

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 13, 2012
Psalm 13 | Psalm 116 | 1 John 2:28-3:10

TASTING FORGIVENESS

SEAY

I'm pleading my innocence here Exposing my arrogance all the while Hoping that nobody sees Especially You	But maybe this time The Bread and the Wine Will be more than food on my lips
I've yielded to all that has cost me And thrown to the side what is free And I'm lying if I say that I've figured it out	I'm tasting forgiveness And drinking of mercy I feast on redemption Tasting forgiveness

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HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory	It was my sin that left Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished
Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers	I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

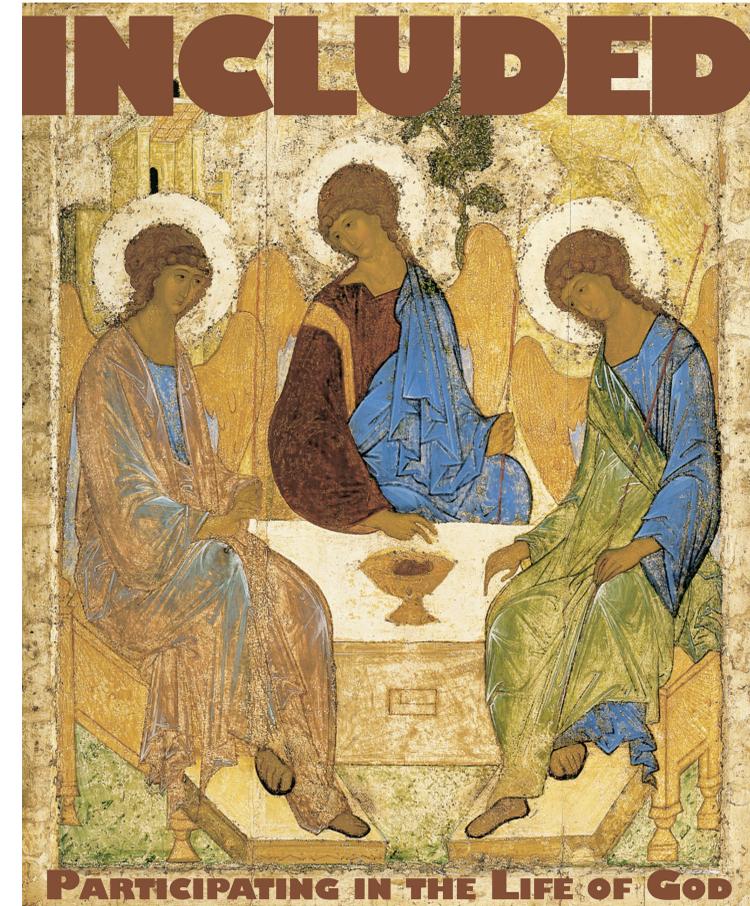
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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

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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HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH (www.allgather.org/calendar)		
PRESENT TO GOD	CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER	ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
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).	On May 20th we'll consider together some simple ways to participate in ' Making it Happen ' on a Sunday morning. Whether its through teaching a Gathering Kids class, setting up, greeting, or manning the soundboard, there's something for everyone!	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 .		

LOVED: The Way to Know Yourself

"All of us have a secret desire to be seen as saints, heroes, martyrs. We are afraid to be children, to be ourselves."

-Jean Vanier

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

RINKART/KRÜGER

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next!

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given;
The Son and Him Who reigns
With Them in highest Heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and Heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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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.

CHILD DEDICATION PRAYER

Please pray as a Gathered Community.

Lord God, Creator of all things, Giver of life, we praise You.
You are the Loving Parent of each person
And joyfully we thank you now
For the gift of new life in the birth and life of these children.
For all that you have given, and will give us, through them,
And for the possibilities of their lives, we thank You.
For the love which has beckoned them into existence,
For the love and hope which they have awakened,
And for the care which surround them,
We give You our thanks and praise.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the Prayer of Thanksgiving in *Gathering for Worship* pg 53.

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.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation
and all Your people sing along.

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

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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.

YOU NEVER LET GO

REDMAN

Even though I walk
Through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught
In the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know you are near

And I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end
To these troubles, but until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

PRECHORUS
CHORUS

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go in every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me

Yes, I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

CHORUS

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TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

HAVERGAL/HEROLD

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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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]