

June 9th, 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 Pastorale

Lani Smith

Lighting of the Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: As you settle into a pew, or pull up your kitchen chair, or sink into your sofa to join in the worship of God, I ask that you imagine your self being ushered to a seat at Jesus' table.

People: At Jesus' table, all are welcome.

Leader: At Jesus' table, your life stories matter.

People: At Jesus' table, the conversation always turns to grace and love.

Leader: At Jesus' table, real issues are discussed, hard truths named, and guidance is given.

People: At Jesus' table, we gain new perspective, renewed faith, and deeper commitments to reject sin and live according to the grace of God.

Leader: So take your seat next to the one who is eager to share the fellowship of his table.

***Hymn #297** In Christ Called to Baptize

Call to Confession

Leader: I invite you to join in prayer, as we continue our weekly conversation with God about the challenges of living into the values of the Lord in whom we believe.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We join you, O Lord, in conversation this morning, recognizing how many important conversations we avoid. It's hard to speak your truth in love. It's hard to hear truths told us in love. We confess that we turn either to meaningless talk, or to fighting words when it's time to confront the ways in which we have fallen short of the

glory of God. We pray that we might learn from the ways you invite others into conversation about divisive or challenging revelations, for you have mastered the art of speaking and listening with grace and love. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words of assurance from Psalm 66: “If I had cherished inquiry in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

People: Blessed be God, because God has not rejected my prayer, or removed his steadfast love from me!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Galatians 2:11-14

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church 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 forever. Amen.

Passing the Peace

***Hymn #436 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us**

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 19:1-10

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

Sermon “I Hope You’re Hungry: Food for Thought”

**Offering
Offertory**

Thy Word

Setting by Jack Schrader

***Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

Benediction

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

Setting by J. Bert Carlson

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	George Kustka
Music Ministry:	Chancel Choir
Ushers:	Joe Talerico
	Peter Bruguiere
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Social Hour:	Christian Education

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

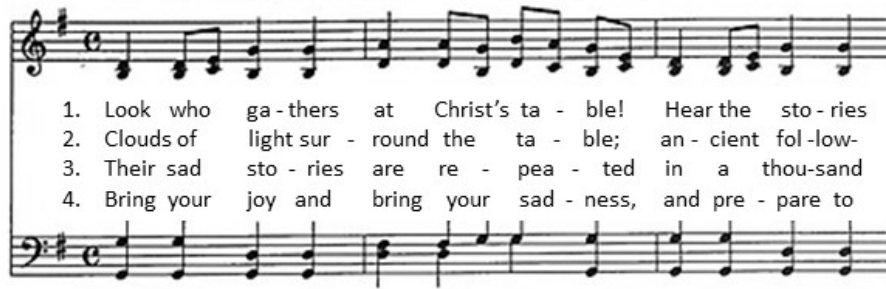
giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

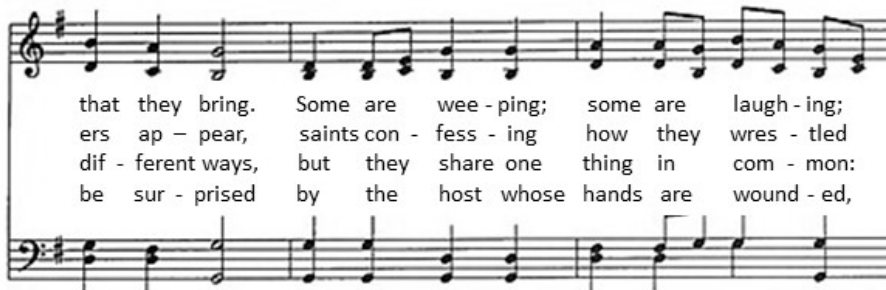
pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.

