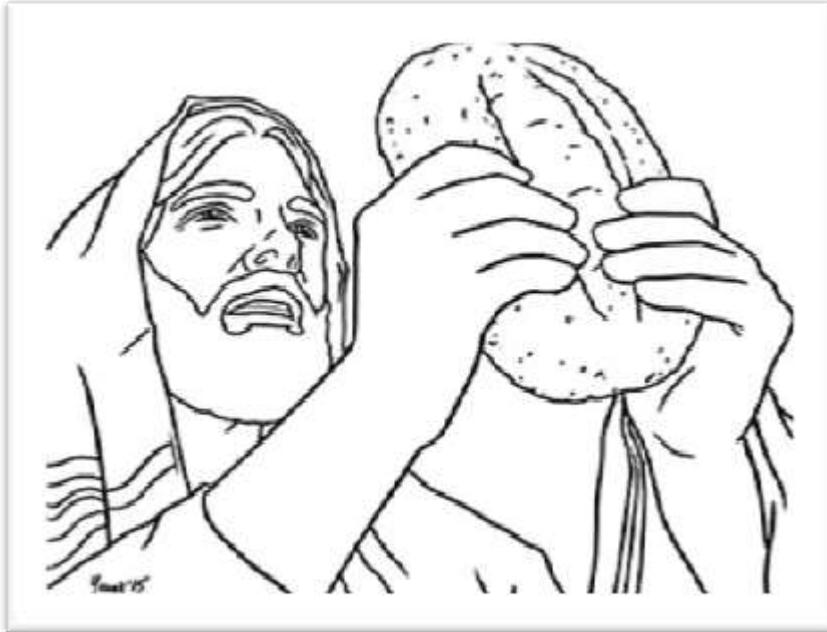


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Service and Message by: Rev. Chris Houtz

Liturgist: Elder Ron Stamboly

We request that you silence all electronic devices **before** service begins.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PROMISE

PRELUDE

Alaine Bolton, Director of Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

CHORAL INTROIT (2x)

Jesus, We Are Here
Gathering

Words and Music by
Patrick Matsikenyiri

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, We Are Here'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a key signature change from G major to D major (two sharps) and a time signature change to 2/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, we are here, Je - sus, Je - sus, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su ta - wa pa - no, Je - su'. The second staff continues the lyrics: 'we are here, Je - sus, we are here, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su ta - wa pa - no, Je - su'. The third staff has lyrics: 'we are here for you. ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re'. The fourth staff has lyrics: 'Mam-bo Je - su nyu.' and includes a first ending bracket and a second ending bracket. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, A, Em/A, D/A, Dmaj7, D, D7, G, D/A, A9, A7, D, Em7/A, D, Em7/A, D.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Ron Stamboly, Liturgist

We do not live by bread alone,

But by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

Come, let us worship and give thanks.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)**

Ron Stamboly

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #81**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Ron Stamboly

Let us confess our sin together, for we have all fallen short of the glory of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Ron Stamboly

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life. God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity.

Merciful God, hear now our own personal confessions that we lift up to you in silence.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Rev. Chris Houtz

In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Chris Houtz

The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son. Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst. Believe the gospel; in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE #633

Praise Ye the Lord (*refrain only*)

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ron Stamboly

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (*Please pass the peace of Christ to one another.*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Chris Houtz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ron Stamboly

Holy God, may the reading of your Word be for us the bread you send from heaven that gives life to the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you

shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

***HYMN #497**

Bread of Life from Heaven

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
And became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
Is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

Let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #608**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Loving God, as you fed your people in the wilderness, use our gifts, time, and talents as the manna to meet the hungers of the world in which we live. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

***HYMN #519**

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, let us celebrate the supper of the Lord. Let us make a huge loaf of bread, and let us make abundant wine, like at the wedding at Cana.

Let the women not forget the salt.

Let the men bring along the yeast.

Let many guests come: the lame, the blind, the crippled, the poor.

