



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 2, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Marty Franklin

arr. Randall Hartsell

Words of Welcome

Rev. Amanda Horan

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Cooper Huffman

One: All who are thirsty, come!

All: God is the fountain for our lives.

One: All who are hungry, come!

All: Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

One: Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

All: The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table.

***Hymn (#479)**

Ho, All Who Thirst

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

We are sure we do not have enough to end hunger in our communities, Holy God. Forgive us that we forget that, by your presence and power, very little can do so much. We believe we are the only ones who carry heartache around with us. Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, that we do not see, or embrace the despair of those around us. We think we do not have the words with which to offer hope and healing to strangers. Forgive us, Welcoming God, for not having the courage to run up to them with your grace. We convince ourselves that we need to devote all our time, our energy, our resources, our lives on keeping up with others. Forgive us for not living that joyful, gracious life modeled for us by you, Jesus our Brother. (Silence)

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Listen! Come to the One who covers us with compassion, who feeds us on grace and mercy.

All: **What good news! Everyone who thirsts is given water; everyone who hungers is fed; everyone who sins is forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

***Congregational Response (#312, v. 1)**

Take Us As We Are, O God

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination (#312, v. 2)

Take Us As We Are, O God

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

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

Anthem

If You Love Me

Joel Raney

Deb Cornett, Ellen Lipscomb, Karen Worley

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

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



WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

***Hymn (#515)**

I Come with Joy

Call to Generosity

Marty Franklin

Offertory

Here at Your Table, Lord

Mark Hayes

***Congregational Response (#312, v. 3)**

Take Us As We Are, O God

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: May our gifts quench the thirst of those who desire hope;

All: may our lives by spent in feeding those Whose hunger is all too real; may we always give away the blessings you have given to us, God of The Compassionate Heart. Amen.

***The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing in the Meal (#507)

Prayer of Gratitude

Come to the Table of Grace

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#497)**

Bread of Life from Heaven

***Responsive Charge**

One: Go now, to find the thirsty.

All: We will show them where the living water flows.

One: Go now, to find the hungry.

All: We will share from our abundance to feed them.

One: Go now, to find the stranger.

All: We will embrace them as siblings.

***Benediction**

***Congregational Benediction (#312, v. 4)**

Take Us As We Are, O God

***Postlude**

Blest Be the Tie that Bind

Martha Sobaje

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



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Ho, All Who Thirst

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Come Now to the Water

Capo 3: (D)
Refrain F All

(A) (G) (Em7) (A)
C B^b Gm7 C

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and

(D) (Bm) (G) (Em) (G) (A)
F Dm B^b Gm B^b C

all whose souls are parched and wea - ry, come and drink!

(D) (A) (G) (Em7) (A)
F C B^b Gm7 C

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and

(D) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Dsus) (D)
F Dm B^b F C F^{sus} F Fine

from your heart will flow a nev - er - fail - ing spring!

(Bm) (A) (G) (Bm) (A)
Dm C B^b Dm C

Leader or All

1 Why for - sake the Lord, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,
2 For the Lamb will be our shep - herd and will guide us
3 All who come may take this gift of liv - ing wa - ter.

(Bm) (C) (Bm) (A) (A7)
Dm E^b Dm C C7 to Refrain

choos - ing bro - ken cups that can - not be filled?
to the well - springs of the wa - ter of life.
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.

This song brings together many biblical references that help to enlarge an appreciation of the water of baptism. The refrain is based on Isaiah 55:1, stanza one adapts Jeremiah 2:13, stanza two draws on Revelation 7:17, and the third stanza condenses the imagery of John 4:10-14.

Take Us As We Are, O God 312

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B^b (D) F (G) B^b (D) F (A) C



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that

(Em) Gm (Am) Cm (Em) Gm (D) F (G) B^b



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -

(D) F (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (Asus) (A) (A) 1-3 4
 Csus C C



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This Lord's Supper text is organized around the fourfold liturgical shape traced by Dom Gregory Dix in *The Shape of the Liturgy*: take, bless, break, give. It considers how the phrase "Body of Christ," used for sacramental bread, can also be applied to the baptized people of God.

I Come with Joy

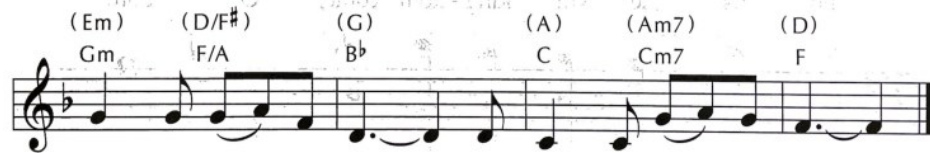
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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

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DOVE OF PEACE

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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...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

497 Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain C G Am Am7 F G7 C

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we

F G7 C Am F G7 C Last time

eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

G G7 C F

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing thanks,

G C Bdim7 E7

2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your hearts

Am Am7 D D7 Gsus G7 to Refrain

3 Love as the One who, in love for you, gave him - self

4 Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; make your home
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this bread

hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
for the life of the world. Come to the One who is
in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, ho - ly
and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - ery breath, praise the One in whom you are re - born.

This Lord's Supper hymn began with the music of the refrain, an Argentine melody for the *Sanctus*. Then the refrain text was written to fit that music, followed by stanzas based on themes from John 6. Finally, a melody for the stanzas was composed in the style of the refrain.

TEXT: Susan R. Briebl, 2001

MUSIC: Refrain, Argentine melody; stanzas, Marty Haugen, 2001
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ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD
9,9,9,9 with refrain