin against us. We pray for your forgiveness.  
We pray for the forgiveness of those whom we have wronged  
generation after generation even up to this day.  
Through your gift of Jesus Christ, we declare today  
that we reject the sin of racism and will commit our lives to ending evil.  
We will live as you would have us live:  
as people baptized into a covenant community of grace and love.

**All: You have shown us what is good.  
And what do you, O Lord, require of us?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with you  
all the days of our lives.**

*(Micah 6:8, paraphrased)*

**When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

#### **MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's compassion is over all of creation; God's mercy covers us  
and gives us new life.

**All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

#### **GLORIA**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **THE WORD**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Rev. Cindy Kohlmann**

Risen Christ,  
you show us the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy.  
Speak to us now  
as the Scripture is read and proclaimed,  
that we may know your presence  
and be filled with gladness in our hearts. **Amen.**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 145:8–20, New Revised Standard Version

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Kohlmann**

**HYMN**

**“This Is My Song”**

**Presbyterian Peacemaking Program Virtual Choir**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañon-Santos**

O God, we come before you seeking answers,  
we come before you seeking what the faithful way forward is.  
O Lord, I ask that you reveal to us a true and tried method,  
you know that all methods we have tried to make this world we live in  
a just and welcoming and equitable world continue to fall short.  
I pray that you grant us wisdom,  
I pray that you grant us fortitude.  
The work to dismantle the structures that perpetuate rejection,  
discrimination, and oppression require commitment.  
We come before you seeking healing,  
we come before you wanting that our whole beings be made whole.  
At the same time,  
it is more for the people who are intentionally  
and structurally left out of quality health and social services.  
Perhaps, O God, we should pray that you  
inspire the church in the ways and means we already have at hand  
to restore the dignity and integrity of all of your creation.  
We bring before you all of the concerns that take space  
in the minds and hearts and spirits of  
every single person that my voice reaches.  
We know you pay attention to every voice,  
that voice that comes out,  
and perhaps even more,  
that voice we keep within.  
In your mercy, hear us,  
but also remind us that your church has everything it needs  
to heal the sick,  
raise the dead,  
cleanse those with skin diseases,  
and throw out demons.  
Remind us that your church is your co-worker in the work  
of restoring the dignity of your creation.  
Remind us, O Jesus, once again.  
And at whose invitation, we are bold to pray, saying:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Many Languages

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. T.J. DeMarco

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to God.  
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

## DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE EUCHARIST

Revs. Kohlmann and DeMarco

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.  
They will come from east and west,  
and from north and south,  
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.  
Our Savior invites those who are drawn to him  
To share the feast which he has prepared.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts;

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray,  
It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.  
In your wisdom, you made all things  
and sustain them by your power.  
You formed us in your image,  
setting us in this world to love and to serve you,  
and to live in peace with your whole creation.  
When we rebelled against you  
refusing to trust and obey,  
you did not reject us,  
but still claimed us as your own.  
You sent prophets to call us back to your way.  
Then in the fullness of time,  
out of your great love for the world,  
you sent your only Son to be one of us,  
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with choirs of angels,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory,  
Glory be to you O Lord most high**

The Lord Jesus, on the night that he was betrayed,  
took bread broke it and after giving thanks gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.  
This is my body, broken for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
Take this all of you and drink.  
This is the cup of my blood.  
It will be shed for you and for all  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All: Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.  
Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.  
God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.  
Now send us out into your beloved world  
to share your life, your love, your grace with all.  
Blessing and honor and glory to you,  
holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

**Rev. Kohlmann**

And so go out, to live faithfully, to love truly, and to be, in word and deed,  
ambassadors of the love of Christ.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you, now and always. Amen.

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