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SERVICE OF WORSHIP • SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 16, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

- One:** How precious is the steadfast love of God.
Many: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.
One: Christ is the fountain of life.
All: In Christ we behold the Light of God. Let us worship together!

Hymn (#297)

In Christ Called to Baptize

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

We confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.

**We have depended on our possessions
and have not placed our trust in your grace.**

**We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer
and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.**

**We have sought security in the might of the sword
rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.

Through Christ we pray. (Silence)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

- One:** Let us declare the good news:
Many: Christ unmask the idols of our world.
One: And Christ frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.
Therefore we say:
All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Special Music

Second Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

I Will Not Keep Silent

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Hymn (#302)**

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: . . . Therefore we join our voices with saints and angels
and all the faithful of every time and place, saying:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: . . . Remembering your gracious,
we offer our lives to you in service and praise
as we keep the feast that Christ prepares:
bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: . . . Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours,
almighty God, now and forever.
And to that end, we join our voices with disciples around the globe,
Praying the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

All: 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer of Gratitude

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#509)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) Refrain (Em) (Bm)
F Bb A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F Bb F (C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

When Hands Reach Out and 302 Fingers Trace

D7 G C G

1 When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the beau - ty
2 When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our prayer and
3 When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we thank you,
4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the
5 Your Spir - it gives us dif - fer - ing ways to serve you

Em Am7 D D7 G

of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that
praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that
God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing
ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that
well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as

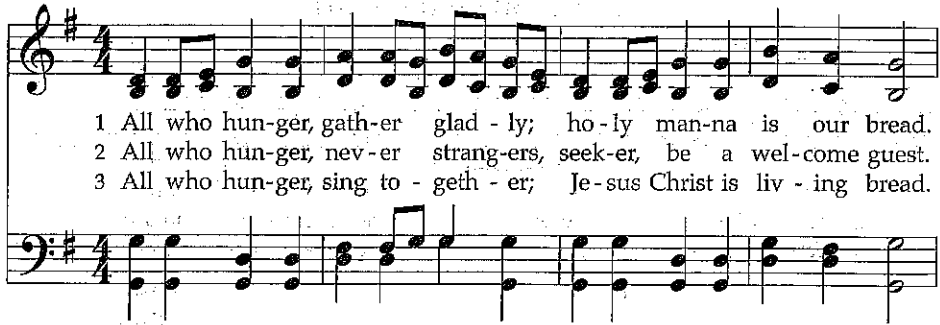
D7 Em C D D7 G

love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we bring,
can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.
we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.
one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

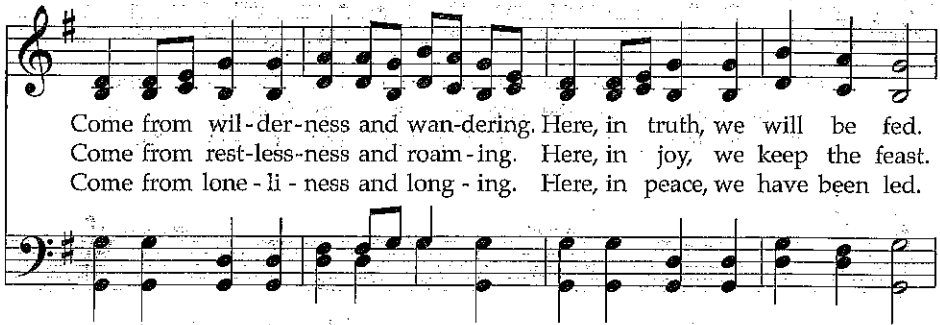
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn celebrates the breadth of human diversity and the variety of gifts and abilities through which God's people serve the church and world. Incorporating such diversity provides a vital witness to the hospitality of Christian community and to the inclusive nature of love.

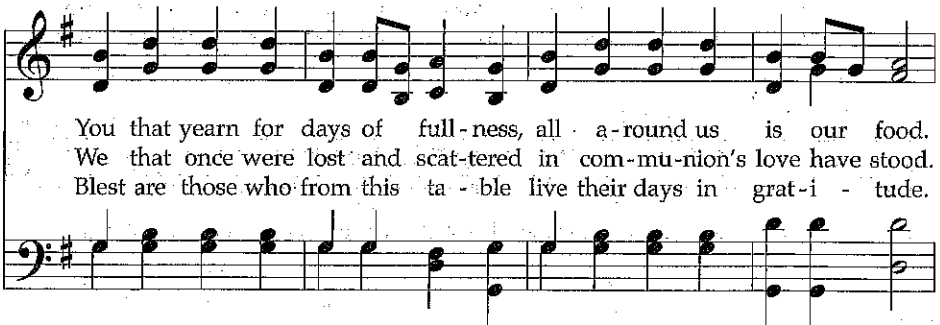
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth- er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering, Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

Annual Meeting of the Congregational

The Session of NWPC has scheduled the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to be held at the close of worship (approximately 12:00noon) on Sunday, January 23, 2022. The meeting will be conducted in hybrid fashion (both in-person and via Zoom) for the purpose of:

- 1. Approving Pastor's Terms of Call**
- 2. Hearing a report on the 2022 Church Budget**