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10:30 am

GATHERING

The people of God come together as the Body of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE *"Humbly I Adore Thee"*

Robert Lau

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: God calls us to worship.

People: **God calls us to worship together.**

Leader: God calls us to worship

People: **when we are tired or grumpy, hungry or thirsty.**

Leader: God calls us to worship

People: **when we are full of energy, ready to praise God.**

Leader: God calls us to worship when we ask "why?"

People: **God calls us to worship.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(... now and forever. Amen.)

*HYMN 645 *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We sometimes use our words to hurt others.

We twist our words to avoid telling the truth.

We yell and argue rather than cooperate.

We do not always make safe space to be honest with love.

We insist on our own way.

Forgive us.

Give us new hearts and new words.

Turn us away from evil. Turn us toward you.

Teach us better ways to live: to love others as you love us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: ... believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***SUNG RESPONSE** *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end. 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

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

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.)

WORD

The people of God share God's Story.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Ron Adams

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

PSALM 78

Presbyterian 4

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)

Tell out the deeds of the Lord; — tell out the won - ders God has wrought.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

ANTHEM "How Beautiful upon the Mountains"

John Carter

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who brings words of peace and salvation. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem. For the Lord has comforted his people; He has redeemed Jerusalem.

How beautiful...

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

The Rev. Judy Johnson

HYMN 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

OFFERTORY "O Perfect Love"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Because of all that God has done for us and has given to us, we respond by offering our very lives to God out of great thanksgiving. Other ways to give include [online](#), by Venmo or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2nd St., Frederick, MD 21701.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

People:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... now and forever.

People:

A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As directed, those desiring to receive Communion shall come forward to any available station to receive the bread and the cup of unfermented fruit of the vine. Please receive the elements as you are served or return to your seats and take the bread and the cup once all are served. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament in their seats should inform an usher. The Sacrament will be taken to them by servers.

The elements are given with the words:

“The bread of heaven. . . The cup of salvation.” . . . to which the people respond “Amen.”

NOTE: Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at each station.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The congregation sings the following hymns during the receiving of the Sacrament.

HYMN 415 ***“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”*** RESTORATION

HYMN 507 ***“Come to the Table of Grace”*** TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift?

For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another.

Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. Amen.

SENDING

The people of God depart to live as God’s People in the world.

HYMN 702** ***“Christ Be Beside Me”

BUNESSAN

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Leader: May the God who is always near bless and keep you on your journey.
Glory, honor, and praise be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
now and always.

People: Amen.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, go in the name of the Lord.
Proclaim the good news, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel,
and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ***“Cathedral Fanfare”***

Gordon Young

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Today we welcome Dr. Adela Peeva! *Dr. Peeva is a graduate from the University of Miami, Frost School of Music. She is an established musician and served several church congregations in her professional life. Adela is delighted to play for our service today.*



Our [RISE AGAINST HUNGER](#) meal packing event will be held on **Sunday, October 4**, following morning worship in Fellowship Hall.

A light lunch (provided by the Mission Committee) will be served before packing begins.

This is an intergenerational event, all ages are welcome!!



PLEASE NOTE: The online sign-up page includes an opportunity to support RAH financially, which is a wonderful thing but please know that expenses related to FPC's food-packing event on October 4th are covered by your regular offerings and gifts to the work and ministry of FPC.

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Youth Fellowship	Sunday, September 27 at 5:30 PM
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	Tuesday, September 29 at 10 AM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday, September 29 at 7 PM
Wednesday Morning Prayer	Wednesday, September 30 at 7 AM
Wednesday Book Study	Wednesday, September 30 at 7 PM
Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, October 1 at 7 PM
Deacons Meeting	Monday, October 5 at 7 PM
Worship and Music Committee Meeting	Tuesday, October 6 at 7 PM
Finance Committee Meeting	Thursday, October 8 at 7 PM
Women's Fellowship Breakfast	Saturday, October 10 at 9 AM Isabella's
Session Meeting	Tuesday, October 20 at 7 PM
RISE AGAINST HUNGER	Sunday, October 4 after Worship
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE (SHP) Build Day	Saturday, October 17 9:00 - Noon

The FPC Mission Committee is partnering with Sleep In Heavenly Peace to provide a bed for every child in Frederick County (and beyond). Sign-up for SHP on the kiosk in Heritage Hall!!



Flowers in the Sanctuary

Please consider glorifying God through nature's beauty by placing flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship.

The 2026 flower calendar is posted in Heritage Hall. Select a Sunday now to honor a special person or event in your life. Sign up on the kiosk or contact [Niki](#).

- * Worship led by the Rev. Judy Johnson, Dr. Adela Peeva and Ron Adams
- * Acolyte: Madeleine Sillers
- * Songs are used with permission from OneLicense.net - license number A-708024
- * Child of Blessing, trial worship materials - PRAYER OF CONFESSION; Feasting on the Word Liturgies, year A, Volume 2 - resources for various parts of today's service

WEEKLY STUDY GROUPS FOR EVERYONE! *WHICH ONE FITS YOUR SCHEDULE??*

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** (led by Dennis Burkhart) meets at 10:00 AM in the Weaver Room. They are currently studying the book of Proverbs. **All are welcome!!**

Come be part of the **Wednesday Night Book Group** at 7:00 PM. Led by Greg Simms, the group is reading **The Problem of Pain** by C.S. Lewis. The book tackles faith, philosophy and the intersection of suffering and belief.

Disciple Bible Study: Genesis to Revelation - Sundays, 5 pm via zoom

Download an app and receive a complete Common English Bible, 5 reading assignments per week, and videos. Cost is \$53.

Contact Lisa Zsigae (zsigae@mac.com) or Judy Johnson (revjudyj@gmail.com)



Pumpkin Carving for ALL October 25th After Worship

Lunch will be served!

