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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
Logan Britt, french horn

arr. Lanier

Call to Worship

God of Sarah and Hagar,
We praise you for protecting and guiding us.
God of Moses and Miriam,
We thank you for liberating your children from oppression.
God of Peter and Paul,
We bless you even in the midst of conflict.
God known to us in the person of Jesus Christ,
We rejoice in your Spirit's presence in all times and places.
Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,
Holy God, we worship you on this Lord's Day!

Hymn # 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you asked for our hands that you might use them for your purpose.
But we gave them for a moment then withdrew them, for the work was hard.
You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice.
But we gave you a whisper so we might not be accused.
You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty and injustice.
But we closed them for we did not want to see.
You asked for our lives that you might work through us.
We gave a small part that we might not get too involved for we are so busy.**

(time for silent confession)

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for us to do so, only in the places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Forgive us, renew us, and send us out as usable instruments of your healing and all-consuming love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response # 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

FORGIVENESS

447

We Are Forgiven

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The chords indicated above the notes are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN
10.8.10.8

Moment with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Sermon

"A Theology for Vacation and Vocation"

Dr. Al Masters

Offering

Congregational Response # 507

Come to the Table of Grace
verses 1-3

TABLE OF GRACE

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3; (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

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

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b 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.

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm, 2008
Text and Music © 2008 Hope Publishing Company

TABLE OF GRACE
7.7.10.7

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GATHERING

Here in This Place
Gather Us In

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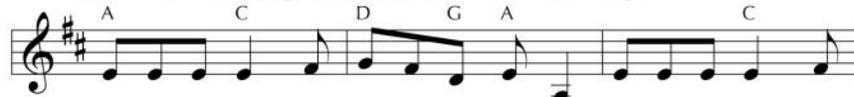
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



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.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1979
Text and Music © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

GATHER US IN
10.9.10.10.D

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
Ashlyn Fulkerson, solo

GREEN TYLER

Postlude

Postlude on "Come, Thou Almighty King"

YOUNG

Welcome to worship on this Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. We invite you to indicate your presence by emailing Maggie Wentzky at maggiew@fpcgreer.org.

The Call to Worship is adapted from Reverend Katya Ouchakof from Liturgylink.net.

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer written by Joe Seramane of South Africa. The prayer is published in *An Iona Prayer Book*, edited by Peter Millar.

Today's communion liturgy is adapted from liturgy by Reverend Shannon Johnson Kershner.



The Session has called an Annual Congregational Meeting for July 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (Rain Date is July 26, 2020) at the beginning of the Vespers Service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Officer Nominating Committee (ONC), to hear the report of the ONC, to elect ruling elders and deacons (Class of 2023), to elect officers of the First Presbyterian Church of Greer, SC, a Corporation, to present the 2020 Confirmands to the congregation, and to present and welcome new members to the congregation.

The nominees for your consideration are: For Ruling Elder—Cal Cannon, Ken Dill, Brent Garrett, Bill Harrill, Stuart Mauney, and Harriett Williams. For Deacon—Graham Cobb, Scott Cruz, Emily Mangum, Suellen McConnell, Leanna McCord, Linda McDaniel, and Stacia Smith. For Corporate Officers — Bill Helton, President; Leland Burch, Vice-President; Elizabeth Clayton, Secretary; Carlton Greene, Trustee; Jack House, Trustee; and Nick Nicholson, Trustee.

In accordance with the Book of Order (G-2.0401), when officer elections are held, full opportunity shall be given to make nominations from the floor of the meeting by any active member of the congregation. Nominations made from the floor require the prior consent of the person being nominated. All active members of the congregation present at the annual meeting are entitled to vote.



Our Virtual VBS, Compassion Camp, begins July 18th and we invite all ages to participate. For more information and to register, please visit www.fpcgreer.org/vbs2020 or contact Maggie Wentzky, Victoria Melin, or Logan Britt. Come join in the fun!



Many in our church family are taking the 21-Day Race Equality Challenge and meet via Zoom on Sunday evening for a thoughtful and respectful discussion. Please reach out to Berry French for more information and to receive the Zoom meeting link. We invite you to browse the website at <https://myersparkpres.org/project/better-when-were-back-together>.

What's your favorite hymn? Lisa Dillard is planning a virtual hymn sing in July and would like to include music that is special to everyone. Please email her at lisad@fpcgreer.org or text 864-787-5798 to share your favorite hymns.

Thank you to Logan Britt, Ashlyn Fulkerson, Wendi Arms, Lisa Dillard and Pam Turnage for sharing their musical gifts in worship.

Please note that we now have the capability to accept your offering via text message. Please text GIVE to 18649993612. You may also give on our website or by mailing a check to the church office.

