



PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, June 8, 2025 | 10:30 AM
3500 Sharon Street Harrisburg, PA 17111
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WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025

10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP PREPARATION

**In preparing for our worship together please quiet yourself
and allow God's Spirit to ready your heart, mind, and soul.**

During this time, we invite you to sign the **guest book**, pass it down your row and back again and note friends and guests worshipping next to you. Please also complete a **prayer request card** at this time if you have a joy or concern for which you would like special prayers during the service. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

GREETINGS AND NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

MUSIC INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Holy Spirit, not in a whisper, but in wind and flame!

Come Holy Spirit, ignite our hearts and awaken our lives!

Gather us from many places and languages. Clothe us with the grace of Christ.

We are God's beloved made new, filled with compassion, and sent to love the world.

Let us worship our triune God!

* HYMN - No. 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of fire and wind, on this Pentecost morning, we praise you for the gift of your Spirit poured out on all people, crossing borders and breaking barriers, opening mouths and melting hearts. You did not leave us comfortless, but clothed us with power from on high. Now fill us with the joy of new life, and set us free to live with compassion and courage. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Spirit of the Living God, you call us to unity, but we build walls. You give us words of love, but we speak in fear. You clothe us in compassion, but we often choose apathy or pride. Forgive us, Holy One. Forgive the ways we turn from your fire. Melt what is frozen, heal what is broken, and stir what is sleeping. Clothe us once again in mercy, kindness, and humility so that the world may know your love through us. (silent confession)

* GOD'S ASSURANCE OF RECONCILIATION

* OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE - No. 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

* PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMS TO US

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE LETTERS

Colossians 3:12-17

(NT246)

ANTHEM

“Holy Spirit, Gentle Dove”

-David Lantz III

READING FROM THE ACTS

Acts 2:1-4

(NT144)

SERMON

“Clothed with Compassion”

HYMN - No. 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation for the Offering

* Response of Praise - No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



THE WORD SEALS US

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN - No. 509

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

The () indicates that those who are able may stand.
The words printed in ***bold face italics type*** are said by all.

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Please use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.

Directing our worship today: Preacher, Rev. Dr. Kent Carter;
Worship Assistant, Anita Laughery; Conversation with Our Children, Nancy Lengler;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Pianist, Nan Bonnet

Prayer Square

*Please keep the following church members and friends in
your prayers.*

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, MARY BOWERS, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA
BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, DAVE AND
SALLY HOLT, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JO JACOBY,
JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, CHARLIE MORY, NEDRA
MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, DONNA POWERS, LOUIS
ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE
ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

BECKI BLAZI, BETTY CONTE, CORK DOWNEY, COLLEEN GERBER, DR.
KENT GROFF, FRED HECKLER, HELEN HEIDLEBAUGH, SHERRY HOWER,
LINDA LEEDY, JOANNE MATHIS, ROB, ROBIN RITTERHOFF,
DANIELLE SIMS, CHRISTY WEIGLE, DAVID WEISS, RON WIX, LYNN
BUCK WOODWARD

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER SQUARE
PLEASE CONTACT JANICE AT 717-418-1526 OR
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Anthem

Holy Spirit, Gentle Dove

-David Lantz III

HOLY SPIRIT, GENTLE DOVE, TOUCH OUR MINDS, WE
PRAY. HOLY SPIRIT, GENTLE
DOVE, GUIDE US IN YOUR WAY. RULE OUR EV'RY
THOUGHT, TAKE OUR SIN AWAY.
HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVEN'S VOICE, WE WOULD GIVE
OUR ALL; HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVEN'S
VOICE, LET US HEAR YOUR CALL. HELP US RESPOND
TO YOU, BOTH GREAT AND SMALL.
HOLY SPIRIT, CLEANSING FIRE, LET US DO OUR
PART. HOLY SPIRIT, CLEANSING FIRE,
COME CLEANSE EACH HEART. BURN OUT THE DROSS,
LET OUR FEARS DEPART. HOLY SPIRIT,
CLEANSING FIRE, COME AND CLEANSE EACH HEART.

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our fathers, William Sanford, Sr. and Clifford Leahy, Sr. by Bill and Jane Sanford.

COMING IN WORSHIP JUNE 15 On Trinity Sunday, we'll explore how the triune God sends the Church into the world not with power over others, but in partnership rooted in love, justice, and full inclusion. God's own being – diverse yet united – calls us to embody community that celebrates difference while serving the common good. Come discover how the Church's mission is not to convert the world into sameness, but to reflect the beauty of God's diverse and dynamic love. Pastor Kent will preach "One in Christ" from Galatians 3:23–29 and Matthew 28:16–20.

