

Bulletin for Worship

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Call to Worship

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The Bread of Life has come among us.

What is this Bread of Life?

It is none other than Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son!

We hunger for the true bread that will nourish our souls.

Come, then, to Christ who feeds us with his very life!

We come, needing sustenance and nurturing.

Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #530 *One Bread, One Body* (chorus)

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (chorus)

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (chorus)

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. (chorus)

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Prayer of Adoration

Jesus, our Lord and Guide, renew within our hearts the commitment and holiness that enables us to be your salt in this world. Show us how to preserve the strength of those who struggle against forces threatening to overwhelm their lives. Draw from us the light that brings hope in to those struggling through the darkness. And let all that we do and say reflect the grace and peace that you share with us now. We have gathered to worship and praise, so that we might grow in wisdom and understanding. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus our Savior, you have called us to be the light to the world. But we are caught up in our own worries and issues, so we proclaim our own selfishness and anger instead of a light of hope and peace. You have called us to be salt, to preserve and freshen the world around us. But we are timid, afraid to be caught up in the conflicts that surround us. Teach us that the source of our true joy is in sharing your grace and practicing your mercy. Let us discover again our true nature as you disciples, putting on love and putting aside grudges, fears, and divisions. Draw us to you, and in so doing draw us together to love and serve this world. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

God's love is for all who open their hearts to the truth of giving and receiving God's forgiveness.

By God's grace we are forgiven.

We are forgiven. Let the church say amen.

Amen!

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"

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.

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Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Scripture Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

John 6:24-35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Message: "Faith or Bread?"

Prayer

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

*Apostles' Creed (Unison)

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.

*Catholic refers to there being one unified Apostolic church including all who affirm Christ Jesus as Lord.

Prayer of Consecration

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.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymns:

#519 You Are My Strength

You are my strength
when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!

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#525 Let Us Break Bread

Let us break bread together
on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together
on our knees.

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

Let us drink wine together
on our knees; (on our knees)

let us drink wine together
on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy
on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together
on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together
on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy
on me. (on me)

TEXT: African American spiritual

Sending Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.

On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.

Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them
when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?

Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.

MUSIC (AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D): Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

Benediction