

**RIVER WHERE MERCY FLOWS**

**MILLER**

There is a river where mercy flows,  
I'm going to follow it where it goes  
Where it goes, where it goes  
Follow wherever it goes

Be made whole, be made whole,  
Broken hearts will be made whole

There is a fountain that will cleanse  
All those who wash there from all sins  
From all sins, from all sins,  
All those who wash from all sins

There was a death that empties tombs,  
There was a scar that heals all wounds  
Heals all wounds, heals all wounds,  
A scar that heals all wounds

There is a refuge for wounded souls,  
Where broken hearts will be made whole

There is one name that brings us home  
It is no other than Christ alone  
Christ alone, Christ alone  
No other than Christ alone

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**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!

Thee 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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**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](http://www.allgather.org/calendar))**

**PRESENT TO GOD**

**CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER**

**ENGAGED IN THE WORLD**

**POTLUCK SCHEDULE:** Going into the Fall, we'll resume regular potlucks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

**HOME GROUP FAIR:** Next Sunday, all of our home groups will be on display, so that you can connect with the leaders and find a group to get involved with in prayer, study and life together. Home Groups at the Gathering Church are one of the best ways to get connected to others and are great places to grow in your faith.

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING:** Contact Laura Yost-Grande if you are interested in getting involved with one of several opportunities to know and serve some of the students of Creekside: [laurajyg@gmail.com](mailto:laurajyg@gmail.com).

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

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Psalms 133 | Romans 12:9-16



**TRANSFORMING RELATIONSHIPS**

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable."

- C.S. Lewis

**GATHERING MUSIC – GET TOGETHER**

Love is but a song we sing  
Fear's the way we die  
You can make the mountains ring  
Or make the angels cry  
Though the bird is on the wing  
And you may not know why

**Come on, people now  
Smile on your brother  
Everybody get together  
Try to love one another right now**

Some may come and some may go  
We will surely pass

Written by Chet Powers © 1964

**POWERS**

When the one that left us here  
Returns for us at last  
We are but a moment's sunlight  
Fading in the grass

**CHORUS**

If you hear the song I sing  
You will understand, listen  
You hold the key to love and fear  
All in your trembling hand  
Just one key unlocks them both  
It's there at your command

**CHORUS**

**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.

**HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
Falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

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**HEBER/DYKES**

Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
In Earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

**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.

**HOLD US TOGETHER**

If 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**

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

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

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

**CHORUS**

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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.  
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'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.

**MAHER**

**TATE**