

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.

OH TO BE LOVED BY JESUS

COCKRELL

Oh to be loved by Jesus,
 Oh to be loved by Him
 Oh to have joy and peace within,
 Oh to be loved by Him

CHORUS

And If no other will love me,
 In this life I roam
 Oh there'd be no love I'd long for,

He knows the name of my sorrows
 He knows the names of my fears
 Why should I let them bother me
 For I know He is near?

I know I am His own

CHORUS

Written by Thad Cockrell ©2009 Major 7 Music (SESAC)

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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Mustard Seed Grants: Have a great idea about how to love and serve people locally (or globally)? There's still (barely) time to apply for a Mustard Seed Grant: www.allgather.org/engaged/mustard-seed-grants. This cycle of applications closes this week. Awards will be announced on May 19th.

Apologetics Course: Steeve will be continuing the apologetics course this Monday evening at Extraordinary Ventures in Chapel Hill at 8pm.

Super Saturday: Families!: Be sure to pick up a card with all the details for Super Saturday. On June 1st, from 8:45-noon at Maple View Farms, we'll have a special morning of a story, music, crafts, hayride/animal viewing, and ice cream. Kids ages 4 years old-5th grade can participate in all of the activities (childcare will be provided for children under 4 whose parents volunteer their services that day). Be sure to take extra cards to invite friends, classmates and neighbors.

Child Dedication: On May 19th, we'll hold a Child Dedication as part of our worship service. Dedications are a chance to celebrate the gift of the lives of these children with their parents and to accept the privilege and responsibility of loving and serving them in Christ. If you are new to the church, new to the Christian faith, or have a child new to you, you are invited to participate in this dedication. See Mark, Chris, or Lindsay to find out more.

GIVING

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WAYS TO WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING:

- (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.
- (4) Online through Paypal.

New weekly church email: This new missive is filled with great stuff: from a message from Mark about this coming Sunday, to helpful links and heads up on events and needs. If you haven't started receiving the new church email on Fridays, make sure you're signed up with a valid email address by completing a blue Madlib.

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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Psalm 119:105-120 | Matthew 6:25-34



"If we proclaim the gospel without 'considering the lilies,' our preaching and teaching will have an activist's urgency and edge, but it will be filled with fear. We will have the right information, but we'll be devoid of observation, empathy, and poetry. We will lack love. Love observes. Love empathizes. Love sings poetry over our lives. We need to love through our fears. Therefore, consider the lilies. Only when we learn to truly see, can we seek God's Kingdom."

-Makoto Fujimura

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.

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

MAHER

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
 You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
 You lead us by still waters into mercy
 And nothing can keep us apart.

*So, remember Your people,
 Remember Your children,
 Remember Your promise, O God.*

CHORUS

*So, remember Your people,
 Remember Your children,
 Remember Your promise, O God.*
**Your grace is enough.
 Your grace is enough
 Your grace is enough for me**

*Yeah, Your grace is enough
 Heaven reaches out to us,
 Your grace is enough for me*

*God, I sing, your grace is enough
 I’m covered in Your love
 Your grace is enough for me, for me
 It’s enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
 You use the weak to lead the strong
 You lead us in the song of Your salvation
 And all Your people sing along.

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COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

BIANCO DE SIENA

Come down, O love divine,
 Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 Within my heart appear,
 And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be,
 And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
 True lowliness of heart,
 Which takes the humbler part,
 And o'er its own shortcomings
 Weeps with loathing.

O let it freely burn,
 Till earthly passions turn
 To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 And let Thy glorious light
 Shine ever on my sight,
 And clothe me round,
 The while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
 With which the soul will long,
 Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
 For none can guess its grace,
 Till Love create a place
 Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Lyrics – Bianco de Siena (1434) Music – arr by Gentle Wolves (2011)

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 Everything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
 Oh, what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry
 Everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He’ll take and shield thee,
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful,
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness;
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
 Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
 May we ever, Lord, be bringing
 All to Thee in earnest prayer.
 Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
 There will be no need for prayer—
 Rapture, praise, and endless worship
 Will be our sweet portion there.

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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.

WHY SO HEAVY?

WELLS/CASWALL

Oh why so heavy, Oh my soul?
 Thus to myself I’ve willed
 Oh why so heavy, Oh my heart?
 And so sorrow filled?

His goodness made thee what thou art
 And yet will he redeem
 Oh be thou of a steadfast heart
 And put your trust in him

CHORUS

**Hope thou in God, He still shall be
 Thy Glory and thy endless praise
 His saving grace shall comfort thee
 Through everlasting days.**

Oh why so heavy,
 Oh my soul?

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