SPONSOR A GAME FOR VBS Games needed for VBS. We are still in need of a few games for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. See the bulletin board outside the office to donate.

REGISTRATION It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School. Our Twist & Turns VBS, for children age 3 through 5th grade, is July 14-17 and registration spots are filling up. Be sure to sign up soon!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you would like to help in any way for VBS this summer, be sure to fill out the volunteer google form. If you want a very cool VBS T-shirt, you must sign up by June 9th.

DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD The Renewed Hope Pantry opened in July 2024 and now serves over 300 families, many who are working but rely on the Pantry to help them bridge the gap between income and daily necessities. Through this food ministry, the pantry serves its neighbors with dignity, compassion, and stability. As the number of families relying on the Pantry increases the DDB is asking for help restocking its Pantry. Please see the sign outside the library for the list of specific items requested.

SECURITY PMM Safety/Security requests that doors be locked during all after hours meetings/events within 10 minutes of scheduled start time. Anyone arriving after that time should call someone inside to let them in. The church office can provide a phone directory upon request. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our campus safe for all.

GAME DAY Mark your calendars for an afternoon of games and fellowship on Sunday, July 20th after worship in the Great Room. Come visit the colorful VBS Game Zone where you can learn new board or card games, play some old favorites, hear about all the fun had at VBS, and fellowship over a lunch provided by the Christian Education Ministry.

PILLOW STUFFING Thank you to everyone who helped with our pillow project! If you took home pillows to sew, please return to the church office as soon as possible and no later than Sunday, June 15.

APPRECIATE THESE THINGS BIBLE STUDY A summer bible study on the book "Appreciate These Things" by Pastor Jill J. Duffield will start next Sunday, June 15th. We will meet from 9:15-10:15 in the Seeker's Room June 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, Aug 10 & 24. Anyone is welcome! Please RSVP to the office and arrange to pick up the book. Babysitting will be available but please let us know if you would like to take advantage of this.

Week 5 Pentecost Sunday– “Clothed with Compassion”
The Spirit dresses us in compassion for a hurting world

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4; Colossians 3:12-17

Reflect

- Where do you see the Spirit calling you to wear compassion more visibly in your life?
- What is one garment—attitude, habit, fear—you might need to take off to make room for God’s clothing of grace?

This Week's Invitation

Let the Spirit dress you this week – not in fear or division, but in bold compassion. Step into a world hungry for welcome, and let your life be the language of grace.

Live It Out: Spirit-Led Compassion

This week, try practicing Pentecost compassion with one or more of these actions:

- Reach out to someone who feels left out or unseen.
- Speak a word of kindness where it might surprise someone.
- Pray for the courage to love across differences – race, language, orientation, or belief.
- Wear red this week as a symbol of your intention to live by the Spirit’s fire and compassion.

From the Sermon

“The Spirit did not fall at Pentecost so the Church could be proper and polite. The Spirit came to make the Church bold and brave and beautiful with holy love.”

Remember

You are God’s beloved. Chosen. Called. Clothed with the Spirit for such a time as this.

Summer Worship Series: Members’ Choice

What would you like to experience in worship this summer?

Do you have scripture passages you are curious about or cause you many questions?

Is there a passage that stumps you? Would you like to try to stump Pastor Kent with a passage or Bible story?

Help Pastor Kent choose scripture to focus upon during the summer Sundays of July and August.

The congregation is invited to participate in selecting passages of scripture for the sermon and liturgy each Sunday worship service. Included in the bulletin are note cards to choose your selections. You may write the scripture reference or name a story. You choose. You do not have to give your name. If you do, however, Pastor Kent can follow up with you. You may also send your choices to the church at office@paxtonchurch.org with ‘summer worship’ in the subject line or calling and leaving a message. We will begin on June 29.