Come quickly. Let us follow the recipe of the Lord. All of us, let us knead the dough together with our hands.

Let us see with joy how the bread grows.

Because today we celebrate our meeting with the Lord. Today we renew our commitment to the Kingdom. Nobody will stay hungry.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

We give thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we partake.

When we break the bread, is it not a sharing in the body Christ?

When we give thanks over the cup, is it not a sharing in the blood Christ?

Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #5411

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (2x)

Go with God
Rom. 8:14
Departing/Benediction

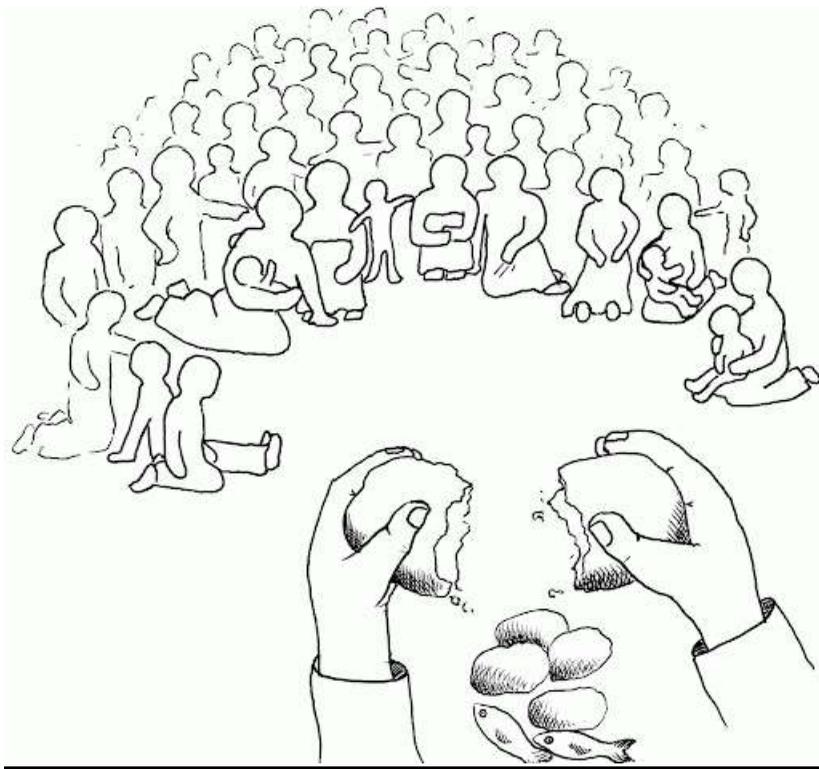
Words and Music by
Isaiah Jones, Jr.

The musical score is written in a single system with four staves. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Go with God. Go with God. As you leave this place, go with God. God will direct your way, God will light every day. As you leave this place, go with God." The chords are: F, Bb, Eb, Dm7, G7, Cm, Eb/F, F, Bb, Eb/F, Bb, Bb7/D, Ebmaj7, Cm7, Bb/F, F7, Bb, (Eb/F).

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THE POSTLUDE



“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Friendly Reminders!

Margarita Estrada Vacation Days
Friday, August 6th and Friday, August 27th

India Independence Day and Flag Hoisting Ceremony
Saturday, August 14th in the church parking lot.
All are welcome!

Next Session Meeting, Sunday, August 15th

Per Capita Apportionment for 2021 is \$40.45
As of 6/28/21, 42 members have reimbursed the church for per capita responsibilities!
Thank you!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Office open Monday-Friday, 9am to 1 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesdays at 2 pm

Wednesdays – Bible Study in Fellowship Hall at 11 am

Rev. Chris' Congregational Call
Every Thursday at 11 am

Men's Breakfast – 1st Saturday of the month at 8 am.

Sunday Bible Study
9:00 am

Session 'in-person' meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month

Divine Worship: In sanctuary and on Facebook Livestream
Sundays at 10:30 am

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