

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. 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. For all those serving either with the kids' ministry or the band, there will be a server available in the music room immediately following the end of service.

the gathering church



May 6, 2012
Psalm 119 | 1 John 2:12-27

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

SPAFFORD/BLISS

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

REFRAIN

**It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul**

Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

And Lord, haste the day
When my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

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BE THE CENTER

FRYE

Jesus, be the center.
Be my source. Be my light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the center.
Be my hope. Be my song, Jesus.

Be the reason that I live.
Jesus, Jesus

Be the fire in my heart.
Be the wind in these sails.

Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide Jesus
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Be my path, be my guide Jesus

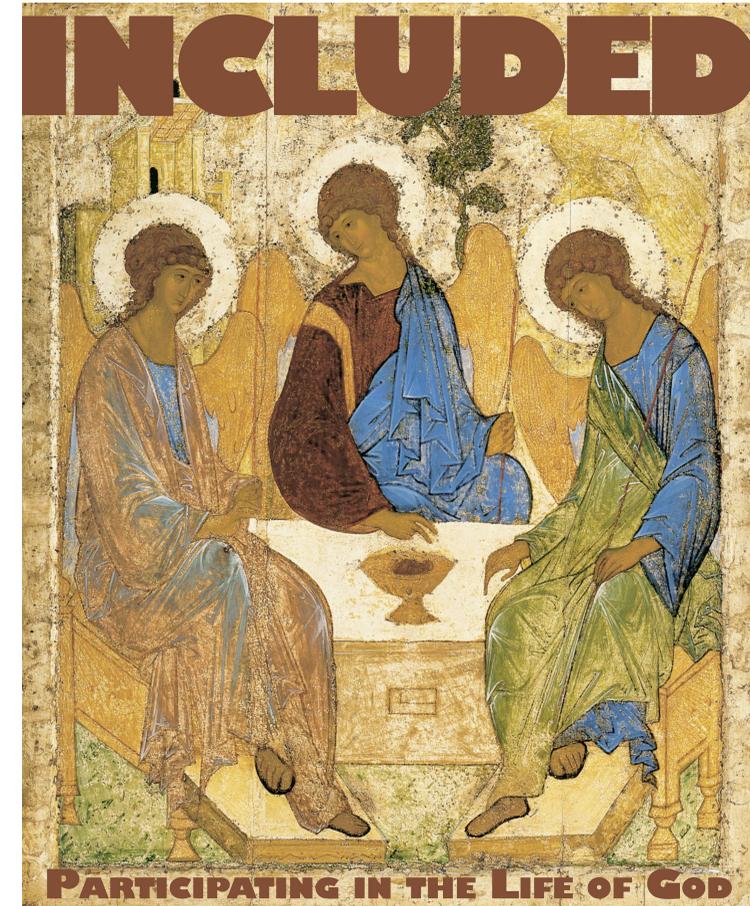
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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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TRUTH: The Way to Overcome

"It is possible to know the great truths without feeling the truth of them."
-Marilynne Robinson

HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH (www.allgather.org/calendar)		
PRESENT TO GOD	CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER	ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
Next Sunday, May 13th , we will hold a Child Dedication as part of our worship service. We get 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. Let Mark know if you'd like to participate (mark@allgather.org)!	A Baptism Service is in the works! Baptism is one of the most powerful demonstrations of the death and new life we have when we "participate in the life of God." If you've never been baptized and would like more information about baptism or being baptized, contact Mark (mark@allgather.org).	Each week during this sermon series, we'll share Communion together. If you would like to participate by baking bread for our celebration, let Chris know (chris@allgather.org).
Fill out a visitor's card to be included in church communications. To have an announcement included email: happenings@allgather.org . Keep up with the Gathering Church on Twitter (@allgather) or www.facebook.com/allgather . Check out Music from the Gathering Church: music.allgather.org (to stream or buy) or blog.allgather.org .		

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

LUTHER

A mighty fortress is our God,
 A bulwark never failing;
 Our helper he amid the flood
 Of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
 His craft and power are great,
 And armed with cruel hate,
 On earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled,
 Should threaten to undo us,
 We will not fear, for God hath willed
 His truth to triumph through us.
 The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
 His rage we can endure,
 For lo, his doom is sure;
 One little word shall fell him.

Did we in our own strength confide,
 Our striving would be losing,
 Were not the right man on our side,
 The man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
 Lord Sabaoth, his name,
 From age to age the same,
 And he must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers,
 No thanks to them, abideth;
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
 Through Him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
 The body they may kill;
 God's truth abideth still;
 His kingdom is forever.

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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.

FOREVER

TOMLIN

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
 His love endures forever
 For He is good, He is above all things
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise

From the rising to the setting sun
 His love endures forever
 By the grace of God we will carry on
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise

CHORUS

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
 His love endures forever
 For the life that's been reborn
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise

His love endures forever, His love endures forever
His love endures forever, forever
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us Forever
Forever

Forever You are faithful
Forever You are strong
Forever You are with us
Forever And ever

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GIVING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH

Four ways to give financially: (1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays, (2) online through Paypal (www.allgather.org/giving/), (3) by automating a draft through your bank, or (4) by mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

OUR GOD'S ALIVE

MUCKALA, CHERRY, INGRAM

Come on everyone. See what He has done
 He has lifted us, He has overcome,
 The power of the grave
 And the sin that once enslaved
 Couldn't hold Him in the ground
 Couldn't keep Him down

Reigning on His throne, drawing ever close
 Giving us this hope, He'll never let us go
 Oh, death has been defeated
 Jesus Christ, Redeemer
 Conquered hell and freed us
 Forever we are saved

CHORUS

Rise with a shout,
Cry out our God's alive
Rise holy fire, burn bright, burn bright
Rise with a shout,
Cry out for freedom
Rise church, arise
Our God's alive

He alone can save us
 He will not forsake us
 He remains forever, Our Savior
 See Him reign in power
 Stronger than our failures
 Always and forever, Our Savior

CHORUS

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MY HOPE IS BUILT

BRADBURY/MOTE

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
 Support me in the whelming flood.
 When all around my soul gives way,
 He then is all my Hope and Stay.

REFRAIN

When darkness seems to hide His Face
 I rest on His unchanging grace.
 In every high and stormy gale,
 My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 Oh may I then in Him be found.
 Dressed in His righteousness alone,
 Faultless to stand before the throne.

REFRAIN

On Christ the Solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

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KIDS' DISMISSAL & 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.

SERMON NOTES

[SOMETHING I'VE LEARNED]

[SOMETHING I CAN SHARE]