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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP/INVOCATION

In celebration of our baptism, we worship
In the name of God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
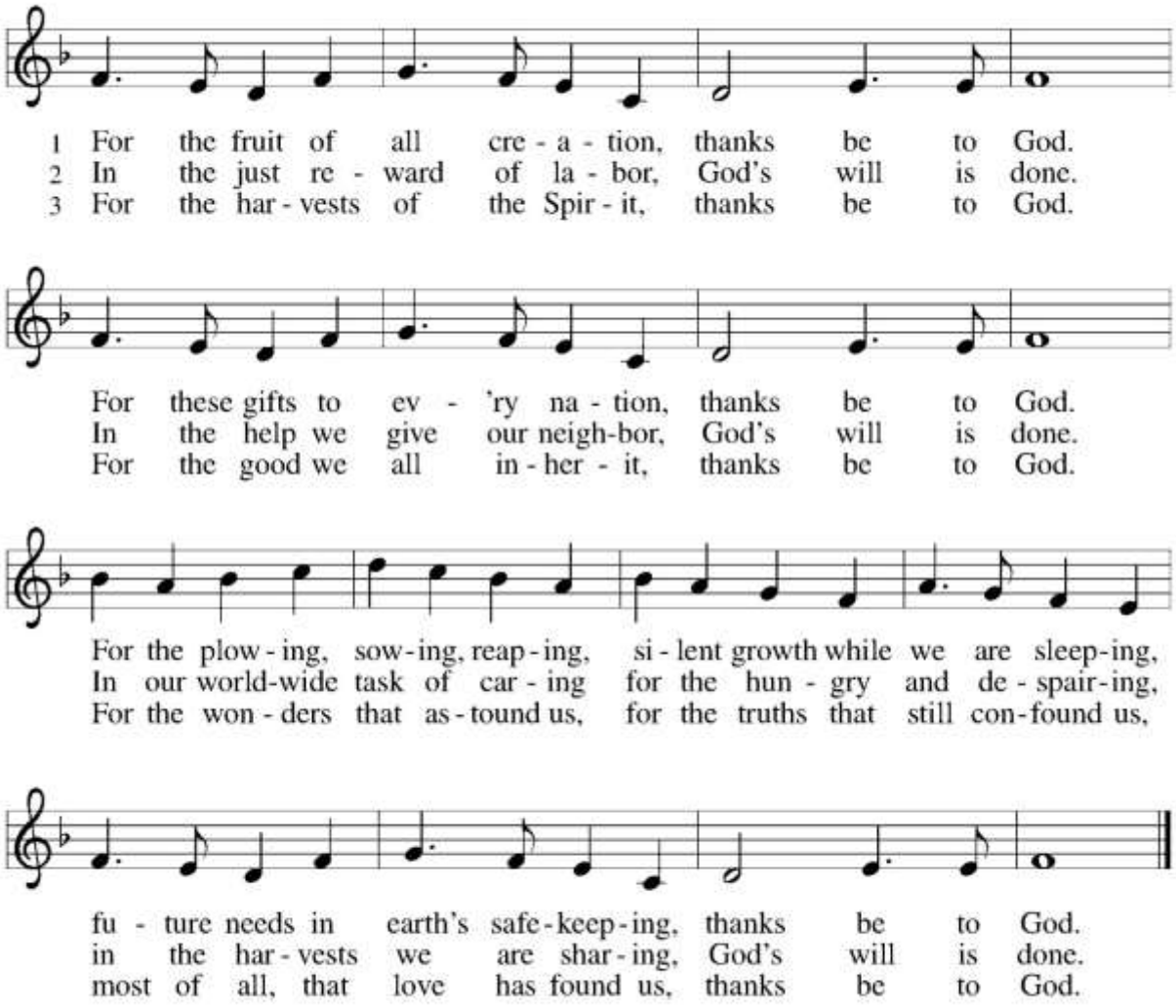
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 679**

