

WORSHIP – OCTOBER 28, 2020

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Bulletin Outline

- Call to Worship
- Prayer
- Hymn
- Prayers of the People
- Response
- Scripture
- Reflection
- Affirmation
- Hymn
- Closing Prayer

Leader: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

People: We have come for this time of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.

Leader: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

People: Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which your created us. Amen.





PRAYER

O God of great compassion, we come to you with hopeful and trusting hearts. In our spoken words and in our deepest thoughts, we lift up to you the needs of ourselves and the world. Sometimes out of necessity, sometimes out of desperation, we have taken to beds of pain and fear. Our soreness aches for your touch. Our guilt longs for your mercy. Our dis-ease seeks your healing. Vibrant Spirit of Life, come and raise us up! Blow like spring wind through the stale spaces of our being and send us on our way renewed. In every experience, through every distress of mind and body; keep us ever mindful that your presence with us, O God, is our greatest health and true salvation. Amen.



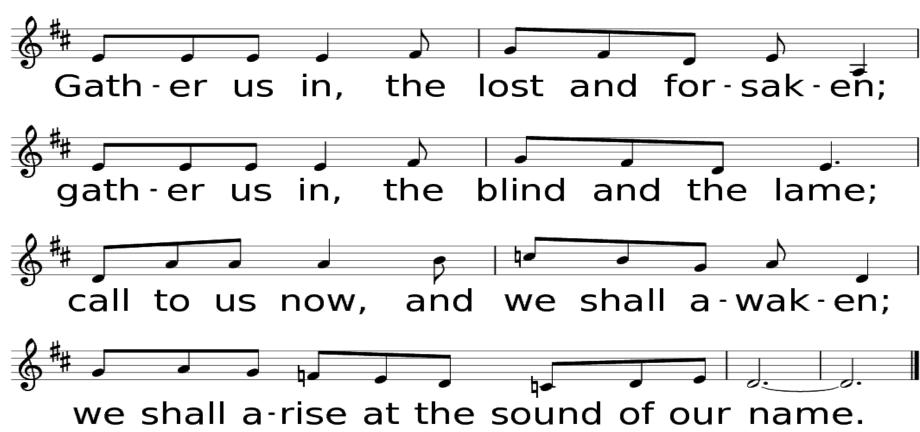
HERE IN THIS PLACE (GATHER US IN)



