



Frederick Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

10:30 am

GATHERING

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE "9. Madrigal" from *Vingt-quatre pièces en style libre* (Op. 31)

Louis Vierne

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

People: **All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

People: **In Christ we behold the Light of God.** *(Psalm 36:7, 9)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(... now and forever. Amen.)

*HYMN 404 "What Is This Place"

KOMT NU MET ZANG

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love, we confess that we do not live according to your way.

You bless those who are poor with the promise of your eternal realm,

but we desire wealth and the consolation of earthly treasure.

You bless those who are hungry with the promise of fullness of life,

but we enjoy rich feasts and are never satisfied with enough.

You bless those who are hated with the promise of great reward,

but we seek approval and despise those who are different.

Forgive us, O God of grace.

Teach us to seek your blessing and to be a blessing to others;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVNESS

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

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

SUNG RESPONSE "He Came Down"

arr. John L. Bell

He came down that we may have love; he
came down that we may have love; he came down that we may
have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system contains the first line of lyrics. The second system contains the second line of lyrics. The third system contains the third line of lyrics and includes a 'Leader' part. The piano accompaniment features chords and triplets. The lyrics are: 'He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.' The 'Leader' part is: 'Leader: Why did he come?' There are triplets in the piano accompaniment corresponding to the lyrics 'love;', 'love;', and 'for-ev-er-more.'

Additional stanzas:
... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

***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

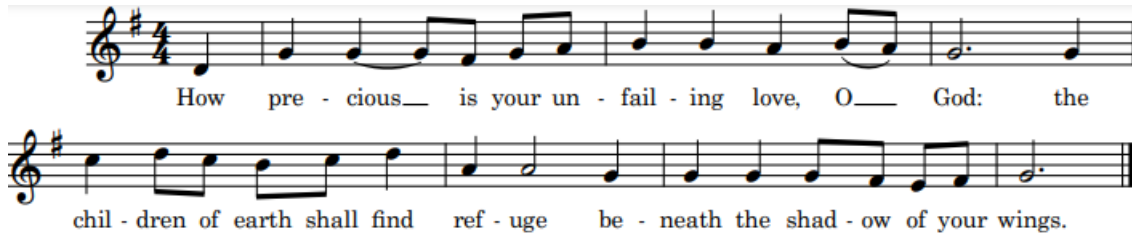
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Samuel Betah

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)



How pre - cious is your un - fail - ing love, O God: the
chil - dren of earth shall find ref - uge be - neath the shad - ow of your wings.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

ANTHEM "O Love of God"

Eric Thiman

*O love of God, how strong and true, Eternal, and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought, Beyond all knowledge and all thought.
O wide embracing, wondrous love, We read Thee in the sky above;
We read thee in the earth below, In seas that swell and streams that flow.
We read Thee best in Him who came And bore for us the cross of shame.
Sent by the Father from on high, Our life to live, our death to die.
O love of God, our shield and stay Through all the perils of our way;
Eternal love, in Thee we rest, Forever safe, forever blest.*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

HYMN 506 "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"

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TABLE

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**OFFERTORY "Preludio"**

Mel Bonis

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. Offering plates will be passed. Other ways to give include [online](#) or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2nd St., Frederick, MD 21701.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

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

GREAT PRAYER OF 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 Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... and all the faithful of every time and place, singing:

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 the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the
high - est, ho - san - na in _____ the high - est. _____

(The Great Prayer continues...)

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

People:

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

(The Great Prayer continues...)

Leader: ... now and forever.

People:

A - men, a - men, 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, please come forward to receive the bread and cup. Please return to your seats and we will take the bread and cup together, as directed.

For those worshipping virtually. . . we are glad you are with us this morning and pray that you experience today's service as if you were with us here in the worship space. While those present in the sanctuary gather at the table and receive the bread and the cup, we pray that you know the presence of Christ in your life as well. If you would like to receive the Sacrament, please notify [Pastor Eric](#).

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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

HYMN 507	<i>"Come to the Table of Grace"</i>	TABLE OF GRACE
HYMN 501	<i>"Feed Us, Lord"</i>	FEED US
HYMN 510	<i>"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"</i>	COME, SHARE THE LORD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your table. Filled with your goodness, now send us to bring good news and to proclaim your love to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

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

HYMN 509 *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Leader: The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always. *(Phil. 4:7)*

People: Amen.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Holy Manna"*

Wilbur Held



Welcome to Frederick Presbyterian Church and we hope that you will continue to join in our worship and ministry.

If you are new to Frederick Presbyterian, here are some things you may like to know . . .