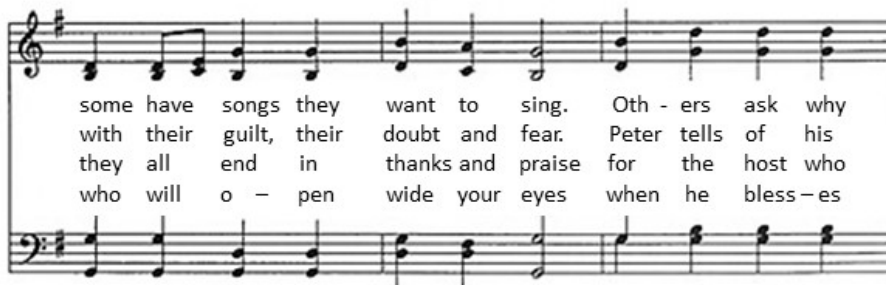
Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



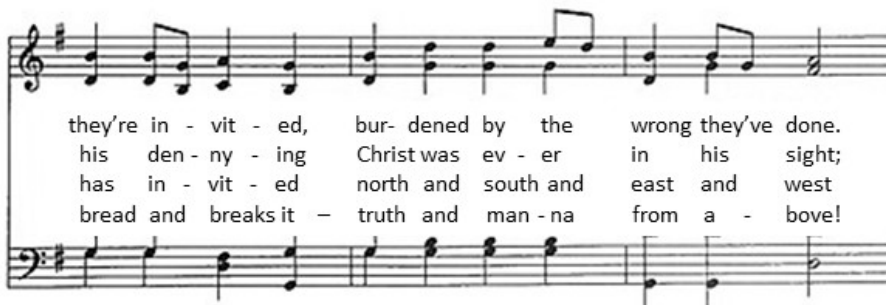
1. Look who ga - thers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2. Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3. Their sad sto - ries are re - pea - ted in a thou - sand
4. Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



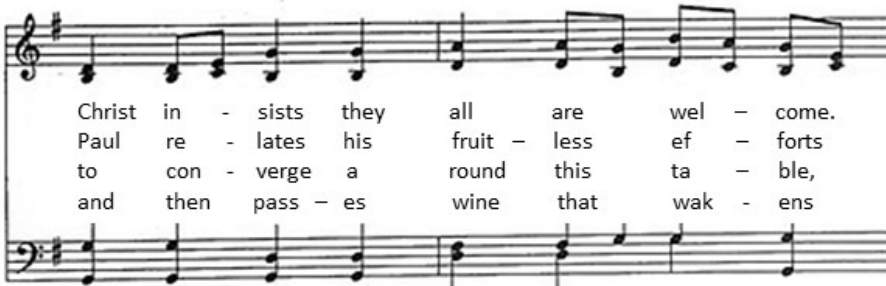
that they bring. Some are wee - ping; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



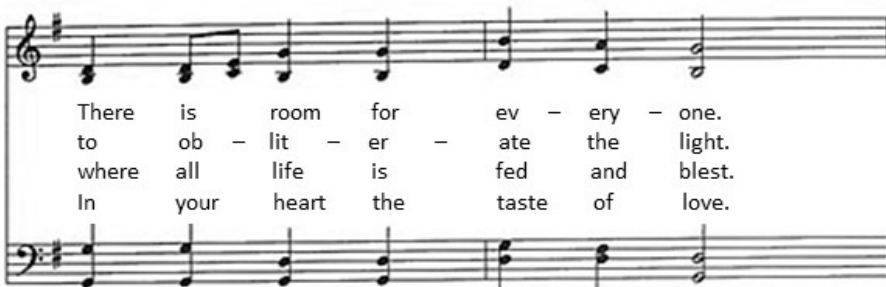
some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es



they're in - vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done.
his den - ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight;
has in - vit - ed north and south and east and west
bread and breaks it - truth and man - na from a - bove!



Christ in - sists they all are wel - come.
Paul re - lates his fruit - less ef - forts
to con - verge a round this ta - ble,
and then pass - es wine that wak - ens



There is room for ev - ery - one.
to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
where all life is fed and blest.
In your heart the taste of love.

10	JUN, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
11	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)
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Dorcas (FH and Kitchen)
12	JUN, WED	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Boy Scout Leader Meeting (O)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
13	JUN, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
15	JUN, SAT	● 12 – 3pm	Academy of Music and Drama recital (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
16	JUN, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)