Sunday, June 8	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Fellowship Hall
Monday, June 9	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Library
Tuesday, June 10	10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry	Room 201
	11:45 AM	Staff Meeting	Room 201
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Great Room
Wednesday, June 11	10:00 AM	Evangelism and Outreach	
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Great Room
	6:30 PM	Paxton v. Bethany	Bethany
	7:00 PM	Finance	Seekers' Room
	7:00 PM	Worship and Music	Gathering Place
Thursday, June 12	6:00 PM	Lion's Club	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Paxton v. Midtown Community	Bethany
	7:30 PM	PNC	Seekers' Room
Saturday, June 14	9:00 AM	Circuit Breaker Inspection	Entire Building
	4:00 PM	Private Event	Parlor
Sunday, June 15	9:15 AM	Summer Bible Study	Seekers' Room
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room

Lemonade on the Lawn	Concerts in the Grove
June 29 July 27 August 24 Join us after church for lemonade and fellowship! 10:00 AM Coffee Central Sunday Snacks will resume in September.	West Shore Symphony Orchestra June 21 at 7 pm Keystone Concert Band July 26th at 6 pm Lower Paxton Variety Band August 16 at 5 pm.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public

9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday

If you need to visit the office or building at another time, please call the office.

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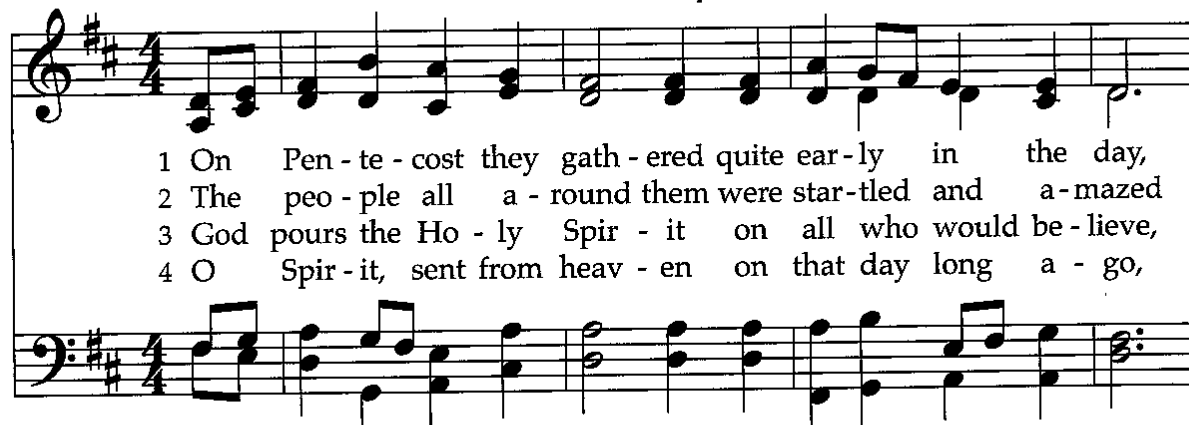
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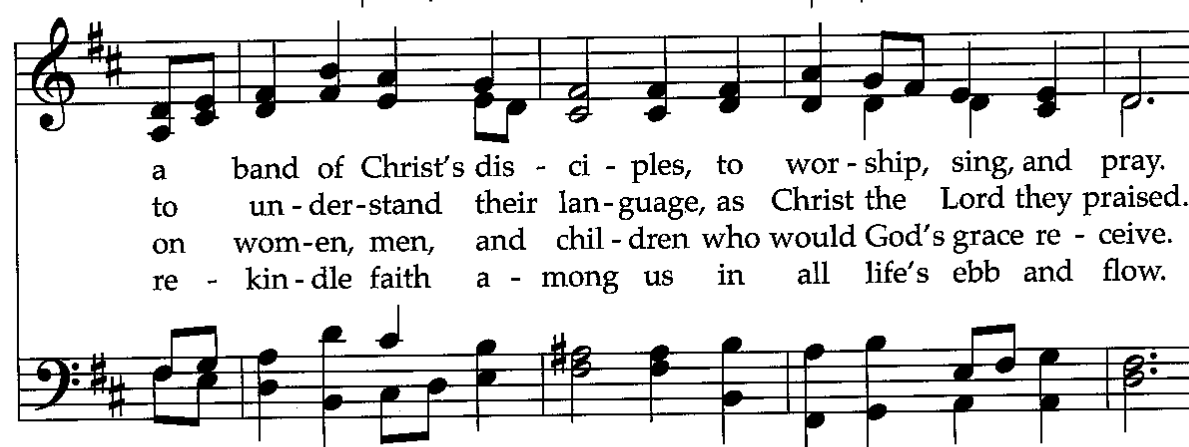
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.



