

Blessing

In your mercy
clothe me

in your protection
cloak me

in your care
enfold me

in your grace
array me.

With your justice
dress me

for your labor
garb me

by your love
envelop me

and fit me
for your work.

~ Jan Richardson,
The Painted Prayerbook

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 11, 2026 // 10am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG *Come as You Are* (Bulletin/Screen)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Larry Grinwis

One: Welcome to this place of worship!

All: God's presence is all around us.

One: Greet the stranger near you with the love of Christ.

All: God's presence is all around us.

One: When you leave here, remember God never leaves you.

All: God's presence is all around us.

One: As you worship,

feel God's presence in the embrace of your neighbor,
in the sound of the congregation singing,
in the quiet meditations of your heart.

All: God's presence is all around us as we worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN #401** *Here in this Place*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One,

we acknowledge that you have modeled
a way of being in the world that we struggle to adopt.

**All: You invite us to love the neighbor we do not know
and the enemy that we do.**

**You encourage us to prioritize the marginalized
and center the oppressed
even when our own needs overwhelm us.**

**You invite us into your kin-dom,
and the cost of discipleship
sometimes seems to be more than we can afford.**

Holy One, we need strength and hope for the journey.

**Let your surpassing peace
enable us to pursue a worthy and pleasing life. Amen.**

KYRIE

Cantor:	Congregation (echo)	<i>Translation</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christe eleison.	Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Come All You Children

4th GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Based on Liturgy from Heather Prince Doss

Pastor: You don't read these words on your own.

You read God's words with this community:

**Congregation: We hope that as you read this Bible,
you will bring not only your faith,
but your question and doubts to this church
to find a loving, supportive, and listening community.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge!**

Pastor: As you read the Word of God with your church family,
you also read it with your earthly family.

*Parents: We promise to read these words with you,
to listen to your questions,
to share our ideas, and be honest about our doubts.
We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.*

Pastor: Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
These stories belong to all of us.
These words speak to all of us.
They tell us that we belong to God and to one another.

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Andy Beck

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25: 1 – 9

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Matthew 22: 1 – 14

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

What Will You Wear?

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

***HYMN** #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

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

***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: Generous God,
receive our offerings as our response
to your invitation into kin-dom life.
Use them to share abundance,
inspire hope, and meet needs.
As we give, deepen our generosity, gratitude, and grace.
Thank you for the opportunity to help bring your kin-dom
and your will to life in our communities
and throughout the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

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.

***HYMN** #852 *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** *Go Now in Peace* (Bulletin/Slides)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, Kayla Reed, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Larry Grinwis. **Thanks to:** Sound and Video Jon McFadyen, Daphne and Nora Teutsch, Greeter Mary Bennett. Ushers Tom Ball and his team, Bus Drivers, Tim Staal and Chris Urbaniak, M&M Café Providers Jan Zessin and Paul and Sarah Anderson, Kiki Leman and Nursery Care Providers, Linda Bassett and Lauren Stoufer.

Next Week: Ushers – Bob Gansen and team. Bus Drivers – Jon and Nancy Kreple. Liturgist – Luke Rund-Scott. M & M Cafe Providers – Brad and Leah Wallar, Bev Plagenhoef and Jauanna Jackson. Sound and Video – Tim and Michele Richardson and Daphne Teutsch. Nursery Care Providers – Jen Laux and Erin Magennis.

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Come as You Are

Sr. Deidre Brown

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you. Come as you are,
2. No need to fear, love sets no lim - its No need to fear,
3. I came to call you, not just the vir-tuous. I came to bring peace,
4. Come as you are, that's how I love you. Come as you are,

feel quite at home. Close to my heart, loved and for -
love ne - ver ends. Don't run a - way, shamed and dis -
not to con - demn. Each time you fail, to live by my
trust me a - gain. No - thing can change, the love that I

giv - en. Come as you are, why stand a - lone.
heart-ened. Rest in my love, trust me a - gain.
pro - mise. Why do you think, I'd love you the less?
bear you. All will be well, just come as you are.

