

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements



### \*Call to Worship

Leader: In baptism God claims us

**People: and names us Beloved.**

Leader: In baptism Christ joins us

**People: to himself and to one another.**

Leader: In baptism the Spirit

**People: is poured out upon us.**

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### \*Hymn # 409 – God is Here

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### Time with Children

*After the Time with Children, we invite children to return to their seats and participate in the service. Activity bags may be found on the welcome table.*

### Choral Anthem

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture:** Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Claimed by God

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

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**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 515 – I Come with Joy**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your heart.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**The Sharing of the Meal**

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**Prayer After Communion**

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
that you have fed us with your mercy  
and poured out your Spirit in this place.  
Continue to nourish and fill us each day,  
that we may live as your beloved people;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn # 490 - Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Postlude**

GATHERING

409

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

# I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> C F Dm

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

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)  
 Csus Cm B<sup>b</sup> Am F

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

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)  
 Gm F/A B<sup>b</sup> C Cm7 F

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.

BAPTISM

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Wash, O God,  
Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B<sup>b</sup>

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures  
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may  
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like  
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of  
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) (D) (A)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and  
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our  
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) (F<sup>#</sup>m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B<sup>b</sup> C F

spark-ling; com-press them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;  
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in  
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B<sup>b</sup> F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

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This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.