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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE | "MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE" (ARR. DIANE BISH)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 46:10

- › Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.
- » **Amen.**

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

- › The God of creation makes us one in body!
- » **Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**
- › The God of Christ makes us one in Spirit!
- » **Let us join hearts in praise of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Take a few moments with the people you are gathered with, or on your own, to praise God for his goodness and faithfulness, even in this moment of crisis.*

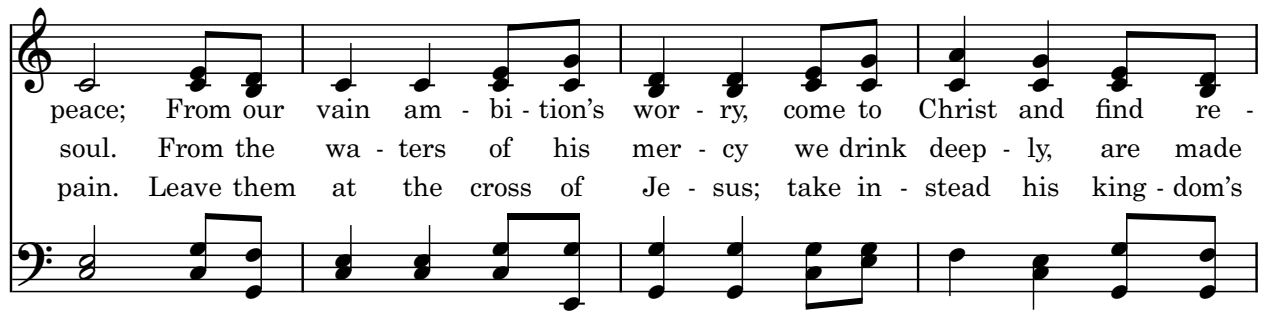
SONG OF PRAISE | "COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY"

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

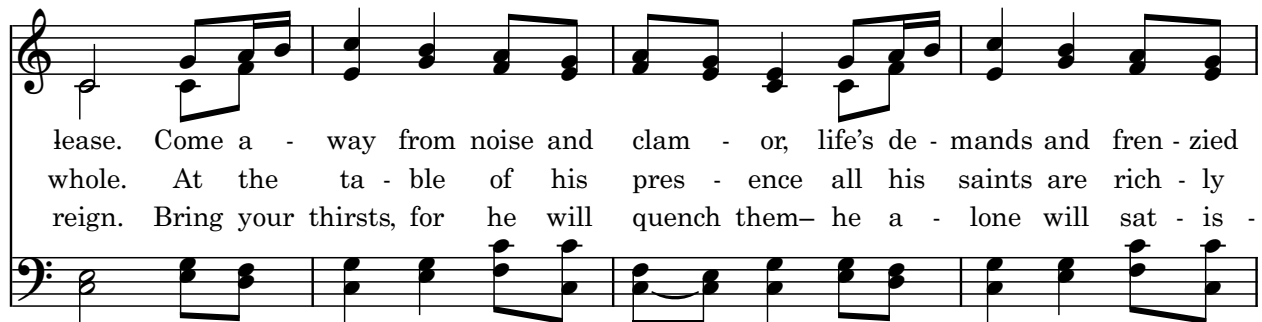
# COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY



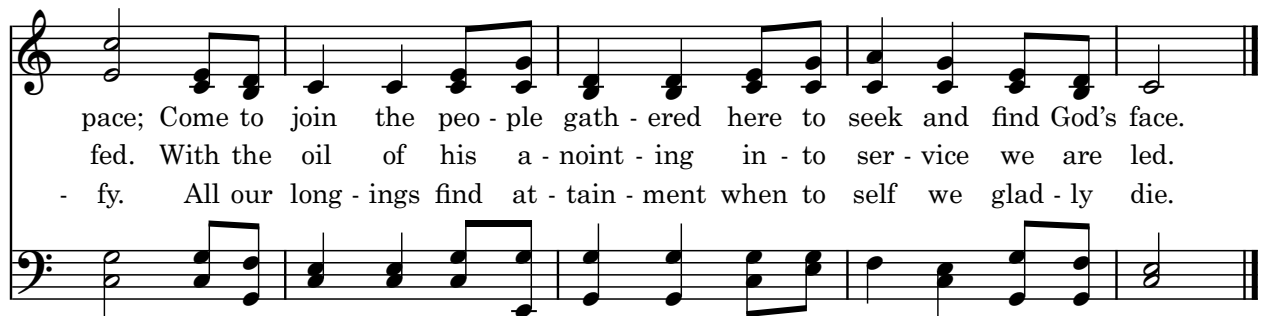
1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's  
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our  
3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con - fu - sions, fears, and



peace; From our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ and find re -  
soul. From the wa - ters of his mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made  
pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's



lease. Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied  
whole. At the ta - ble of his pres - ence all his saints are rich - ly  
reign. Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them— he a - lone will sat - is -



pace; Come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.  
fed. With the oil of his a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.  
- fy. All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