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

[A] Canon [B]

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of

[C]

God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

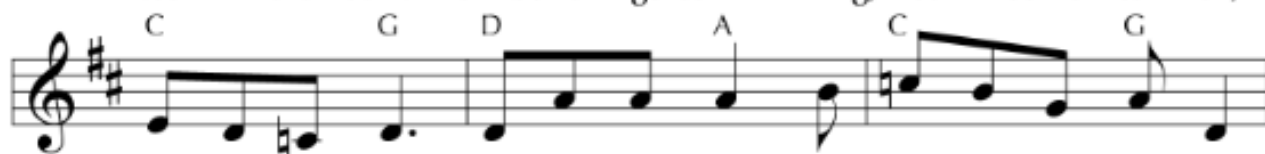
Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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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,

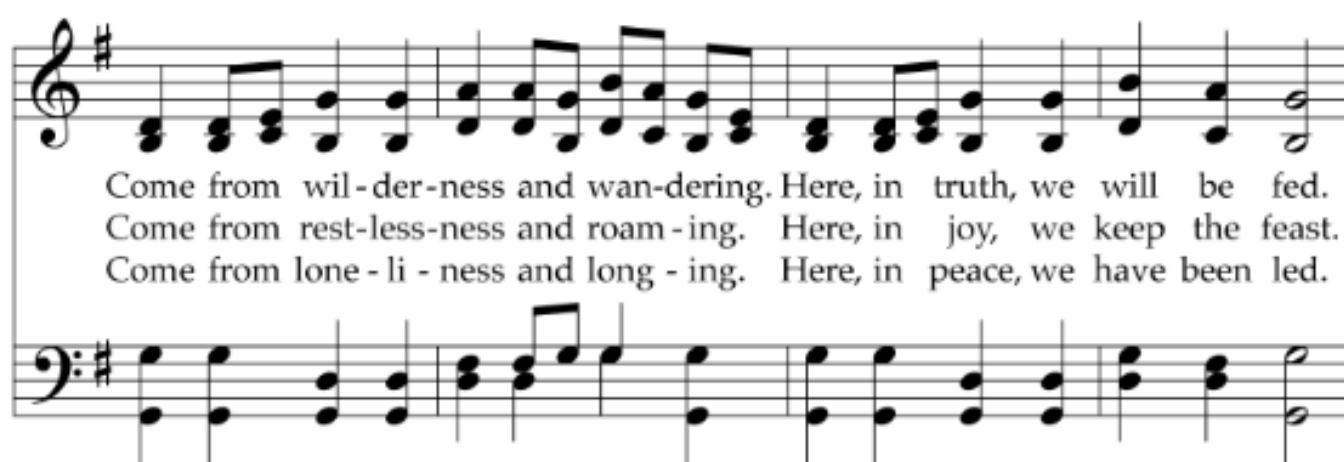


we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

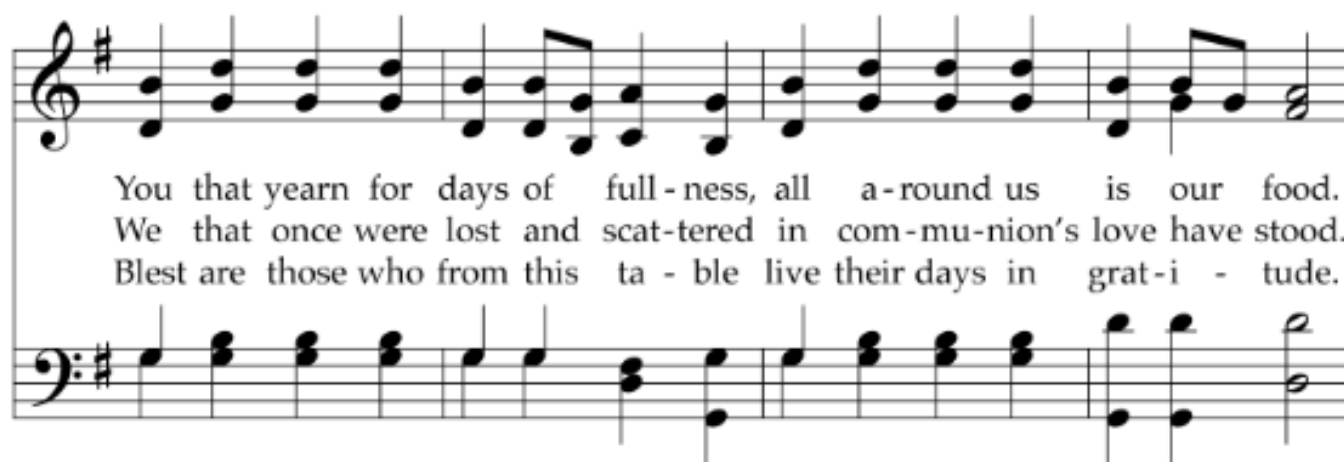
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



