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9:45 AM

### **Come to the Table: The Table of Hospitality**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy in the side narthex! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents after the children's message. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS JOYS & CONCERNS**

### **SETTING THE TABLE**

HYMN (see next page)

*Come to the Table of Grace (x2)*

INTRODUCTION

HYMN (see next page)

*Come to the Table of Grace*

### **TAKING OUR PLACE, OPENING TO OTHERS**

L: We know that there is a place for us at this table.

**C: Our hearts are filled with gratitude!**

L: We notice that there is a place for those not like us.

**C: We come ready to open our hearts beyond their current size.**

L: We humbly take our seat.

**C: We look into each face and know the presence of Jesus!**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

# Come to the Table of Grace

Barbara Hamm, 2008

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

Come to the table of God. Come to the table of God.

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This is God's table it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of God.

\*OPENING HYMN FWS NO. 2269 (see next page)

*Come, Share the Lord*

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# Come Share the Lord

Bryan Jeffery Leech

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. We ga-ther here in Je - sus' name, his love is  
 (3. He joins us) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who  
 (5. We'll gath-er) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the

4  
 burn-ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through the lov-ing Son the Fa-ther  
 pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we love the most is now our  
 glo - ry of our Lord and com-ing King; now we an - ti - ci - pate the feast for

7 **Fine**  
 makes us one: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come share the Lord. 2. No one is a  
 gra-cious host: 4. We are now a  
 which we wait:

11  
 stran-ger here, ev - ery - one be - longs; find - ing our for -  
 fam - i - ly of which the Lord is head; though un - seen he

15  
 - give-ness here, we in turn for-give all wrongs. 3. He joins us  
 meets us here in the break - ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath-er

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## **\*PEACE AT THE TABLE: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS BEFORE GOD**

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

L: At God's table, there is room enough for all. Still, we confess how often we hold tightly to what we have, make room only for those we know, and welcome those from whom we expect something in return. Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us confess our sin.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of abundance,

**C: when we are afraid there will not be enough, teach us to trust in you. When we draw the circle too small, teach us to make room. When we forget that the table belongs to you, forgive us and welcome us again.**

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Friends, hear the good news: God's grace is abundant, Christ's invitation is wide, and there is a place for you at the table. You are forgiven, loved, and welcomed. We all are forgiven, loved, and welcomed by God. So go and make room for others.

**C: Amen.**

\*ACT OF PRAISE NCH NO. 332 (black hymnal, v.1 see next page)

*As We Gather at Your Table*

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# As We Gather at Your Table (verse 1)

Carl P. Daw, 1989; Jack Schrader

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**Piano**

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1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word, help us know, O God, your

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presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred sto - ry till we claim it as our

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own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

*Athena Abbott  
Macey McCarthy*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Plate Question: Who would you make room for at God's table?*

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SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY FWS NO. 2126 (black hymnal, see below)

*All Who Hunger*

# All Who Hunger

William Moore

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers; seek-er, be a wel-come-guest.  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN (see below)

*At This Table (x2)*

# At This Table

Marcia McFee and Chuck Bell, 2023

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Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

At this ta-ble we lift our voi-ces in prayer. At this ta-ble we seek your  
5 peace. At this ta-ble we know you have drawn near. At this ta-ble we find re -  
9 - lease.

### PRAYERS

P: God of abundance, you meet us at this table just as we are, with all that has filled our hearts this week...We pray all these things in the name of Jesus, who always makes room at the table.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN (see above)

*At This Table (x2)*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: As we look to expand the welcome of God's table, let us join our hearts together to pray as Jesus taught us:

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**TIME FOR SHARING<sup>1</sup>**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY *A Place at the Table with Fresh As the Morning*

arr. Tate

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (to the tune of Doxology)

**ALL: Be present at our table, Lord, be here and everywhere adored; thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in fellowship with thee.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Generous God,

**C: receive these gifts and use them to widen your table. May they feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for our neighbors, and share your love within these walls and far beyond them. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** (see next page)

*All Are Welcome*



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# All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen, 1994

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2. Let us build a house where pro-phets speak and words are strong and  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil-dren tell how hearts learn to for-  
 true, where all God's chil-dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a-  
 wheat; a ban-quet hall on ho-ly ground, where peace and jus-tice  
 stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've  
 heard and loved and treas-ured, taught and claimed as words with-in the

- give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of  
 - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit-ness and as sym-bol of God's  
 meet. Here the love of God through Je-sus, is re-vealed in time and  
 known. Here the out-cast and the stran-ger bear the im-age of God's  
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di-visions: All are welc-ome, all are welc-ome,  
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je-sus:  
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
 grace; let this house proclaim from floor to raf-ter:

all are welc-ome in this place.

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## **\*BENEDICTION**

L: This Table of Hospitality requires much of us. It demands that we question our own boundaries of “who is in” and “who is out.” It asks us to accept that the Spirit may move in surprising ways, through surprising people, and we might just miss out on the beauty and fullness of life if we insist on limiting invitations to the feast. Indeed, sometimes WE couldn’t even pass our OWN litmus test for inclusion!

P: The grace of God abounds! The invitation of Christ is wide! The power of the transforming Spirit will surprise us every time! May the blessings of hospitality you find here go with you and move through you to others wherever you go this week. Let the people say,

**C: Amen**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Hornpipe*

by Handel

*During the postlude, all are invited to turn and wave to our friends at home!*

## **BLESSING OF THE GAGA PIT**

*All are invited following worship for a blessing of the Gaga Pit and the first official game of Gaga here at Mt. Zion. Thank you to Sean McCracken for his vision, and all who gave of their time, their talents, and monetarily to bring this desired space of play to Mt. Zion!*

## **Service Participants**

Thank you to the worship choir for enhancing the service with their talents this morning.

**Welcome Team Members—** Jennifer Damon, Becky Hester

**Liturgist—** Carol Hartman

**Tech Team—** Jim Beyer, John Kollasch, Joe Vacante

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