For the Fruit of All Creation



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, help us remember that stewardship is more than a campaign. It is a way of life—a daily response to your goodness and a faithful expression of our discipleship. May we always be mindful that we are not owners of your gifts, but stewards entrusted to use them wisely for your glory and the good of all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING FROM GENESIS 12:1-3

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your
father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I
will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in
you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the
one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you
have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in
abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share
abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written,
"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."
10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply
your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will
be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce
thanksgiving to God through us, 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only
supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to
God. 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to
the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership
with them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you because

of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.
The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea
of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he
was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his
disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked
up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are
we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself
knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii
would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his
disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who
has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"
10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in
the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the
loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were
seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he
told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be
lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley
loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the
people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the
prophet who is to come into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Blessed to be a Blessing Pastor Orin W Cummings

DEDICATION OF GRAND PIANO

Dear friends: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this *grand piano* for the glory and praise of God.

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts.
The whole earth reflects your glory; all your creatures praise you.
We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth,
of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory.
You alone do great wonders,
and by your wisdom you made the heavens and the earth.
You have breathed your breath of mercy into your children,
to hear from them a joyful shout with their own song.
In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints.
Your Spirit is the breath of our music and song.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Send your blessing upon us and upon this *grand piano*,
which we dedicate to your praise and glory.
Enrich the lives of your people through it,
and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it.
By your Holy Spirit, let this *grand piano*
enliven the proclamation of your word
to the building up of your church, to the glory of your name,
and to the good of all your people;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT LITANY

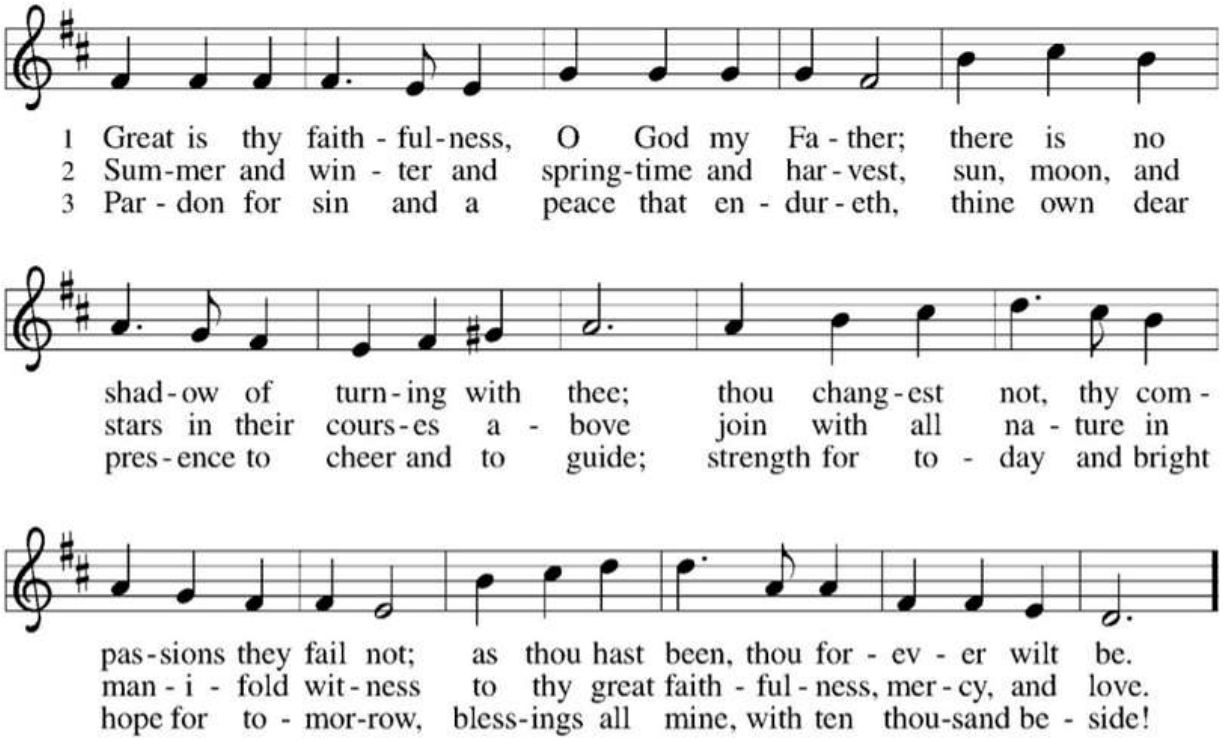
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.
All that we are is a gift from God.
The world, and those who live in it.
All that we have is a gift from God.
For God has founded it on the seas.
There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

