Service for the Lord's Day The Gathering

PRELUDE

Rebecca Groom te Velde Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior Text can be found at #495 in the Glory to God hymnal.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT HYMN 538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya!

Leader introduces; Congregation sings on refrains when invited.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 511

Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read responsively

God of the Nations, we stand apart from you, we stand apart from each other. We stand with our tribe hiding behind walls, throwing our stones. Our divisions dishonor you, we harm instead of heal. You weep.

Offer your own prayers of confession during this moment of silence

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS read responsively

Nothing can stand against You, nothing. No sin, no death, no prejudice, no division.

Nothing can stand against our God. You're making us whole and holy in your mercy and grace:

Standing together in truth and grace,

Standing together in power and love,

Standing together in unrelenting hope,

You're making us one as you are one. Amen.

*RESPONSE Alleluia! Celtic Alleluia!



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6–9

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Let Us Keep the Feast! Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH read in unison

The Nicene Creed

Found on Page 34 in the Glory to God hymnal.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew. We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website. You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!



Anthem

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

Kenneth Oeth, soloist

arr. Leo Nestor

Text can be found at #525 in the Glory to God hymnal.

*Response

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises, st.1

HALELUYA!

Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;

all our hearts are filled with gladness. (repeat)

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.

I am wine, I am bread; give to all who thirst and hunger. (refrain)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING read responsively

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, creator of the universe...

...All thanks and praise to you, O triune God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER read in unison

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.

Words of Institution

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

J.S. Bach

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.

Come into the daylight's splendor; there with joy your praises render.

Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;

Christ, though heavenly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Johann Franck; trans. Catherine Winkworth

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 513 This Is the Feast of Victory Festival Canticle

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Toccata on Llanfair Rebecca Groom te Velde

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world. You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.

In Worship Today

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Charles Whitaker Gant by parents Kelly and Lenny Gant and grandparents Missy and Woody Hitt.

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Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Larry Jones, Ginny Jones, Patrice Paton, Leigh Parrot

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The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Todd & Lindsey Anderson and their family on the death of his father, Dr. Todd Anderson, Sr., 9/13/22.

Heather Sexton, Cara Panther, and their families on the death of their father, Doug "Skip" Young, 9/5/2022.

Roberta Fischer and her family on the death of her husband Carl Theodore Fischer, Jr., 9/3/22.

Beth Blythe and her family on the death of her father, Stephen McDonald, 8/26/2022.

Nancy Newman and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Seaver, 8/15/2022.

George and David Wombwell, Cecy Brewer, and their families, on the death of wife, mother, and sister, Edie, 8/9/2022.

Barbara Morrow and her family on the death of her husband, John, 7/29/2022.

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538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona



This Is the Feast of Victory 513



This exuberant unrhymed paraphrase is especially well suited for use at celebrations of the Lord's Supper in Easter Season. The stanzas are derived from several passages in Revelation (5:9–10, 12–14; 7:10b, 12), while the refrain possibly refers to 1 Corinthians 15:54b–56.

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