

Service for the Lord's Day

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Le Banquet Céleste

Olivier Messiaen

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

God knows us before we are born.

Throughout our lives, God is with us.

Listen for God's call speaking through the Spirit.

We are ready to hear and respond.

Let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 29

O God, You Search Me

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Call to Confession

We are led astray from God and God's purpose for our lives by our sins and shortcomings.

Let us clear our path back to God through our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you call, but we fail to listen.

We rationalize our way out of doing what you desire.

We excuse ourselves from your work claiming our own inadequacies.

You promise to equip us, but we fail to trust you.

Transform us. Encourage us. Make us steadfast in faith.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Kyrie eleison. (x4)

Christe eleison. (x4)

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HS 70

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: God's grace is abundant. God's redemption free to receive.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

Through north and south and east and west

May God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia, alleluia!

Till everywhere beneath the sun,

God's reign begins, God's will is done:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

◆ Sung Response

Gathered in God's Name

(see insert)

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Psalter

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Anthem

Love Is Little

Shaker hymn arr. Kevin Siegfried

Winston Barham, tenor

Love is little, love is low,
love will make my spirit grow.
Grow in peace, grow in light,
love will do the thing that's right.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Communion Meditation

Lynne Clements

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

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 all people 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.**

Prayers of the Congregation

Offertory *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Harold Friedell
(text can be found at no. 529 in the hymnal)

◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, pg. 35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

with the saints from every time and place

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

HS 75

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one, O blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music *Meditation on 'Draw us in the Spirit's tether'*

Gerre Hancock

Prayer after Communion

◆ Hymn 515 **I Come with Joy** DOVE OF PEACE

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Dialogue sur les mixtures* Jean Langlais

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are in memory of Don and Pati Whited, from Shann Whited.

Portions of the liturgy were written by Teri McDowell Ott, editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, and provided for free distribution.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, September 4

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion
 Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch in Common Grounds
 1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Project

Wednesday, September 7

5:30 p.m. Fellowship on Tap (off site)
 7 p.m. 20/30/40 CreW Wednesday Wind-down (off site)

Thursday, September 8

6 p.m. All Choir Potluck in the Courtyard
 6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds
 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsals in the Choir Room

Sunday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Church School Resumes
 11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch in Common Grounds
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal resumes in the Choir Room
 12:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library, lunch provided

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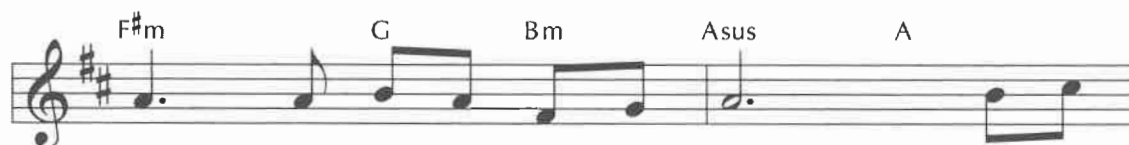
O God, You Search Me

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(Psalm 139)



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care.

Gathered in God's Name

Refrain

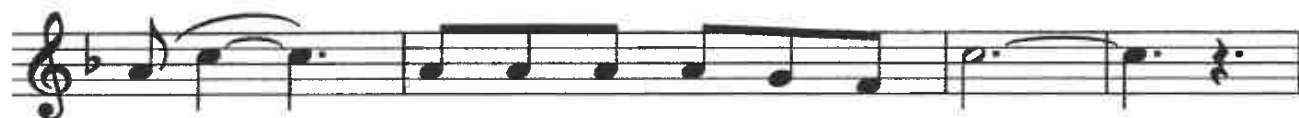
with great joy!



Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in



this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and



friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.



Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing



Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly



in the name of love, in the name of

slowing



love, in the name of love.

I Come with Joy

515

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