



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 6, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Vivace Pastorale
Marty Franklin

Anonymous

Words of Welcome

Rev. Amanda Horan

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

All: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

One: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

All: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

***Hymn (#103)**

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

Rev. R.C. Griffin III

***Prayer of Confession**

One: God of every nation, every people, every story—
you made this world in color, in texture, in song. You called it good.
And you called us to live together in love.

**All: But too often, O God, we turn away from the beauty of difference.
We pretend not to see. We stay silent when we should speak.
We protect our comfort while others bear the cost.**

One: You made us to belong to one another, but we have built walls instead
of tables, systems instead of relationships, silence instead of truth.

All: Open our eyes, O God. Open our hearts. Open our hands.

One: Help us see the stories we have inherited—the ones we tell
and the ones we have been too afraid to name.

**All: Help us listen to the voices long ignored.
Help us learn from those we have pushed to the margins.
Help us make room at the table for all you children.**

One: Give us courage to notice who is missing, to question what is unfair,
to challenge what is broken.

**All: Make us brave enough to act: to share what we have,
to change what needs changing, to follow Jesus wherever he leads.**

One: Until every neighbor is seen, until every child is welcomed,
until justice rolls down like waters,
and peace like an ever-flowing stream.

**All: We pray in hope. We work in love. We walk by faith.
(Silence)**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live.

All: By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

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

***Congregational Response (#582)** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose loves has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination (#454)

Take the Saving Word of God

First Scripture Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

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

Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant us Peace)
NWPC Chancel Choir

Jane D. Cain

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Sermon

Toward Wholeness

Rev. Amanda Horan

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the *Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from one another. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God's call. Amen.

***Hymn (#203)**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Call to Generosity

Elder Karolen Bowman

Offertory

Offertorio Pastorale

Anonymous

***Congregational Response (#468, vv. 1, 3)**

In My Life

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: God, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us.

All: **We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you love. Amen.**

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

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving (#508)

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing in the Meal

Prayer of Gratitude



Come to the Table

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#529)**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

***Charge & Benediction**

***Congregational Benediction (#468, v. 4)**

In My Life

***Postlude**

Largo Pastorale

Anonymous

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



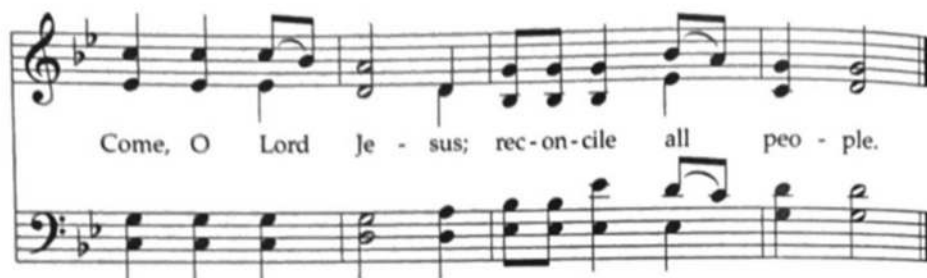
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오소서



1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
 4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)

B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

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

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)

F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

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

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)

C7 F A Dm

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

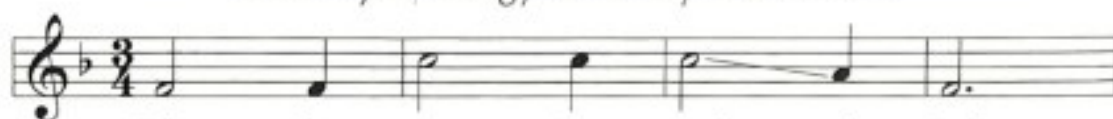
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm) (A7) (D)

Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

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

454 Take the Saving Word of God

Dawk'yah towgyah thawy báht-awm



Take the sav - ing word of God;

Daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy báht - awm;



put it first with - in your life.

daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy báht - awm.



Noth - ing comes be - fore God's ho - ly word.

Daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy Gyah O' Boy Daw.

This brief sacred song comes from a Native American tradition now centered in Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle. As often happens when moving between languages, the English text cannot retain the structure of the original but tries to convey its essential spirit and intention.

TEXT: Pawltay (Kiowa); English vers. John Thoenburg, 2008

MUSIC: Kiowa melody; transcr. Carlton R. Young, 2008

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DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH

7.7.9

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (A7) C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) Fine
F F/A Gm7 C7 F

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

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

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1997, alt.
MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982
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CHEREPONI
7.7.9 with refrain

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In My Life

Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.

This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bob Kilpatrick, 1978

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LORD, BE GLORIFIED

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In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

Come to the Table

식탁에 와서

G Em7 Am7

*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.

G Em A7 Dsus D

Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.

G G7 C Cm

Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.

G D7 G

Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

KOREAN

- 1 식탁에 와서 찬양드리세,
 사랑의 선물 나누시네
 주님의 몸과 주님의 피를
 우리를 위해 주시었네
- 2 너희를 위한 나의 몸이니
 받아서 먹고 기념하라
 이잔은 나의 새 언약이니
 죄사함 위해 흘린 피라
- 3 주님의 성령 임하시네,
 거룩한 주의 살과 피
 나를 새롭게 바꿔주시네
 새생명 주심 감사하세

*Stanza 1 may be sung by a leader.

This Korean text accomplishes a rare feat in a Lord's Supper hymn by dealing with the full range of Christ's life from the Nativity to the Resurrection. The first and third stanzas are in the voice of the congregation, while the middle stanza recalls Christ's words of institution.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529

G Em Am C D G/B
 1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -
 Am Dsus D G C Am D G
 in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,
 Em D/F# G Am Dsus D G C Am
 you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 D G Em C G/B Am D G
 lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

T. H. Percy Dearmer, 1931, alt.
 W. H. Harold Friedell, 1957
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