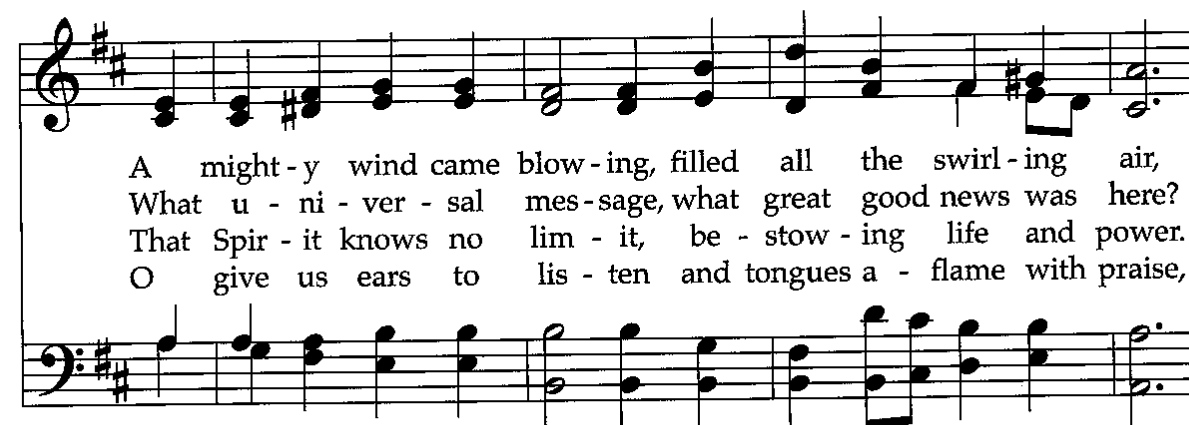
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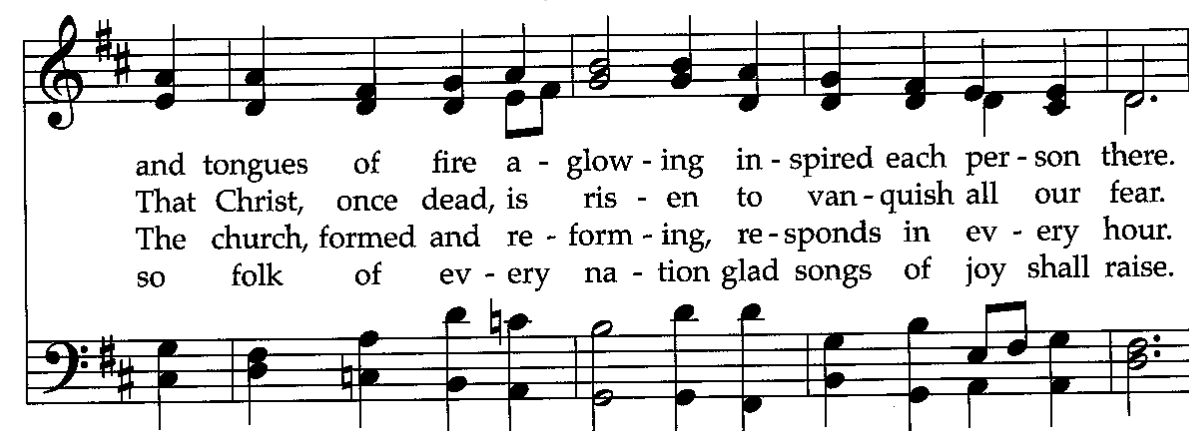
1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea. *Fine*



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
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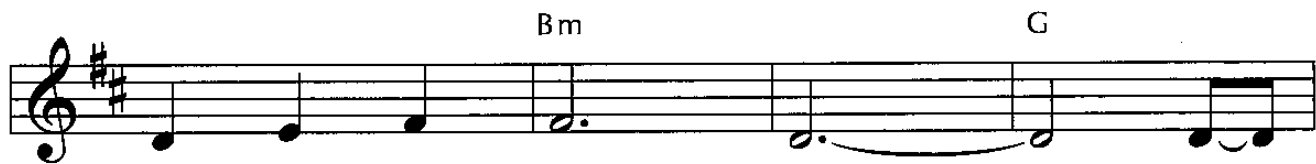
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
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 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

