

COMMUNION

Come and receive of the feast that Jesus offers those who follow him. During this time, we remember Jesus' sacrifice and are nourished by his Body that was broken on the cross for us and Blood that was poured out for the sins of many. In front of the stage there is an area available for kneeling and prayer. Feel free to take some time before and after receiving to pray.

NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

ADAMS/MASON

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song would be
nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear
steps unto heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer,
the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

The with my waking thoughts
bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

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DOXOLOGY

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

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UPCOMING [WWW.ALLGATHER.ORG/CALENDAR](http://www.allgather.org/calendar)

Ash Wednesday Service: Participate in our first Ash Wednesday service at 5:30pm on 2/13 at Extraordinary Ventures in Chapel Hill (across from Whole Foods). This special time of repentance, prayer, scripture and singing marks the start of the Lenten season before Easter. No childcare will be provided, but children are welcomed.

Friendship House Dessert Social with Stanley Hauerwas: Join some of our friends from Reality Ministries for a special talk on theology and disability at Goodson Chapel on February 12. More information at <http://www.friendshiphousedurham.com>

Marked Men For Christ: Men, be a part of a very special weekend retreat. Marked Men For Christ's Phase 1 Weekend takes place on April 26-28 at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. To find out more information or to register visit www.markedmenforchrist.org.

Creative Collective Potluck: Calling all artists, musicians, and creatives! On Feb 10th (6pm), the Breslins will host a potluck discussion. We'll welcome arts pastor David Taylor to help spark our discussion and fellowship. RSVP to amyacrump@gmail.com.

Fill out a visitor's card to be included in church communications. To have an announcement included email: chris@allgather.org. Keep up with the Gathering Church on Twitter ([@allgather](https://twitter.com/allgather)) or www.facebook.com/allgather. Check out Music from the Gathering Church: music.allgather.org (to stream or buy) or blog.allgather.org.

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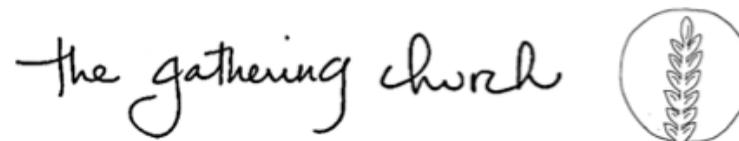
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(1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays.

(2) By automating a draft through your bank.

(3) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

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February 3, 2013
Psalm 84 | Matthew 5:1-12



"Why does Jesus cease a successful healing ministry to undertake a seemingly less helpful teaching one? Why interrupt action with talk? The first answer, I believe, is that Jesus wants to practice preventive medicine, not just curatives, do public health and not just surgery. Second, Jesus wants to incorporate his followers into his healing ministry and ethic. Jesus apparently believes that when disciples believe, obey, and teach his sermon, they become a sick world's major antibodies and antidotes (salt and light)."

- F. Dale Bruner

GATHERING MUSIC – “BLESSED”

SIMON

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is growing in doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God’s love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

REDMAN

Blessed be Your name	Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful	When the sun's shining down on me
Where Your streams of abundance flow	When the world's "all as it should be"
Blessed be Your name	Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name	And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place	On the road marked with suffering
Though I walk through the wilderness	Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name	Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out,	Every blessing You pour out,
I'll turn back to praise	I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord	And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say	Still I will say

CHORUS

Blessed be the name of the Lord	
Blessed be Your name	You give and take away, You give and take away
Blessed be the name of the Lord	My heart will choose to say,
Blessed be Your glorious name	Lord, blessed be Your name

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HE LEADETH ME

GILMORE/BRADBURY

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!	REFRAIN
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!	
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,	Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.	nor ever murmur nor repine;
	content, whatever lot I see,
	since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,	
by his own hand he leadeth me;	REFRAIN
His faithful follower I would be,	
for by his hand he leadeth me.	

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,	And when my task on earth is done,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,	when by thy grace the victory's won,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,	e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.	since God through Jordan leadeth me.

REFRAIN

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10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

REDMAN, MYRIN

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul	You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Worship His Holy name	Your name is great and Your heart is kind
Sing like never before O my soul	For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
I'll worship Your Holy name	Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

CHORUS

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning	And on that day when my strength is failing
It's time to sing Your song again	The end draws near and my time has come
Whatever may pass	Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
And whatever lies before me	Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Let me be singing when the evening comes	

CHORUS

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HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us,	It was my sin that left Him there
How vast beyond all measure	Until it was accomplished
That He should give His only Son	His dying breath has brought me life
To make a wretch His treasure	I know that it is finished
How great the pain of searing loss,	

The Father turns His face away	I will not boast in anything
As wounds which mar the chosen One,	No gifts, no power, no wisdom
Bring many sons to glory	But I will boast in Jesus Christ

Behold the Man upon a cross,	Why should I gain from His reward?
My sin upon His shoulders	I cannot give an answer
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,	But this I know with all my heart
Call out among the scoffers	His wounds have paid my ransom

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DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN & THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you do not know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ’s welcome and peace. As the kids leave, please fill in the two center seating areas. There are bibles available for use on the back table if you didn’t bring one.

SERMON NOTES

[Something I have learned.]

[Something I will share.]