Here in This Place

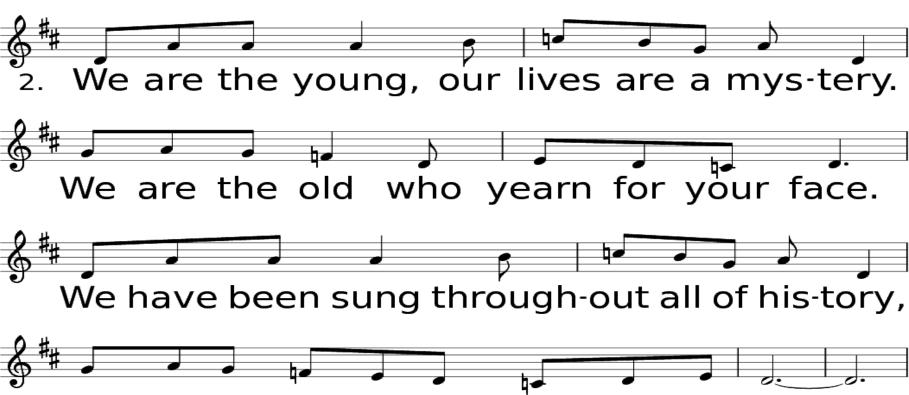






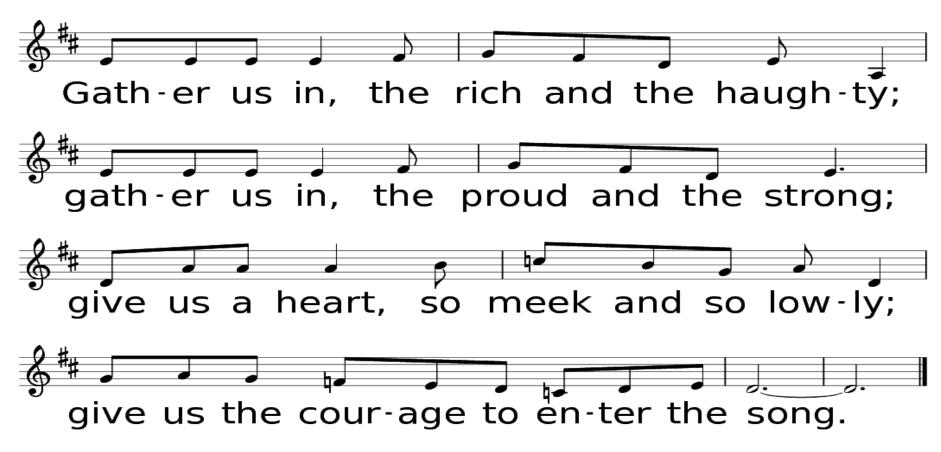






called to be light to the whole hu-man race.







PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Come, Holy Spirit, come:

Enter our lives.

Free us from all fear.

Give us strength to carry on.

Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day.

Come, Holy Spirit, come:

Give us power to be the church.

Impart your many gifts to our members, that we may be the body of Christ's presence in the world.

Free us from all fear and renew our life together.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bind us close together.

May we rejoice with one another's joys and weep with one another's sorrows.

Bind us together, not only with the sheep of this fold,

but with all of Christ's people around this city and world.

Forgive the pride, prejudice, and self-righteousness which separate us from one another.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Come, Holy Spirit, come:
That all may be one in Christ,
source of all true unity,
Who is with us today and always,
even to the end of time.

Amen.

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COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS (CONFITEMINI DOMINO)

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SCRIPTURE - LAMENTATIONS 5: 1-7, 13-22

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- 1 Remember, LORD, what has happened to us; look, and see our disgrace.
- ²Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our homes to foreigners.
- ³ We have become fatherless, our mothers are widows.
- ⁴ We must buy the water we drink; our wood can be had only at a price.
- ⁵ Those who pursue us are at our heels; we are weary and find no rest.
- ⁶ We submitted to Egypt and Assyria to get enough bread.



SCRIPTURE

- ⁷ Our ancestors sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment
- ¹³ Young men toil at the millstones; boys stagger under loads of wood.
- ¹⁴ The elders are gone from the city gate; the young men have stopped their music.
- 15 Joy is gone from our hearts; our dancing has turned to mourning.
- ¹⁶ The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned!
- ¹⁷ Because of this our hearts are faint, because of these things our eyes grow dim



SCRIPTURE

- 18 for Mount Zion, which lies desolate, with jackals prowling over it.
- ¹⁹ You, LORD, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation.
- Why do you always forget us?
 Why do you forsake us so long?
- ²¹ Restore us to yourself, LORD, that we may return; renew our days as of old
- ²² unless you have utterly rejected us and are angry with us beyond measure.



A READING

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AFFIRMATION

We are the People of God.

We are a sign of the New World.

We are the sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We believe in God. We believe in the goodness of God, the presence of God in human history, and the nearness of God's love.

We believe in Christ. We believe that God was and is revealed in human life, that out of human suffering may come rescue and healing, that out of death comes new life.



AFFIRMATION

We believe in the Eternal Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites the world into God's reign. We believe that the world can change,

that peace and wholeness can come,

and that the New World can arrive.

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We are the sign of the New World.

We are the brothers and sisters of Jesus.



WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

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Don't be discouraged
With troubles in your life
God will bear your burdens
And move all misery and strife



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CLOSING PRAYER

Go now with faith, trusting all to receive you.

Go into the world with hope – with God's will before you and great dreams in your heart.

Go now with love – love for all people:

serving with those in whom Christ lives and laboring for those whom Christ died;

and the faithfulness of God, the hope which quickens God's Spirit within us,

and the love of Christ be with us all.

Amen.

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