

## GATHERING MUSIC

In a four-block world where our story takes its place  
 I see the signs of you each day  
 Shadows cast remembrance  
 To the places that we've been  
 And often driving by we'll wave  
 Though not estranged in any way except within  
 I feel a cloud has crossed your face

### But we're just like one another

We'll pick up the pen and  
 Begin to write the changes  
 We're just one and the same  
 And sooner or later  
 We'll begin to write the rest of our days

I remember well when we first came face to face  
 Now it's different now we've changed

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## JUST LIKE ONE ANOTHER

Even then a memory, the truth so good to taste  
 Now all the surface got in the way  
 Though we're in middle ground,  
 We're not at odds we're not as one  
 I feel the days will soon escape  
**CHORUS**

So if words come out of mouth  
 You know not where they came  
 Just keep walking try to taste

Maybe then the shadow that I cast will come attached  
 With a firm resolve to turn the page  
 Find out what's in store as seasons come and seasons go  
 We should be set for one or more  
**CHORUS**

## NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

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!

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!

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## PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

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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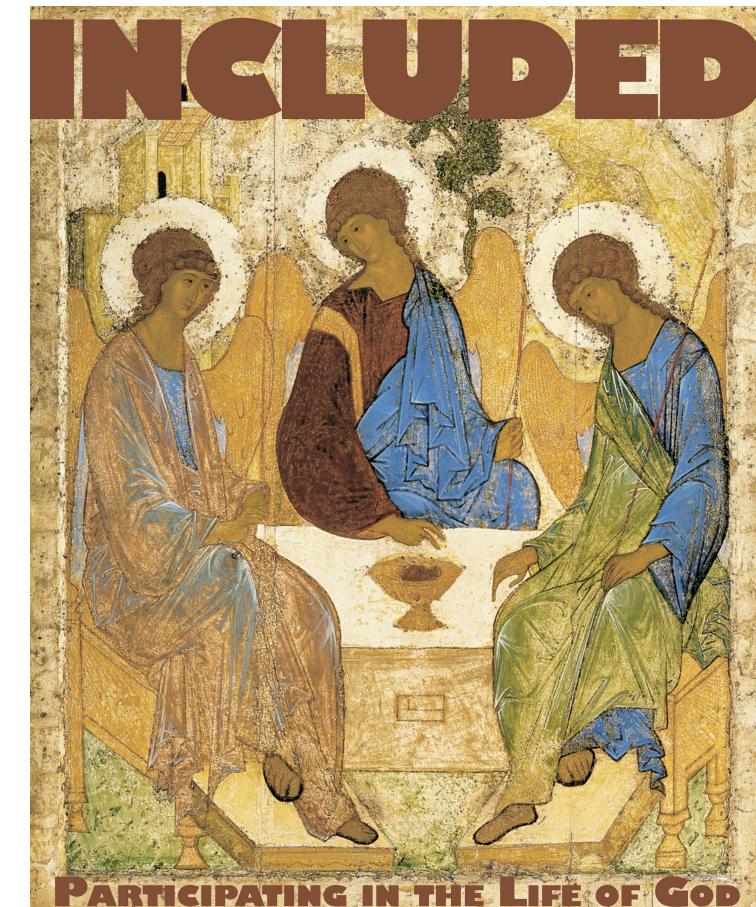
## ADAMS/MASON

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!

Thou 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!

## THOMAS/MAINZER

# INCLUDED



## PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF GOD

| HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH ( <a href="http://www.allgather.org/calendar">www.allgather.org/calendar</a> )  |  |  |
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| PRESENT TO GOD  | CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER  | ENGAGED IN THE WORLD   |
| <b>A Baptism Service</b> 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 <b>Mark</b> ( <a href="mailto:mark@allgather.org">mark@allgather.org</a> ). | <b>Summer Potluck Schedule:</b><br><b>Now-June 3</b><br>Weekly Potluck Meals<br><b>June 17</b><br>Kids' Summer Shake-up Potluck Picnic<br><b>July 22</b><br>Special Potluck<br><b>August 19</b><br>Fall Kick-off Potluck<br><small>(Weekly Potluck Meals Resume)</small> | Each week during this sermon series, we'll share <b>Communion</b> together. If you would like to participate by <b>baking bread</b> for our celebration, let <b>Chris</b> know ( <a href="mailto:chris@allgather.org">chris@allgather.org</a> ). |

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Psalm 133 | 1 John 3:11-24



## LOVE: The Way of Sacrifice

"The difference between an admirer and a follower still remains, no matter where you are. The admirer never makes any true sacrifices. He always plays it safe. Though in words, phrases, songs, he is inexhaustible about how highly he prizes Christ, he renounces nothing, gives up nothing, will not reconstruct his life, will not be what he admires, and will not let his life express what it is he supposedly admires."

-Søren Kierkegaard

## HIGHER GROUND

I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I'm onward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on Heaven's table land,  
A higher plane than I have found;  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

## OATMAN/GABRIEL

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where those abound,  
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

**REFRAIN**

I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

**REFRAIN**

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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.

## HOLD US TOGETHER

It don't have a job, don't pay your bills  
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills  
Won't fix your life in five easy steps  
Ain't the law of the land or the government?  
But it's all you need

**And love will hold us together  
Make us a shelter to weather the storm  
And I'll be my brother's keeper  
So the whole world would know  
That we're not alone**

## MAHER

It's waiting for you knocking at your door  
In the moment of truth  
When your heart hits the floor  
And you're on your knees

**CHORUS**

This is the first day of the rest of your life  
This is the first day of the rest of your life  
'Cause even in the dark  
You can still see the light  
It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright

**CHORUS**

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## TAKE TO THE WORLD

Go in peace to love and to serve  
And let your ears ring long  
With what you have heard  
And may the bread on your tongue  
Leave a trail of crumbs  
To lead the hungry back  
To the place that you are from

**And take to the world his love, hope, and faith  
Take to the world this rare, relentless grace  
And like the Three-In-One**

## TATE

**Know you must become  
What you want to save  
'Cause that's still the way  
He takes to the world**

Go and go far take light deep in the dark  
Believe what's true use it as all, even you  
May the bread on your tongue  
Leave a trail of crumbs  
To lead the hungry back  
To the place you are from

**CHORUS**

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## WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down,  
Sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down

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## MEANS/WALKER

Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown  
For my soul for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

## 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/](http://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.

## 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]

## 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.