



*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 2, 2026 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

...you and I are called to give bread to the hungry, to be a living Eucharist for all people.
~ Suzanne Guthrie, *Edge of the Enclosure*

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *Lyric Piece* Edvard Grieg Christina Krause

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #507 *Come to the Table of Grace* (vs. 1-3) Donna Bensen

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Alan Martens

One: Rejoice, Jesus is in our midst.

All: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

One: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

**All: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food
that does not satisfy.**

One: Sing for joy, people of God;
God gathers up the pieces of our lives,
that nothing may be lost.

All: Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

**Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.* _____

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We come believing in our emptiness,
believing that we will never have enough,
believing that what we have is unworthy.

**All: We come fearful of sharing,
fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security,
fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.**

One: We come overwhelmed by the hunger,
overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far,
overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death.

**All: We come aching from the weight of the responsibility,
aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance,
aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share.**

One: We come clinging to our meager lunches;

**All: bless them, and us.
break them, and us.
share them, and us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN #399 *God Welcomes All*

ANTHEM /MUSIC *Consecration* John Ness Beck Donna Benson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 13 - 21

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Feast I Choose

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) A New Creed (1968) United Church of Canada

One: We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

**All: We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

One: We trust in God.

**All: We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

One: In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

**All: We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN #498** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

by Mark Hayes Christina Krause

*DOXOLOGY #606

**All: Praise God whose image we all bear.
 Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
 Praise Spirit making justice grow.
 One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All: May this act of giving bring about change:
 change in our lives,
 change in the lives we touch,
 change in the systems that harm.
 Through Christ, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

All: Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All are welcome at Christ's table. The bread is gluten free and the juice is non-alcoholic.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN** *When the Poor Ones* (Bulletin / Slides)

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** #748 *Go with Us, Lord*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford
Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
M&M Café Providers, Nursery Care Providers

Liturgy resources: Kathryn Hawker/Third Space, Abingdon Worship Annual (adapted), Communion liturgy by Kevin Goldenbogen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education // The Wired Word, Adult Education begins at 11:15am. If you prefer to participate virtually, check your email Sunday morning for a ZOOM link. Want to receive the lesson ahead of time? Contact Cathy, cathy@fpcholland.org.

Outdoor Discovery Center Worship // Join us NEXT SUNDAY, August 9 at 10:00am for worship at the Outdoor Discovery Center pavilion. This service will be intergenerational, and all ages will be encouraged to participate! Feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair to sit in, however there are plenty of chairs and tables available in the pavilion.

You are welcome to bring your own coffee! Lemonade and cookies will be served after worship.

If you wish, bring a lunch to eat after the service, walk the fully accessible trails, have fun on the playground, or visit the animals and birds of prey cared for by the ODC.

A reminder that this service **will not be live streamed** however, it will be recorded and available to watch later in the day on our YouTube channel.

The Outdoor Discovery Center is located at 4214 56th St, on the south side of Holland.

Learn about our Labyrinth // Presbyterian Women, the Bible Study and womens' unity organization of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., invites women of FPC Holland to learn more about the unique design in the Fellowship Hall carpeting...our labyrinth! All are welcome to bring your own coffee or tea and meet downstairs on **August 5th at 9:30 am**. Our prayer labyrinth offers each individual a physical opportunity, beyond prayer or Bible study, "facilitating global unity or individual meditation." Pastor Paul will be there to introduce this tool and suggest how to integrate it into our faith practices.

BYO morning drink and we will supply some tasty morning goodies. Come and have a good time and learn more about our labyrinth. *Hope to see you there!*

FPC Family Movie Night // Join us for a Pizza & Movie Night on Thursday, August 6, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the FPC Fellowship Hall. Come cozy! Bring a bean bag chair or blanket, wear your pajamas and slippers, and get ready for a fun evening together. Watch the eWeekly for a form to fill out that lets us know how many of you are coming, an estimate how much pizza you'll eat, and vote for the movie you'd most like to watch.

