

Bold Text is read or sung by the congregation

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Avelina Fenstermacher

We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship, for we are the church of Jesus Christ!
We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us, opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly |No.509

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990 MUSIC: William Moore's Columbian Harmony, 1825 ONE License No. 8-740425

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you.

Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you.

We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough.

We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty.

We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen (A time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth. Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

*HYMN

Take me to the water.

Take me to the water.

Take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus. I love Jesus. I love Jesus, yes, I do. Raise a Song of Gladness (x2) | No. 155

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart! Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

Isaiah 56:1-8; Acts 4:26-40

Sing Out Your Joy! | Grace Choir
Words and Music by Victor H. Johnson

"God Loose in the World" | Rev. Cindy Carlisle

Take Me to the Water | No. 480

He's my Savior. He's my Savior. He's my Savior, yes, he is.

Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

A Brief Statement of Faith | PC(USA) 52-64

Take Me to the Water
TEXT and MUSIC: African American Spiritual
ONE License No. A-740435

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

SPIRIT MOMENT Rev. Cindy Carlisle

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Great 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.

"And so we pray now in the words Jesus taught..."

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.

Breaking of bread & Words of Institution

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer After Communion

*HYMN

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

REFRAIN:

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man,a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,

for woman and man, a system that's fair,

[REFRAIN]

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,

For Everyone Born | No.769

[REFRAIN]

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live,

[REFRAIN]

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,

[REFRAIN]

For Everyone Born TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998 MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006 ONE License No. A-740435

APR 28 - MAY 5

Events & Celebrations

SUN 28	TUE 30	WED 1
Choir, 8:30AM Communion Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Hour, 11:00AM PNC, 11:30AM NA of EP, 3:00PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM BIRTHDAY Carlos Fernandez	Lunch Lectionary, 12:00PM Deacons, 6:00PM BIRTHDAY Shannon Crafton
THU 2	SAT 4	SUN 5
Survey O.T., 6:00PM Quilters' Board, 6:00PM	BIRTHDAY Martha Ruebush	Choir, 8:30AM Communion Worship, 10:00AM Cinco de Mayo Fellowship Potluck, 11:00AM PNC, 11:30AM
Prayers & Concerns		
Bob Hedicke	Mary Province	Billy Beard
Mildred Helm	Barbara Frey	Pete McMillan

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching — Rev. Cindy Carlisle
Music/Choir Director—Brittney Williams
Technology—Bob Jones & Jim Collins

Liturgist—Avelina Fenstermacher Pianist—Patricia Provencio

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