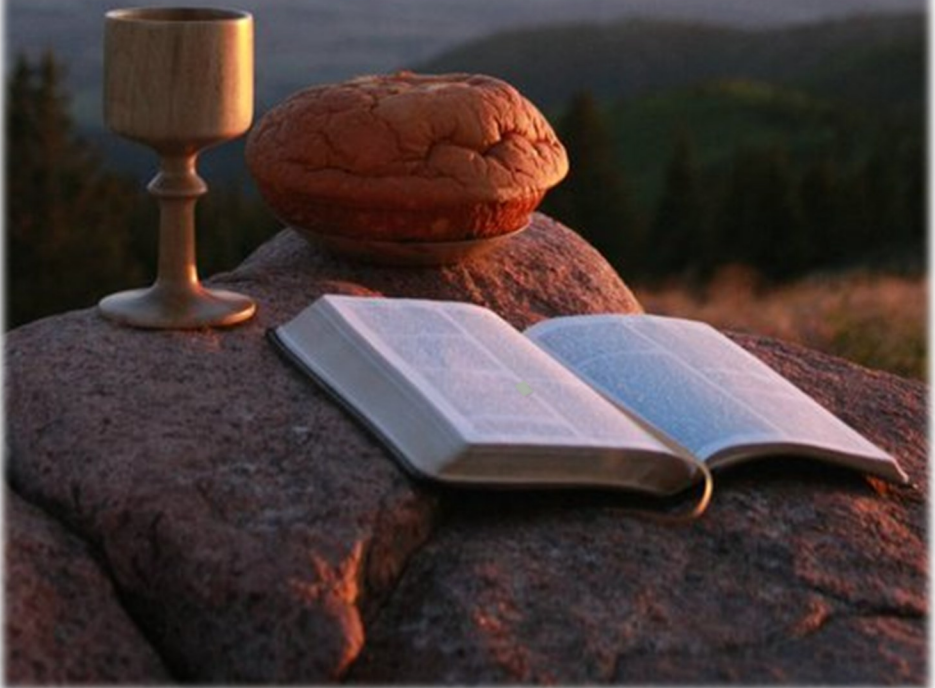


*“Jesus said to them,  
“They need not go away;  
you give them something to eat”*

*Matthew 14:16*



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! We are currently worshipping online only. Our service follows the same format as in-person worship. In the next few weeks we will be transitioning from fully pre-recorded and edited services to live streaming our service. Please allow some grace for growing pains in this process. We pray that worship as a whole will invite you into deeper personal connection with God and empower you to live by the example of Jesus Christ, all while being guided by the Holy Spirit.

## Prelude

*Laudes Domini*  
arr. Ron Mallory

“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

Sanctuary Handbells, 2019

## Call to Worship

Jesus went away from the crowds to a deserted place by himself.

**Before long, he was surrounded again by people in need, and there he offered them the gift of healing and the sustenance of food.**

So, we come away to a quiet place, setting aside the work of care,

**that we, too, may be enabled to return,  
feeding the hungry, healing the sick.**

Come, let us worship God.

## Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, who sent Jesus into the world that we may be healed and nourished by his hand, so strengthen us through word and table that we may become bearers of these gifts in the world around us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

## Hymn 664

### 664 Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G Dm G

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,

C Em Am Em F G

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!

C Am F C Am G

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery morn - ing,



This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.  
MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012  
Text © David Higham Assoc., Ltd.  
Music Arr. © 2012 Beverly A. Howard

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## Call to Confession

Scripture tells us that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins. Let us come before God and confess our sins corporately then in our own private confession.

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that often we have sought out your gifts for ourselves alone, forgetting those who wait beyond our community for healing and sustenance. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord, and turn us who have been nourished to the life-giving work of offering Christ to others.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

Just as a parent loves all of their children, so has God loved all of God's children throughout history. In spite of our ignorance, God accepts us and stands ready to welcome us home. This is the good news of Jesus Christ.

## **Prayer of Illumination**

God of the Highest, reigning in glory, send down  
your Spirit of wisdom to shine on your heavenly Word,  
so that we may worship you with joy, continually  
blessing your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **First Reading**

Genesis 32:22-31

The word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Music Ministry**

Healey Willan

"O Sacred Feast"  
Sanctuary Choir, 2000

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received.  
The memory of His Passion is renewed in us.  
Our souls are filled with grace,  
And the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us.  
Alleluia!

## **Second Reading**

Matthew 14:13-21

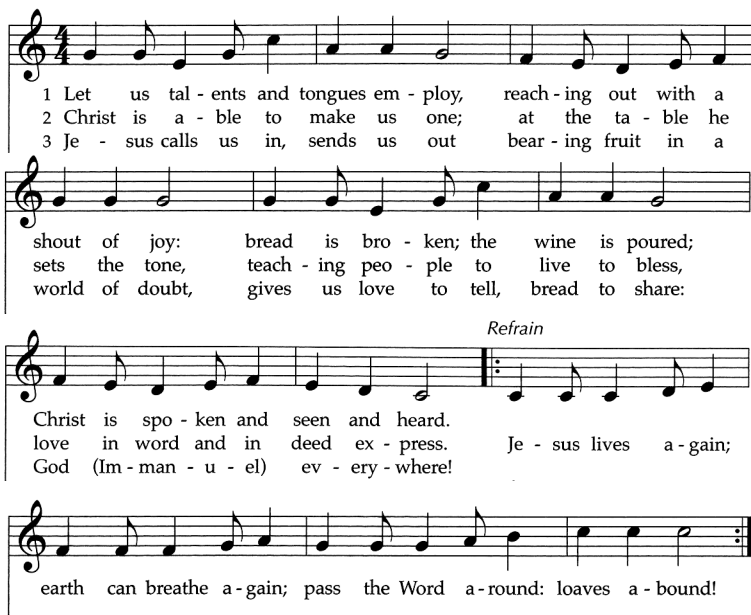
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## **Sermon**

**The Rev. David A. Slyter**

## Hymn 526

### 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;  
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

*Refrain*

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1975  
 MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975  
 Text and Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

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 LM with refrain

## Affirmation of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Call to Stewardship**

When God is in the offering, there is always enough, and more – the giver and gift are abundantly enriched in the giving. You who have brought a little bread, a couple of fish, offer them now and behold the miracle.

## **Offertory**

“Whiter Than Snow”

*Fischer*

arr. Sandra Eithun

## **Congregational Response** Hymn 606 Old Hundredth

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, we know you to multiply loaves and fish until there is enough for all. Let this same mercy be poured over us today and over these gifts, that they may be multiplied in the service of your kingdom. Amen.

## **The Lord's Supper**

## **Communion Voluntary**

*Spiritual*

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Hymn 450

### 450 Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.  
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927  
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## Benediction

Go forth healed and nourished in the grace and mercy of God and let the compassion of Christ lead you into places of hunger and need with bread to share and life to give. Go in peace. Amen.

## The Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

## Postlude

Johann Christian Bach

“Dialogue”

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