



... your Father,
who sees
in secret,
will reward you.

MATTHEW 6:18, CEB



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Communion Sunday

As a family of faith, we come to rest in Jesus' presence,
sing God's praises and be strengthened by the
Holy Spirit, our Counselor. Welcome!

Welcome

Prelude

Have Thine Own Way Lord

arr. David Smither

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of
the LORD!"

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Song

Here in This Place

#10^{VT}

Verse 1:

Here in this place, the new light is streaming;
now are the shadows vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, our spirits inflame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 2:

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry.

We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,

called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song. ^[L]_[SEP]

Verse 3:

Here we will take the wine of compassion;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here we become the people you fashion:
children of God, to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine ever flowing,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and guide us in growing
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Verse 4:

Not just in buildings, dim and confining;
not in some heaven, lightyears away:
here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the dawning and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time (after children can go to Children's Church)

Song

Seek Ye First

#417 ^{VT}

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Verse 1:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Verse 2:

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Congregational Prayer

Song

There's No One in This World like Jesus

#68 ^{VT}

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Verse:

There's no one in this world like Jesus,
there's no one in this world like him;
there's no one in this world like Jesus,
there's no one, there's no one like him.
There's no one in this world like Jesus,
there's no one in this world like him;
there's no one in this world like Jesus,
there's no one, there's no one like him.

Refrain:

*I'm running, running, searching, searching.
I'm turning, turning, searching, searching.
I'm searching, searching ev'rywhere.
There's no one, there's no one like him.
I'm running, running, searching, searching.
I'm turning, turning, searching, searching.
I'm searching, searching ev'rywhere.
There's no one, there's no one like him.*

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Offertory Thought

<http://uccfiles.com/pdf/FeedmySheepEaster3April14>

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

Here's My Life, I Lay It Down

Dave Lubben

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Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 CEB

6 “Be careful that you don’t practice your religion in front of people to draw their attention. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

2 “Whenever you give to the poor, don’t blow your trumpet as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may get praise from people. I assure you, that’s the only reward they’ll get. **3** But when you give to the poor, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing **4** so that you may give to the poor in secret. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

5 “When you pray, don’t be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that’s the only reward they’ll get. **6** But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

16 “And when you fast, don’t put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. **17** When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. **18** Then you won’t look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Sermon

“Being Aware of Your Motives”

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Sisters and brothers, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the

Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer ^s

One: God be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God most high.

Many: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: All praise to you, God our Creator, for by your Word and Spirit you made the heavens and the earth, filled them with life and declared everything good. All praise to you, God our Redeemer, for sending prophets, apostles, teachers, and martyrs, inspired by your Spirit to speak the word of life. And when the time was right, to become fully human in Jesus Christ. All praise to you, God our Helper; as wisdom, you inspire us to speak the truth; as power, you strengthen us to do justice. With your sons and daughters of faith, in all times and places, and with all the heavenly host, we praise you with joy.

Song *Let Us Break Bread Together* (vs. 1) #482 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

One: Loving God, in gratitude we remember that on the night before the crucifixion, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks to you broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance

of me.” In gratitude for what Christ has done for us, we proclaim our hope.

Song *Let Us Break Bread Together* (vs. 2) #482 ^{VT}

Verse 2:

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

One: Holy God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ. Through this meal unite us with the risen Christ so that we may give ourselves for the life of the world. Through us bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Give us the power to work for justice that all the world may be filled with peace and joy. This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer you, eternal God, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Song *Let Us Break Bread Together* (vs. 3) #482 ^{VT}

Verse 3:

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

One: With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Interlude

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

Andre Crouch

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Breaking the Bread

One: The bread we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread.

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Pouring the Cup

One: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body for we all share in the one cup.

Prayer after Communion

All: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine into all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Song

Go, My Children

#830^{VT}

Verse 1:

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river,
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Verse 2:

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Verse 3:

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love, and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

* **Benediction**

May the blessing of the God of peace and justice be with us. May the blessing of the Son who weeps the tears of the world's suffering be with us. May the blessing of the Spirit who inspires us to reconciliation and hope be with us. From now into eternity.

Postlude

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

** Please stand as able and led*

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