



Gathering Music

Greeting and Announcements

Transition to Worship

Prelude “Jesus Lord, We Look to Thee”

Foundry Collection, 1742

Welcome

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

People: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Leader: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

People: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Leader: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

People: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

People: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Oh God, our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer- how do we thank you? How do we show our gratitude? Do you want signs and sacrifices? Do you want gold and cattle? Can we turn over our children to you? Would that repay our debt, make everything right? Tell us, what do you require in return for all your goodness? Oh God, our teacher, example, companion- you have shown us what is good, and call us to remember that what you require is not repayment of debt or settling the score, but obedience. Show us, God, when to do justice, how to love kindness, and where to walk humbly with you. Amen.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, give thanks be-cause he's

giv-en Je - sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the

poor say, "I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has

Last time to Coda done for us." And us." Give

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us." Give thanks! _____

WORDS: Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)
 MUSIC: Henry Smith

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GIVE THANKS
 Irregular

Scripture Lessons

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

"What is Good"

Rev. Paul Holland

Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

TFWS #2158

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 time for me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Refrain

Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,
 dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS: Anon. (James 4:8)
 MUSIC: Anon.

CLOSER WALK
 Irregular with Refrain

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"Sanctuary"

arr. Lloyd Larson

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****Doxology**

UMH # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures her below
Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Sharing Prayer and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

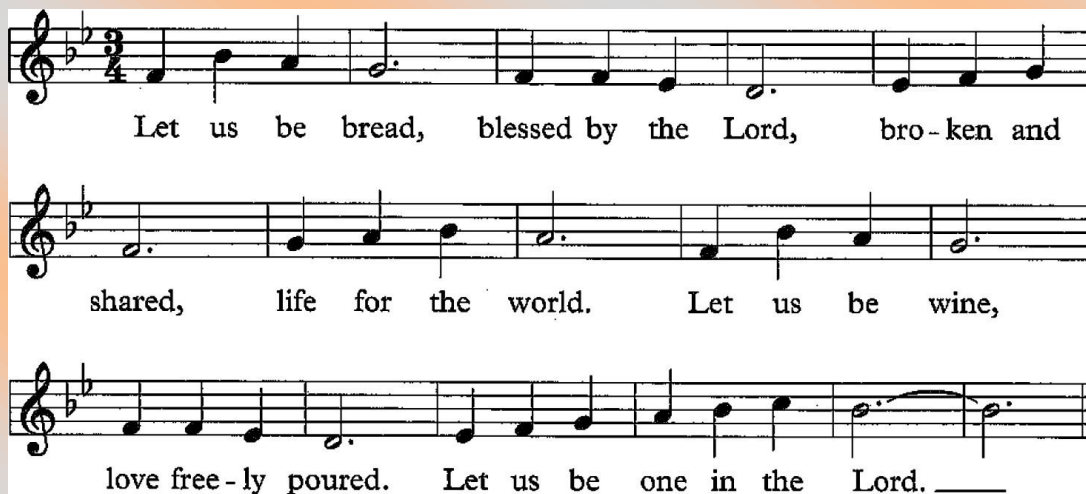
The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Communion

"Let Us Be Bread"

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Stanzas included in other editions.

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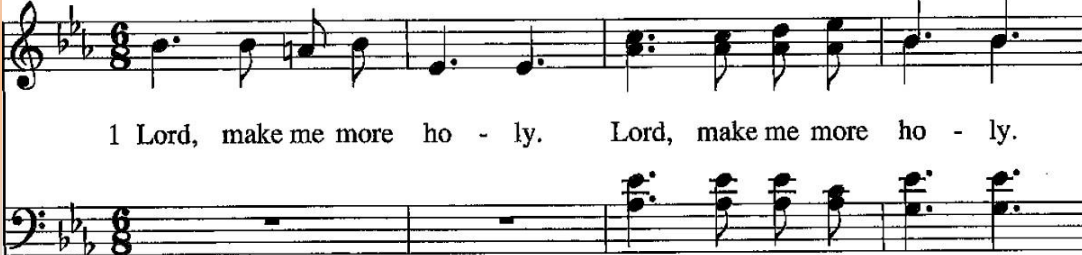
LET US BE BREAD
Irregular

The Invitation
 The Communion Prayer
 Words of Institution
 Prayer of Blessing
 Receiving Communion

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Make Me More Holy”

NCH #75



1 Lord, make me more ho - ly. Lord, make me more ho - ly.



Lord, make me more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly un - til we meet a - gain.

- 2 Lord, make me more faith-ful, . . . Faith-ful, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.
- 3 Lord, make me more hum-ble, . . . Hum-ble, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.
- 4 Lord, make me more righ-teous, . . . Righ-teous, . . . un-til we meet a-gain.

The origins of this African-American spiritual have been traced to the area of Charleston, South Carolina, where it may have been sung as a closing hymn for worship. It is one of a number of devotional songs expressing the desire to attain the spiritual character of Jesus.

Tune: LORD, MAKE ME MORE HOLY
 6.6.6.6.6.6.
 African-American spiritual

Benediction

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds and may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full! Amen

Postlude

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. Cindy Berry

(please be seated for postlude)

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