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Come to the Table: The Table of Peace[1]

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 Peace (x2)*
INTRODUCTION
*HYMN (see next page) *Come to the Table of Peace*

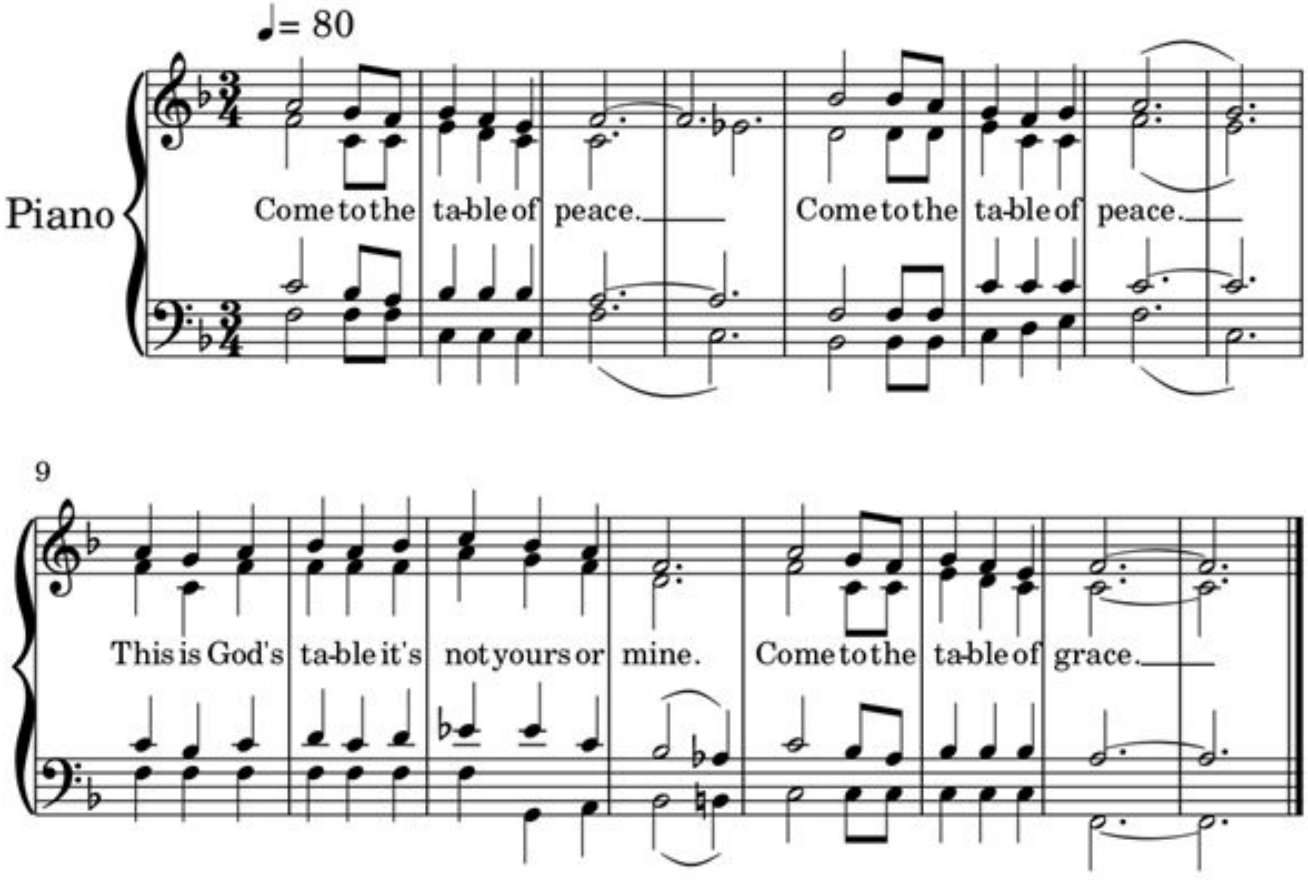
***TAKING OUR PLACE, OPENING TO OTHERS**

L: We gather today to listen, to learn, and to love.
C: We are ready to share and to hear what others have to say.
L: Though we are all different, we yearn to find a mutual understanding.
C: We are standing on common ground.
L: We take our seat at the Table of Peace.
C: We know that God is already here!