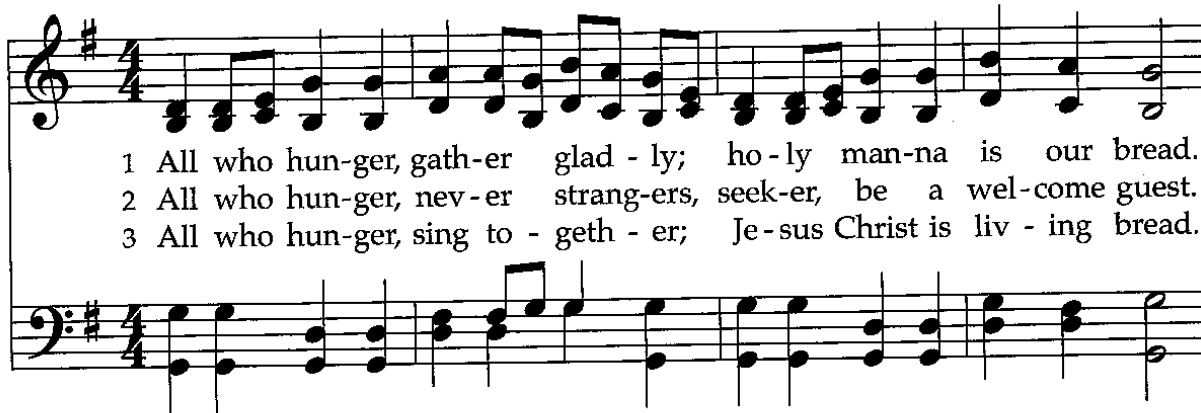


wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
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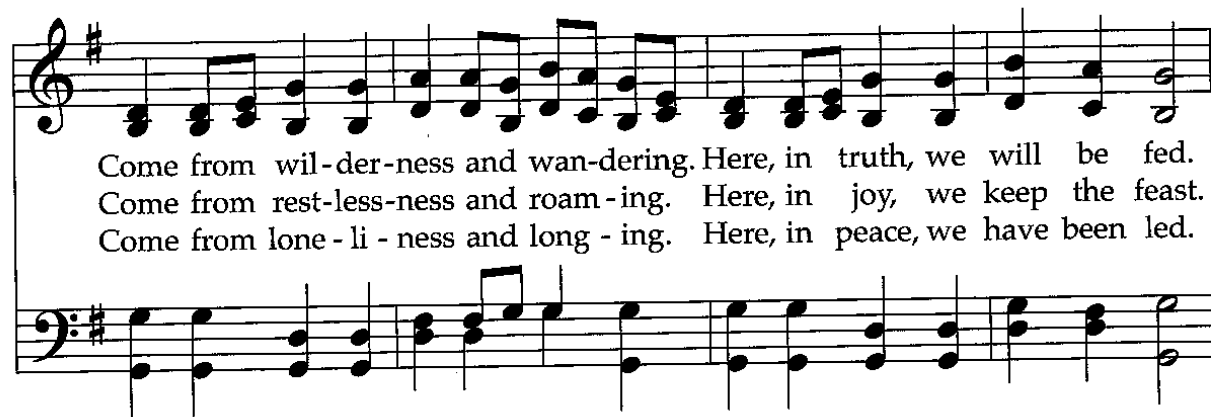


rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

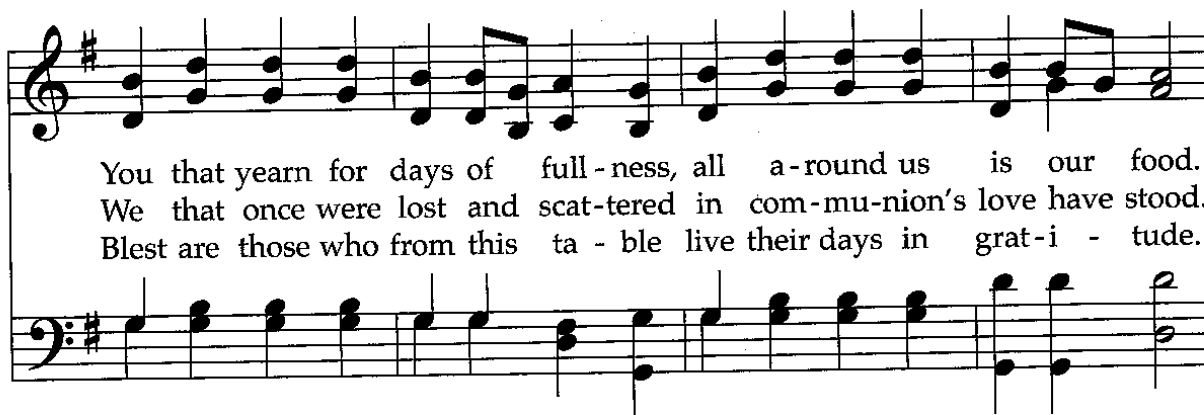
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, 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 days in grat-i - tude.



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