



Gathered together  
to  
worship God

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Spirit of God!  
descend

Hymnal #502

Words by George Croly, 1867

Music by Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870



<sup>1.</sup>  
Spirit of God!  
descend upon my heart.  
Wean it from earth,  
through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness,  
mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee  
as I ought to love.



<sup>3.</sup>  
Hast thou not bid us love thee,  
God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul,  
heart, and strength, and mind;  
I see thy cross, there  
teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee,  
and O let me find!



5.  
Teach me to love thee  
as thine angels love,  
one holy passion  
filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the  
heaven-descended dove,  
my heart an altar,  
and thy love the flame.



## Announcements



## Prelude



## Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-3  
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*One:*  
*Shout praises to the Lord!*

*All:*  
**With all my heart  
I will thank the Lord  
when his people meet.**

*One:*  
*The Lord has done  
many wonderful things!*



*All:*  
**Everyone who is pleased  
with God's marvelous deeds  
will keep them in mind.**

*One:*  
*Everything the Lord does  
is glorious and majestic,*

*All:*  
**and his power to bring justice  
will never end.**



# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal #37  
words by Joachim Neander, 1680  
translation by Catherine Winkworth, 1863



<sup>1</sup>  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for  
he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to God's temple draw near.  
Join me in glad adoration.



2  
Praise to the Lord who over  
all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?



3  
Praise to the Lord who doth  
prosper thy work and defend thee.  
Surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
as with his love he befriends thee.



4  
Praise to the Lord oh, let  
all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the "amen"  
sound from God's people again;  
gladly forever adore him.



Opening Prayer



## Psalm 111:4-10

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## With Children



Sharing a joy,  
a concern, a word  
of testimony  
or praise



## Break thou the bread of life

Hymnal #360  
words by  
Mary A. Lathbury, 1877  
music by  
William F. Sherwin, 1877





1.  
Break thou the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves  
beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek thee, Lord;  
my spirit pants for thee,  
O living Word.



2.  
Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,  
now unto me,  
as thou didst bless the bread  
by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
all fetters fall,  
and I shall find my peace,  
my All-in-all.



Prayer



Luke 22:14-20

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## Returning our Tithes and Offerings



## Offertory

*(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)*



## 1 Corinthians 11:17-26

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## Message

Sue Ellen Wheatley, preacher



## Unison Prayer to Prepare

Hymnal #781  
from Johann Wickert's prayer book  
translation & adaptation  
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How can we discern  
our errors, O God?  
Clear us from hidden faults.  
Let the words of our mouths  
and the meditations  
of our hearts  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, our rock  
and redeemer.



Look graciously  
on our remorse;  
help us to turn from evil.  
We offer you ourselves,  
body and soul,  
to be cleansed.



As we drink the cup,  
give us assurance  
of forgiveness  
through the blood of Christ.  
Accept our promise  
to be true to you  
& give us power to fulfill it.





Let us find strength  
in the breaking of bread  
to live and to die,  
for Jesus' sake. AMEN



Distributing  
the Bread



## Responsive Blessing

Hymnal #785<sup>A</sup>  
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Leader:  
Blessed are you, O God.  
You made bread to strengthen us.  
You set aside this bread  
as a sign of your Son's  
broken body.  
In breaking it, may we participate  
in the reconciliation of Christ.



People:  
May Christ's body be  
the bread of our souls,  
to give us strength  
to continue our pilgrimage,  
being made worthy to sit  
with all the redeemed  
at the marriage feast of the Lamb.



All:  
*Hear us, O God,  
through our mediator,  
Jesus Christ. AMEN*



Take, eat...  
and remember



Distributing  
the Cup



## Responsive Blessing

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Leader:

Blessed are you, O God.  
You made the vine to strengthen us.  
You set aside this cup  
as a sign of your Son's shed blood.  
In drinking the cup,  
may we participate  
in the blood of Christ.



People:

May Christ's blood make us strong  
to drink the cup of suffering  
without complaint, for Jesus' sake,  
in the hope that we shall  
drink new wine in your kingdom.

ALL:

*Hear us, O God, for the sake  
of your eternal love. AMEN*



Take, drink...  
and remember



# Sent forth by God's blessing

Hymnal #478

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Welsh folk melody  
harmonized by Gerald Hocken Knight, 1908  
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harmonization © The Royal School of Church Music



<sup>1s.</sup>  
Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God  
from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service  
in all who believe.



<sup>1s.</sup>  
The fruit of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action  
for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
his love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom  
and answer his call.



<sup>2s.</sup>  
With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living  
the tasks of our everyday  
life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing the children  
of each tribe and race.



2b.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us,  
unite us as one in this  
life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name  
that we bear.



## Unison Benediction

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Almighty and loving God,  
we thank you that  
through your great love  
you have fed us  
from our Lord's table  
and have assured us  
that your goodness  
to us never fails.



We give you thanks that  
we are members of  
the body of Christ,  
heirs with Christ,  
and brothers and sisters  
in your family.





By your grace assist us  
in our pilgrimage  
that we may go forth  
strong and faithful  
in our witness,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
AMEN



Postlude

