



## In Preparation for Worship

Help us to be, to listen in the waiting  
For the still small voice  
Which speaks of promises unbroken  
Beneath our doubt and fear and forgetting.

- Yvonne Moreland, *A Book of Blessings*

## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

Meditation on *Aurelia*

## Welcome and Announcements

*At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshipping online with us by sharing your name in the "comments" on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).*

## The Light of the Hour

*Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected*

## Hymn #321\*

The Church's One Foundation

\* Stanzas 1,4 and 5. Hymn sheets are located at the end of the bulletin.

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you. Let us pray...

**Holy and merciful God, you have called us to be the church. You have called us to be the people of faith gathered to act as if your very presence is all around us. We have fallen short. We do not see you in others, we deny our connectedness. We think we have the right answers, solutions, and fixes without seeing others first. You have called us your beloved community. Forgive us for all the times we don't act like it. Help us to see your work in everyone and everything. Help us be better people of your church, your lifeblood in this world. Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... (Silence is kept for personal reflection.)**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

*We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Acts 2:43-47

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

## Sermon

What is THE Church?

Phil Brown

## Musical Reflection

I Love the Lord Who Heard My Cry

## Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of Belhar

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**

**We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;**

**We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.**

## Holy Communion\*

*\*Communion Instructions are located at the end of the bulletin.*

### Invitation

### Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

### Words of Institution

### Communion Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

Gary Brown, Marimba

## Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword **GIVETOSLPRES** followed by the amount.*

## Hymn #305\*

Come Sing O Church , in Joy!

*\*Hymn sheets are located at the end of the bulletin.*

## Benediction

## Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel



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## **At-Home Virtual Communion**

As part of our normal worship practice on the first Sunday of the month, and because we know that Jesus met people where they were and he continues to meet us where we are, our church family will celebrate At-Home Virtual Communion this Sunday.

During our online worship, the pastors will preside over the elements in their respective homes, offering the Invitation to the Lord's Supper, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Words of Institution. We are asking that each family then share the Lord's Supper together, using whatever elements you may have available, just as we often do on mission trips.

We encourage you to prepare for worship with the following ideas:

- Create a worship space, perhaps at the kitchen table or a coffee table. Feel free to place anything on the table that has special meaning for you, such as a special memento that reminds you of church or witnessing God in the world. Last week in worship, we talked about lighting a candle before worship each week as a reminder that God is with each of us wherever we are, therefore, we are all together through the Spirit.
- Remember how the pastors often say during the Lord's Supper, that Jesus uses ordinary things for extraordinary purposes? Well, this is one of those times that common things can represent God's grace to us. Please do not feel the need to purchase special bread or juice, we do not want to place that burden on you nor is it necessary. Use whatever you have in your home already – sliced bread, crackers, cookies, pretzels, any sort of juice, wine, water, or even a coke. You may consider placing the elements in cups and on a plate that is special to you.
- You may designate one person to serve or gather in a circle to pass the elements to one another. As you share the bread, you may say, "The bread of life" or "The body of Christ." As you share the cup, you may say, "The cup of salvation."

As Presbyterians, we believe that the Lord's Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's sustaining grace offered to all people. The Lord's Supper is at once God's gift of grace, God's means of grace, and God's call to respond to that grace. Through the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ nourishes us in righteousness, faithfulness, and discipleship. Through the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit renews the Church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world. This is what we celebrate when gather around the table – and in these days, though our tables are in many different places, our hearts and lives are bound together through Jesus's great love for each of us and all of us.

If you have any questions about celebrating the Lord's Supper in your home, feel free to reach out to one of the pastors.

## The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the word,  
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 yet saints their watch are keeping: their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,  
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.  
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song,  
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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# 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy!      Come join, O church, in song!  
 2 Long years have come and gone,      and still God reigns su - preme,  
 3 Let cour - age be our friend;      let wis - dom be our guide,  
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy!      Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

*This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988-1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th century tune (first used with Psalm 145) is appropriately celebratory.*

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988  
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770  
 Text © 1989 Brian Dill

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