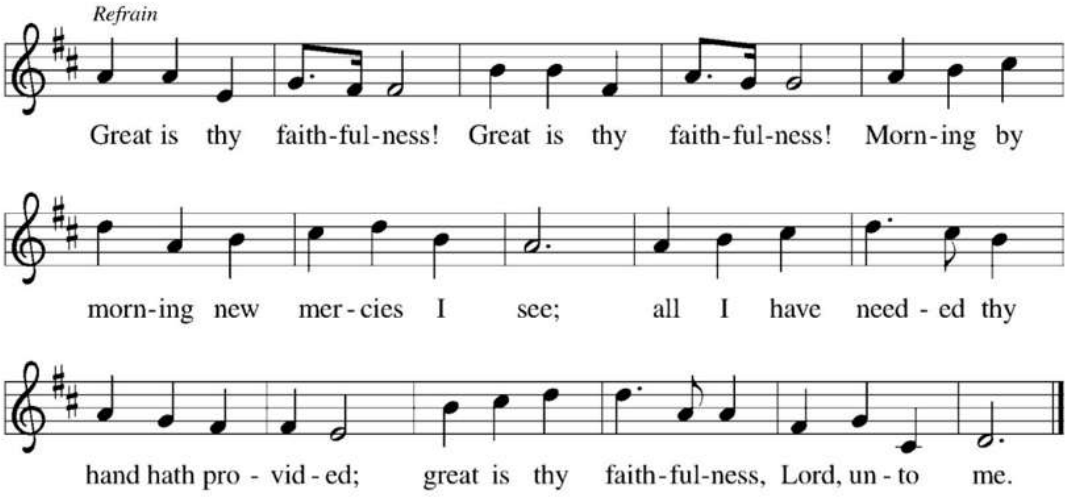
God has given us incomparable gifts.
Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.
God has created us to love one another as Christ has loved us.
We gladly offer to our Gracious God our whole lives, our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

Blessed are you, O God, Creator and Giver of all good gifts. With grateful hearts, we offer to you what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive these gifts and use them for the work of your church and the ministry entrusted to us in this place. Guide us as we bear witness to your love and grace in the community where we live and serve. Through your Spirit, give us willing and generous hearts, that we may faithfully care for one another and love our neighbors as you have first loved us. Once again, we offer ourselves in thanksgiving, trusting not in what we give, but in the grace you have given us through Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us and is our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 733**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness





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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, all of creation and open our hearts to God's will.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine (*especially*). Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing *especially* Marilyn Boston, Marissa Weaver, Jane Schwab, Ernie Russell, Scott Campbell, Nicole Brooks, Peggy Trinidad, Virgie Wood, Carol Bickel, Lynn Burk, Wanda Wilson, Bob Ockree, Jennie Rohy, Allison Gregory, Susan Klockow, David Grochowsky, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Cathy Carleton, and Beverly Carlson. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, stewardship and all ministries' committees, and volunteers. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you, especially Kyle Ginavan. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