**Bring your pumpkin, supplies are provided!
Face painting and activities! Fun for ALL Ages!**

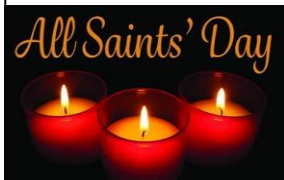


ALL SAINTS' DAY is November 1st

During Worship on **Sunday, November 1st** we will remember with thanksgiving those who have gone on before us.

Since last year's All Saints' Day, we have suffered the loss of many saints who have died in the faith.

Contact Niki at office@frederickpresbyterian.org with the names of those dear to you who have died since last year.



On **Sunday, November 1** immediately following morning worship, we will gather for a **special service of dedication in Heritage Hall for our newly completed Columbarium.**

Join us for this short service as we dedicate this sacred space which will honor the lives of those who have gone before us for generations to come.

Together, we will offer prayers of thanksgiving as we bless this space for its holy purpose and entrust it to God's loving care.

Please join us for this meaningful occasion and share in the joy of completing this important part of the FPC family.

"The Lord is my shepherd... I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."



645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며



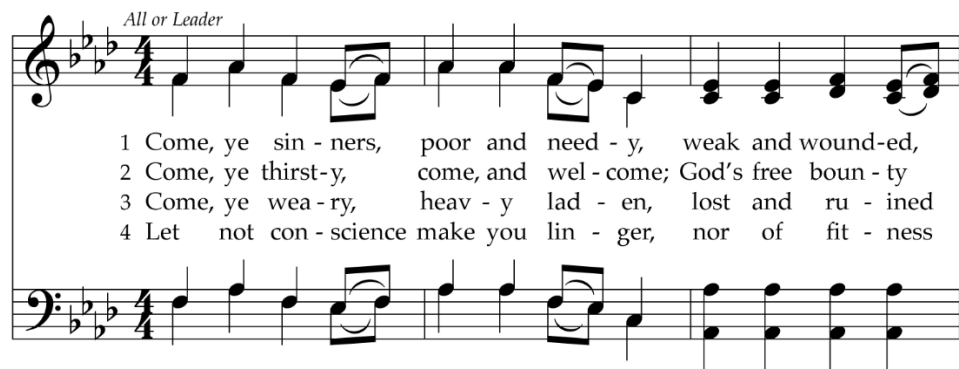
All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All or Leader



1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

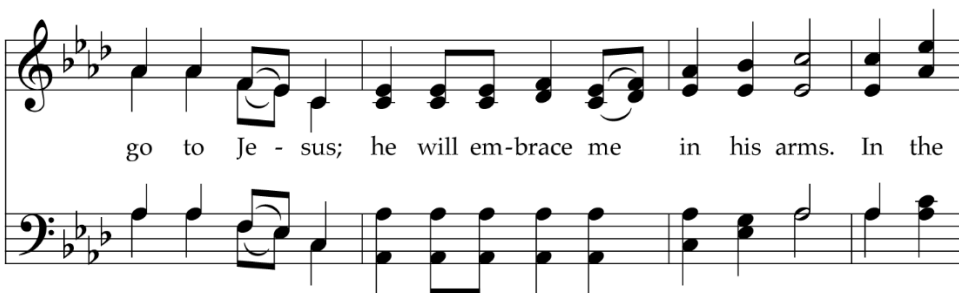


sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

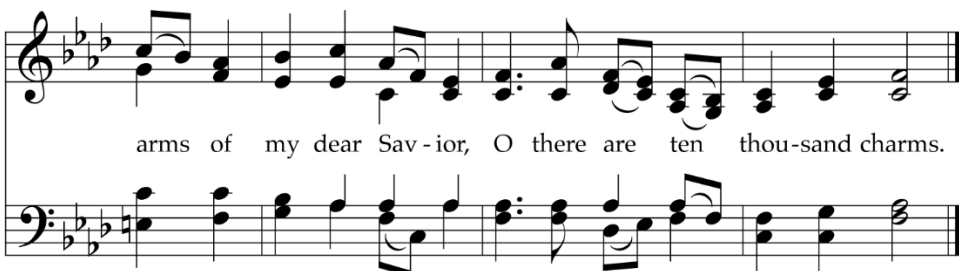
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full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.



go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the



arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B $\flat$

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

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

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

(D/A) F/A (G) B $\flat$ (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) (G) (D) F B $\flat$ 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...

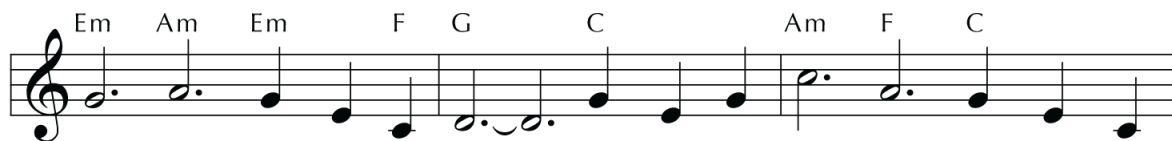
The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

Christ Be Beside Me

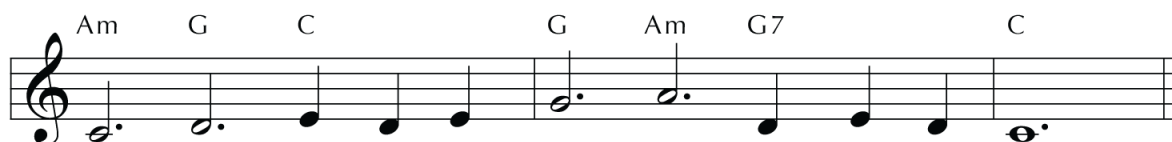
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1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.