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.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (D) (G) (D) F B $\flat$ F (G) B $\flat$ (D) F (Em) Gm (D) F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) F (G) B $\flat$ (C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) C7 (D) F (F#) A (Bm) Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) Dm7 (D) F (Bdim7) Ddim7 (Em7) Gm7 (Dm)(A7)(D) Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Education // *The Wired Word*, Adult Education takes place following worship at 11:15am. Each week we explore a current event through the lens of faith. The newspaper in one hand and the Bible in the other. This week's topic is the attempted execution of Christa Pike by the state of Tennessee. All are welcome. If you would like to receive the lesson ahead of time, contact Cathy, cathy@fpcholland.org

Advent Worship Planning: Until the Dawn // The Worship Council invites all who are interested in thinking creatively about the ways we worship to meet on Sunday, November 1 at 12:15 in the Michigan room for a light lunch and a planning discussion about our Advent worship services. Please sign up in the narthex to join us. Our theme, Until the Dawn, encourages us as we move through the night with hope for tomorrow. How might we put our prayers in motion.

Men's Book Group // We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30pm at FPC. Our next meeting is October 12 discussing *Chicago's Great Fire* by Carl Smith. November's read is, *Words that Work* by Frank Lutz. Questions? Contact Don Cowie.

Presbyterian Women // We will meet on October 14 at 9:30 am for Miriam Circle Bible Study in the Michigan Room. Please read 1 Corinthians 3 and 4 for this Lesson. See you there.

Habitat for Humanity Work Date // Mark your calendar for October 15. Work dates often fill up quickly so plan accordingly. Contact Bill Haines with questions, wehaines@icloud.com

Memorial Planning // Tuesday, October 20th at 2:00 - Fellowship Hall When you attend the memorial service for a friend or family member, do you ever think to yourself, "I would like to have that music played at my service." (Or maybe I don't want that read at my funeral!) We think about these things in the moment, but we don't always take time to write them down. When the time comes, it is so helpful to family members to have an idea of what their loved one wanted. Your input also helps the pastors create a service that is a genuine celebration of your life on this earth. Join Cathy and Paul for an opportunity to think through the various components of a memorial service, to ask your questions, and to take a moment to write down your ideas. If you have questions or can't attend but would like more information, please feel free to contact Cathy or Paul.

Trunk or Treat // Our annual Trunk or Treat will take place Sunday, October 25 at 12:15 in the parking lot. The kids (and any adults) can put on their costumes after Sunday school and collect goodies out of decorated car/van trunks. Sign up in the lobby if you would like to donate your trunk with candy or bring a fall dessert to share. A light lunch will be served.

Holland Free Health Clinic (HFHC) annual community fundraiser, Run for Your Life. The 5k fun run/walk is for participants of all ages and abilities and can be run or walked at any pace. Participants are encouraged to use their creativity by dressing in Halloween costumes. Prizes will be awarded to the first male and female finishers and for most creative costumes. Event proceeds support HFHC programs and services. Holland Free Health Clinic is one of our community outreach partners. Come out and have a little fun while supporting this great organization.

Scan the QR code for more information.



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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!*

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

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