Habitat Work Date // August 13 is the next Habitat work date. Be sure to plan accordingly as work dates fill up fast. Contact Bill Haines with questions, wehaines@icloud.com

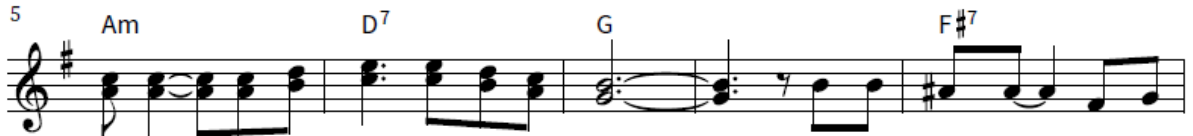
Holland Community Theatre // Sign up to see the comedy "Get Smart" at HCT on Saturday, August 15th at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$12.50 to be paid when you sign up. If you would also like to join the group for dinner at the Curraugh, indicate that, too. Questions? Contact Chris Urbaniak

Presbyterian Women Bible Study // Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30am will be our first meeting. Join us if you are able.

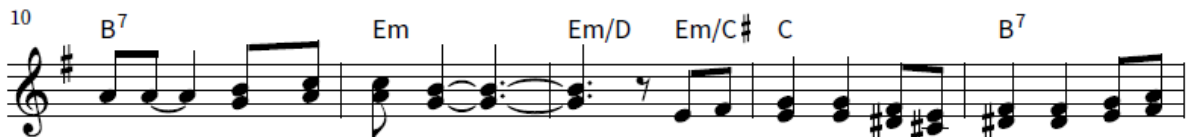
When the Poor Ones



When the poor ones, who have noth-ing still are giv - ing when the
 When com - pas - sion gives the suf-f'ring con - so - la - tion when ex -
 When our spir - its like a chal-ice brim with glad-ness when our
 When the good-ness poured from hea-ven fills our dwell-ings when the



thirs-ty pass the cup, wat - er to share; when the wound-ed of - fer
 pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost; when we choose love not the
 voic-es full and clear, sing out the truth; when our long - ings free from
 nat-ions work to change war in - to peace; when the strang - er is ac -



oth-ers strength and heal-ing: We see God, here by our side walk-ing our
 ha-tred all a - round us
 en-vy seek the hum-ble:
 cept-ed as our neigh-bor



way; we see God, here by our side walk-ing our way.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B $\flat$

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) F/A (G) B $\flat$ (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F (G) B $\flat$ (D) F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble 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...

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of eighth notes: G3, B2, C3, E3, D3, C3, B2. The lyrics are written below the staves.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody consists of eighth notes: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff accompaniment consists of eighth notes: G3, B2, C3, E3, D3, C3, B2. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

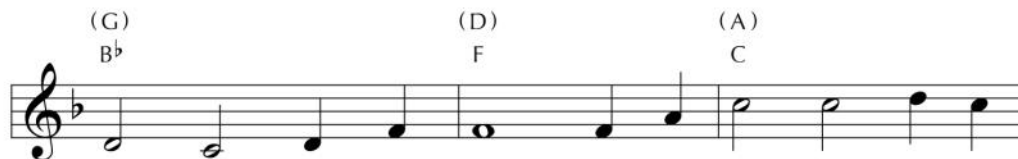
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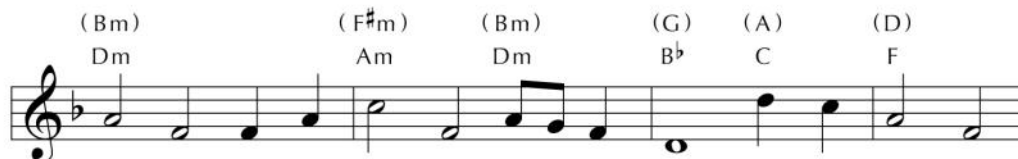
1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that



food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

Go with Us, Lord

748

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. There are two asterisks (*) above the notes for 'Lord' and 'way'.

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. It includes the lyrics 'ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it'. There is one asterisk (*) above the note for 'Spir'.

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

The third system of music concludes the piece. It includes the lyrics 'strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.' The melody and bass line end with a double bar line.

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Tim Staal

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Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate! Please note Education Hour is on summer break for children and youth and will resume in September.*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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