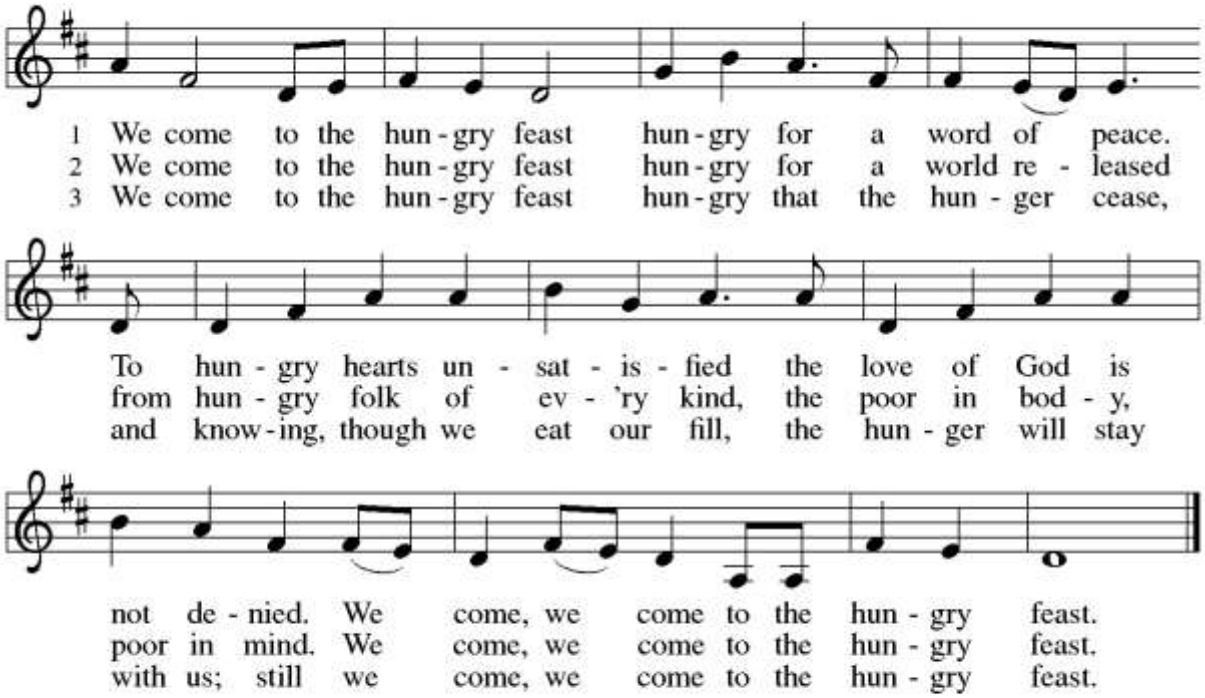
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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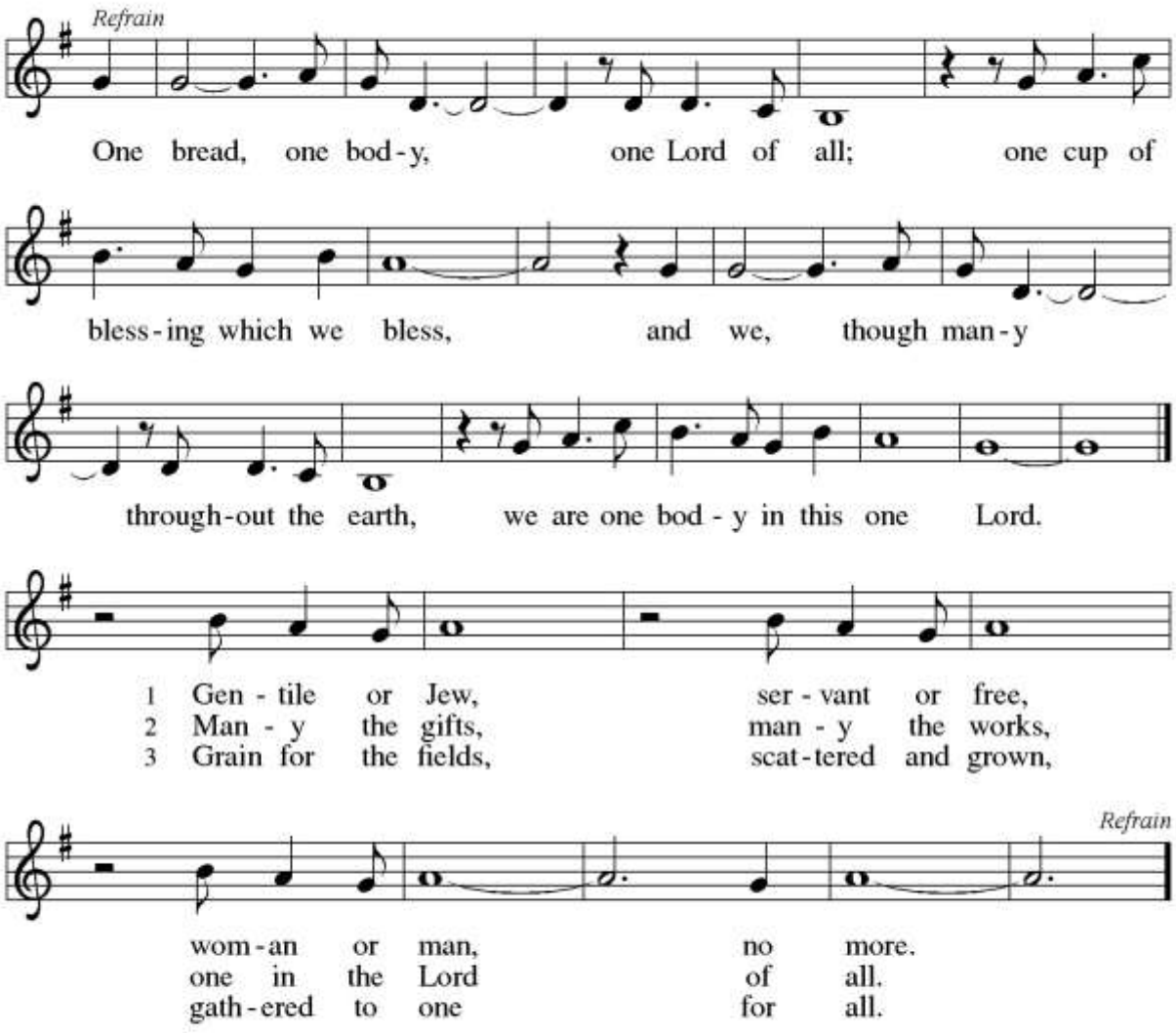
We Come to the Hungry Feast



