



**SHAPING FAITH IN CRISIS
PEACE BY PIECE**

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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 you 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.





Glory to God #401

HERE IN THIS PLACE ***(GATHER US IN)***

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Here in This Place

Glory to God #401

1. Here in this place the new light is stream-ing;
now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way;
see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

The musical notation is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'stream-ing;' spans the first two measures of the first staff, 'a - way;' spans the last two measures of the second staff, and 'dream-ings' spans the last two measures of the third staff.

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Here in This Place

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Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en;
gath - er us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.



Here in This Place

Glory to God #401

2. We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery.

We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,

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



Here in This Place

Glory to God #401





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adrienne Knight
Conference Chair Elect

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.



Glory to God #466

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.
- ² Our 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.

²⁰ 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.

We are the people of God.

We are the sign of the New World.

We are the brothers and sisters of Jesus.





Glory to God #656

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

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We've Come This Far by Faith

Glory to God #656

We've come this far by faith,
lean - ing on the Lord,
trust - ing in the ho - ly Word;
God's nev - er failed us yet.

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We've Come This Far by Faith

Glory to God #656

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a melodic line with a half note G, followed by two eighth-note triplets of A and B, then a half note C. The lyrics 'O,' are aligned under the first half note. The second staff continues the melody with a half note D, followed by two eighth-note triplets of E and F, then a half note G. The lyrics 'can't turn a-round,' are aligned under the first half note. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a melodic line with a half note G, followed by two eighth-note triplets of A and B, then a half note C. The lyrics 'we've come this far by faith.' are aligned under the first half note. The fourth staff continues the melody with a half note D, followed by two eighth-note triplets of E and F, then a half note G. The lyrics 'We've come this far by faith.' are aligned under the first half note. The score ends with a double bar line.

O, can't turn a-round,
we've come this far by faith.
We've come this far by faith.



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





We've Come This Far by Faith

Glory to God #656

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'We've come this far by faith,' with a half note for 'We've', quarter notes for 'come' and 'this', and eighth notes for 'far', 'by', and 'faith,'. The second line contains 'lean - ing on the Lord,' with a quarter rest, a half note for 'lean -', and quarter notes for 'ing on the Lord,'. The third line contains 'trust - ing in the ho - ly Word;' with a quarter rest, a half note for 'trust -', and quarter notes for 'ing in the ho - ly Word;'. The fourth line contains 'God's nev - er failed us yet.' with a quarter rest, a half note for 'God's', and quarter notes for 'nev - er failed us yet.'.

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We've Come This Far by Faith

Glory to God #656

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a sharp sign, and a whole note on G4. This is followed by a triplet of eighth notes (A4, B4, C5) and another triplet of eighth notes (D5, E5, F#5), all beamed together. The second staff continues with a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note E4. The third staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by an eighth note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note E4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

O, can't turn a-round,
we've come this far by faith.
We've come this far by faith.



CLOSING PRAYER

Dianna Wright

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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