## PRAYING

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- › Father God, we approach your throne of grace this morning, confessing that we have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Jesus, we live in a world that is not as it should be. We are plagued by disease, isolation, injustice, and strife. Come quickly, Lord. Rescue your creation! Come and restore all things to your good and perfect design. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**
- › Holy Spirit, we need your gifts. Empower us, your people, with the wisdom to know when to speak and when to listen, when to mourn and when to rejoice, when to rest and when to act. Use us, your church, to reflect yourself to a world in desperate need of you. Lord, in your mercy,
  - » **Hear our prayer.**

*Please be praying for those in our community:*

*Give thanks for the birth of Henry Ballard Brinson, born on July 27 to Mike and Lauren and big sister Emma. Please join the Northwest parish in praying for this family.*

*Pray for health: David Hacker, Bill Wildner, Elaine Turner, Carolyn Oakley, Karen Tatti, Becky Edwards, Valerie Holland, Bradley Crawford, Christie Geraty, Milton Jones*

*Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Frank Faust (wife, 6/30); Melba Tyler (mother, 6/17); Tam and Josh Bishop (husband, father Brad, 6/1); Kay Lynch (father, 5/15); Scott and Rob Cox (mother Connie, 5/12); Jim Hillsman (wife, 5/11)*

### GREETING OF PEACE

*As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.*

## THANKSGIVING

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### OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
  - » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

To give online, visit [thirdrva.org/generosity](http://thirdrva.org/generosity).

*Please be praying for our mission partners Richard Haney and Frontier Fellowship, as they connect Presbyterian churches to be engaged in establishing new churches among indigenous people groups around the world.*

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING

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### SCRIPTURE READING | PSALM 128 (NRSV)

- 1 Happy is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways.
  - 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
  - 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.
  - 4 Thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.
  - 5 The LORD bless you from Zion.  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.
  - 6 May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel!
- › This is the word of the Lord.  
» **Thanks be to God!**

### MESSAGE | "THE BLESSING SONG"

## RESPONDING

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### THE APOSTLES' CREED

- › Christians, what do you believe?
- » **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall 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.  
Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- › 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 our thanks and praise.**
  
- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself.  
You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
  
- › You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you.  
You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
  
- › You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.  
By his Incarnation–
- » **You have found us.**
  
- › By his Death–
- » **You have forgiven us.**
  
- › By his Resurrection–
- » **You have freed us.**
  
- › God, our Father,
- » **Hear the praise of grateful hearts.**
  
- › In union with Jesus Christ of Nazareth, our Great High Priest, and with all who worship you,  
both in heaven and on earth, we offer you our praise, singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- › Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—
- » **One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,**
- › Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,
- » **Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION | FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26

“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’”

“In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

*As we take the elements together, spend some moments in reflection, meditating on the mercy of God given to us in Jesus’ death and resurrection, and consider the amazing way God binds us together in unity through Jesus’ sacrifice. Spend some time praising and thanking God for his gift of love.*

## CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

- » **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

The Lord’s Supper, or Communion, is one of the two sacraments we celebrate (the other is baptism). It is one of the most important things we do when we gather together, because the bread and juice are concrete signs of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. When we come forward to receive them, we believe that Jesus is actually present through the Holy Spirit, extending his grace and forgiveness to us. We welcome anyone to the table who is willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion, we invite you to use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

**Prayer of those searching for truth:** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Lead me into the light and life you promise. Amen.

**Prayer of belief:** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more blind and sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete acceptance. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

– Adapted from prayers written by Rev. Scot Sherman, Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

# HE WILL HOLD ME FAST



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;\_\_\_\_  
 2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;\_\_\_\_  
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;\_\_\_\_



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.\_\_\_\_  
 Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.\_\_\_\_  
 Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.\_\_\_\_



I could nev - er keep my hold\_\_\_\_ through life's fear - ful path;  
 He'll not let my soul be lost;\_\_\_\_ his prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with him to end - less life,\_\_\_\_ he will hold me fast



For my love is of - ten cold;\_\_\_\_ he must hold me fast.\_\_\_\_  
 Bought by him at such a cost,\_\_\_\_ he will hold me fast.\_\_\_\_  
 Till our faith is turned to sight,\_\_\_\_ when he comes at last!\_\_\_\_

## Chorus



*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;\_\_\_\_*



*for my Sav - ior loves me so,\_\_\_\_ he will hold me fast.*

## SENDING

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SONG OF COMMISSION | "HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

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COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM PROVERBS 16:20 (NLV)

- › The one who listens to the Word will find good,
- » **And happy are those who trust in the LORD.**

POSTLUDE | "HYMN TO JOY" (ALBERT TRAVIS)