- **Please join us in Fellowship Hall for Fellowship after the service.**
- We welcome children to our worship services. However, if you prefer, childcare is available for infants and preschoolers during Worship beginning at 10:15 AM.
To reach the nursery, exit the sanctuary side door through Heritage Hall. Follow the stairs up and pass the church office. Go through the double doors to the nursery straight ahead.
- Older children - Look for the special **WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS** and **CHILDREN'S BULLETIN** in the Narthex and Heritage Hall.
- Visit our website at: **www.frederickpresbyterian.org** for more information about Frederick Presbyterian.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 2, 2025

(Immediately following Worship)

Annual reports of the various ministries of the church will be shared. The 2025 budget of the church will be presented followed by a time for questions and answers. The terms of call for the pastor will be considered.

A report will be heard from the current Nominating Committee and the Congregational At-Large Nominating Committee members will be elected.

We hope that all members of the congregation will attend this important meeting. Friends and visitors are also encouraged to attend. Lunch will be catered by Mission BBQ.



- * Worship led by Pastor Myers, Brian Bartoldus, and Samuel Betah
- * Greeters: Glen and Becky Baquet
- * Cover: John August Swanson, *Wedding Feast*
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION - CONNECTIONS: Worship Companion, David Gambrell, editor
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What Is This Place

1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win-dows for
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won-ders sent from the
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each

light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that
 past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and
 oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -

lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
 ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

This text by a 20th-century Jesuit beautifully captures the fundamental truth that "church" is not primarily the building but the people who come together in order to be nourished by Word and Table so that they may show forth Christ's redeeming presence in the world.

506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.



Come to the Table of Grace 507

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

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 \flat F/C C7 F B \flat F

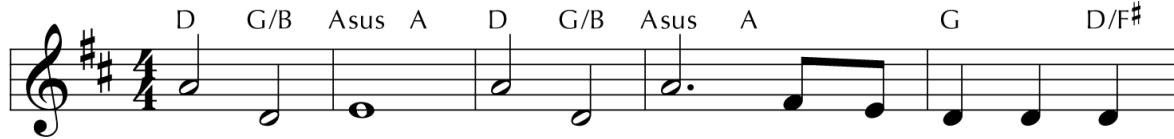
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 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...

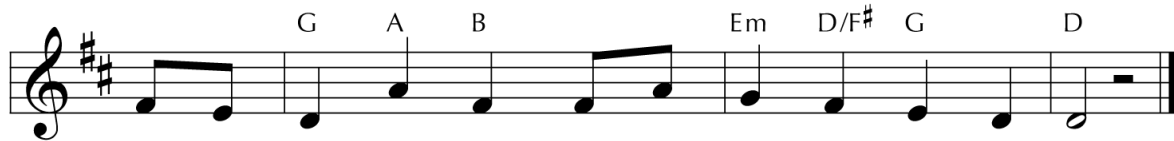
The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

Feed Us, Lord

501



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13-35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)
B \flat F Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) (Asus)
F Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) (D) (A) (D)
C7 F C F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) (D) (Em) (A) (D)
B \flat F Gm C F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
C7 F B \flat C7 F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; γ ev - ery - one be - longs.
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
B \flat C7 F Dm Gm7 Csus C

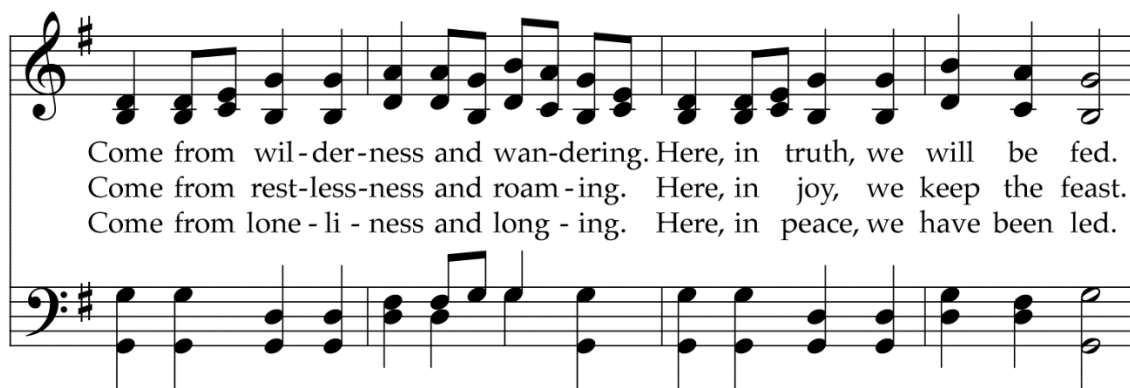
Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.