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Come to the Table of Peace

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***OPENING HYMN FWS NO. 2171** (see next page) *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

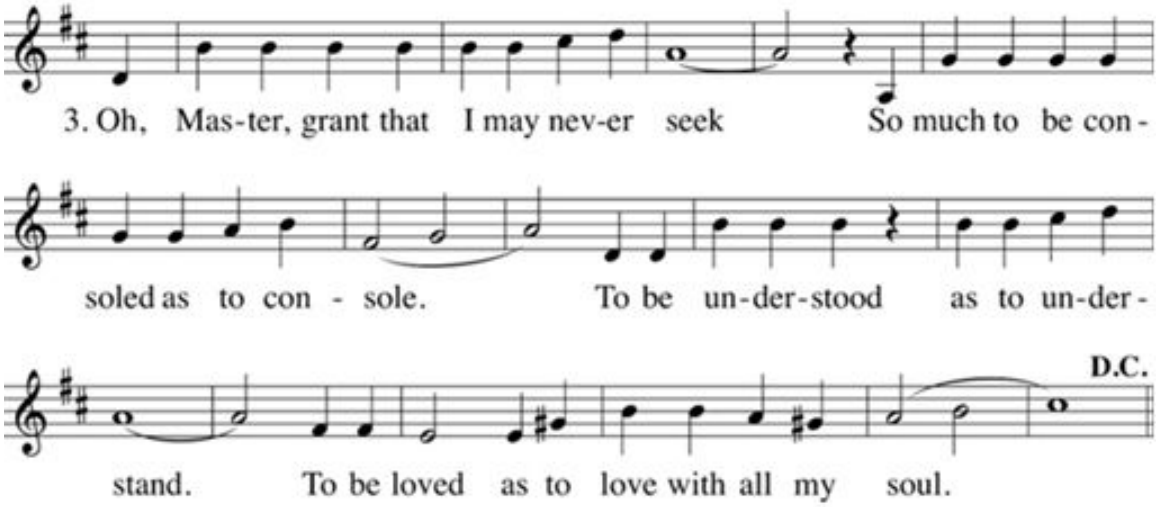
*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



Verse 3



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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

L: At God's table, we are invited to find peace in the presence of Christ. Yet we confess that we often allow our fears, our judgments, and our differences to get in the way of that peace. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of peace,

C: remind us that you are near. When we judge others instead of offering compassion, open our hearts to your love. When we allow anger and division to separate us, forgive us and teach us the ways of peace.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P: Friends, hear the good news: God's peace is not dependent on perfect people. God's peace demands forgiveness, and God freely offers the very forgiveness that makes peace possible. Christ meets us with mercy, forgiveness, and love. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, welcomed, and made new. Go in peace, and share that peace with 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)

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

How do we sit together when things are difficult?

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Psalm 23 (NKJV)*

L: Let us read Psalm 23 together:

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ALL: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

Luke 7:36-50 (The Message Interpretation)

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY (**see below) *Canticle of the Turning*

Canticle of the Turning



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN (see below) *At This Table (x2)*

At This Table



PRAYERS

P: God of peace, We come before you today carrying so many different things...We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who welcomes us, forgives us, and sends us out in peace.

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[1]

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY *Peace is Flowing Like a River with Make Me A Channel* arr. Vogt

*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. God of peace,

C: we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. Use them, and use us, to bring healing where there is hurt, understanding where there is division, and hope where there is despair. May all that we give and all that we do help build a world where your peace is known and shared. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN FWS NO. 2145** (see next page) *I've Got Peace Like a River*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

I've Got Peace Like a River SATB

African American Spiritual

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***BENEDICTION**

L: This Table of Peace requires much of us. It asks us to listen to others when we are bursting with words of our own. It asks us to speak with courage and grace when perhaps we would rather stay silent. It asks us to be patient when we are raring to go! It asks us to save a seat for people whose opinions differ from ours, and to treat everyone with kindness and dignity, because we need each other — all of us — to survive.

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 peace you find here go with you and move through you to others wherever you go this week. Let the people say, "Amen!"

C: Amen!

POSTLUDE *Lord of All Hopefulness* arr. Vogt

References

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