# June 2nd, 2024

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** Lord, Take My Hand and Guide Me

John A. Behnke

#### Lighting of the Candle

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We are hungry, Lord!

People: We come to church today with different types of hunger

for you.

Leader: : Some of us sit down at the table eagerly, because

we are hungry.

People: Some of us have come because we know we should eat, even though we don't feel like it.

Leader: Some of us are ravenous.

People: And some of us have lost our appetite, and we don't even know why.

Leader: And yet you have drawn us to your welcoming table, one and all, your arms open to embrace us just as we are.

People: As we settle in this morning, fill us with your presence so that when we leave today, we can leave saying, "That is exactly what I needed!"

**\*Hymn** #172 Blest Are They

#### Call to Confession

Leader: Let us come before God, responding to the invitation to seek so that we shall find. Let us be hungry for the grace of God. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the rich heavenly feast,

We fill our stomachs with food that does not nourish, and our souls with bread that does not give life. We are lured in by promises that the next "it" thing will fulfill our lives. We remain hungry and empty, and seek every way to fill the void except to feast on the love, grace, and purpose you give. Help us confess our struggle, and seek your divine food which sustains the human spirit. Amen.

#### Moment of Silent Reflection

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." **People: We receive the gift of life in faith. Thanks be to God!** 

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 63:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!** 

## Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the Church
Passing the Peace

**\*Hymn** #507 Come to the Table of Grace

**Second Scripture Lesson** Matthew 5:6

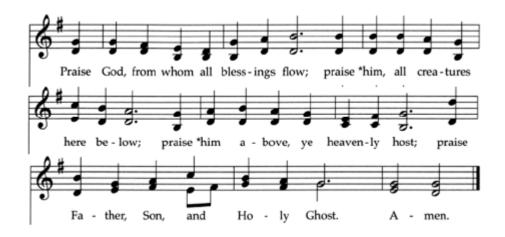
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks Be to God!

**Sermon** "Discovering Your Hunger"

Offering

**Offertory** Pastorale Franklin Ritter

#### \*Doxology



#### \*Prayer of Dedication

## Invitation to the Lord's Supper

#### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts.

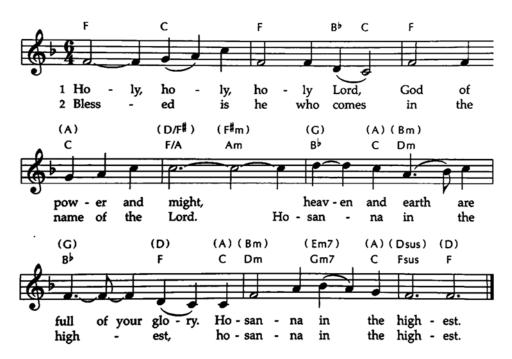
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

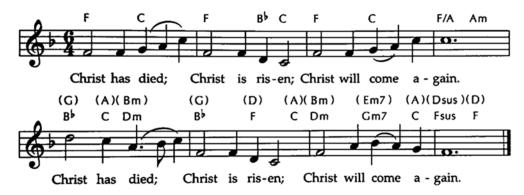
Prayer continues...

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



## Prayer continues...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



#### 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 forever. Amen.

#### Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

You are invited to eat the bread as it is served; Please hold the cup until all have been served; We will drink together. Please let the servers know if you need gluten free bread.

## Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of glory, in this holy meal you show us your will for every meal. In Christ's strength, let us live and work for the day when all tables are filled with your abundance and surrounded by your people in peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Hymn** O God, You Call for Justice

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** Here, I Am Lord John Carlson

#### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries: Marcello Velame
Liturgist: Carol Streeper
Music Ministry: Chancel Choir
Ushers: Steve Aquilina
Sue Starke

Jim Wright

Zoom Hosts: John Palframan

Rich Vodhanel

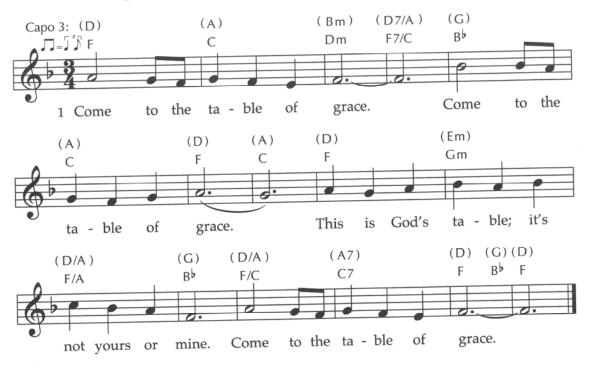
Social Hour: P&A



This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

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# Come to the Table of Grace 507



- 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.

# O God, You Call for Justice



WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2012 (Micah 6:8) MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 (1810-1876)

3	JUN, MON	11am - 4pm	Queen of Hearts Duplicate Bridge (FH)
	•	4:30 - 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
	•	7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
	•	7 – 8pm	Deacon Meeting (Zoom)
4	JUN, TUE	9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
	•	9:30 - 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
	•	11am - 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
	•	5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
5	JUN, WED	8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
6	JUN, THU	4:45 - 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
	_	7 – 0pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
	•	7 – 9pm	
8	JUN, SAT	7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
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