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN **ELW 496**

One Bread, One Body



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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

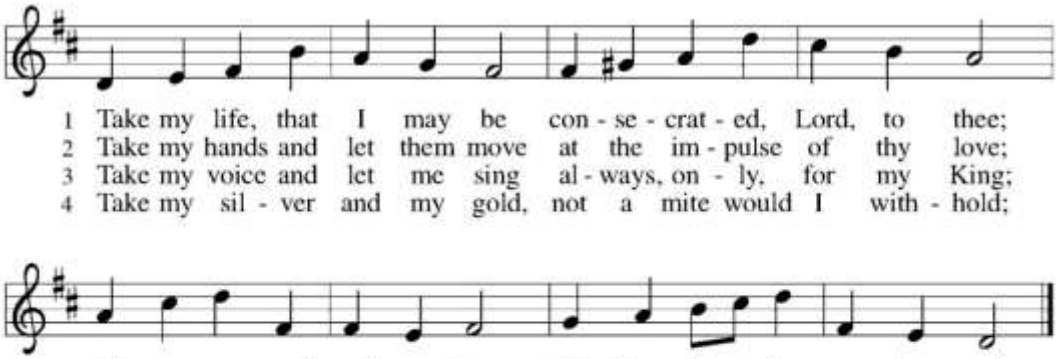
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 685**

Take My Life, That I May Be



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: Patmos, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE