

NEW WONDERS

Look again at the cross
Where you are found and lost
Make a new song of praise
Fill your cup at the mouth of the spring
New wonders we will sing
As the spirit pulls the embers of our hearts

Tell the story of Jesus the Christ
And his promises we write
On the doorway of our house
Hold the mirror

MCCRACKEN

And remember your own face
Brother, do not forfeit grace
As the Savior pleads your pardon with His Blood

Look around, every sparrow every flower
All creation sings out loud, of a grand design
You are small, but you are filled with bread and life
If you seek then you will find
As the Father looks with favor on his child
Oh the Savior pleads your pardon with his blood
And the Spirit blows the embers of our hearts.

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BAPTISM

After the Communion song concludes, please process to the back porch near the bus-loop (outside on the other side of the cafeteria) to witness and participate in baptism. Join as we celebrate death, new life and union with Christ through singing and prayer. Plan on staying after the service concludes for a fellowship meal.

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
Though I may wonder, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

SINGH

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

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UPCOMING www.allgather.org/calendar	CONTACT	GIVING www.allgather.org/giving
<p>Fall Home Group Fair TODAY during potluck lunch. Grab your food and meet home groups and leaders in the cafeteria.</p> <p>Next Potluck: Nov 24, child dedication</p> <p>Fill out a blue card to receive our churchwide midweek email keeping you abreast of news and opportunities.</p>	<p>Office at Hamilton Centre 1415 W NC54 Ste 114 Durham, NC 27707</p> <p>p919.797.2884 f919.908.1171</p> <p>@allgather facebook.com/allgather</p> <p>Access a password-protected Church Directory at: www.allgather.org/info/directory/</p>	<p>Ways to continue to worship through giving:</p> <p>(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.</p>

the gathering church



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Psalm 133 | Acts 2:42-47



LIVING IN GOD'S STORY

A Study of the Book of Acts



"The character of our shared life has the power to draw people to the kingdom or push them away. How we live together is the most persuasive sermon we'll ever get to preach. The beauty of loving communities does not replace the importance of the verbal proclamation of the gospel, but Jesus explicitly linked the truth of his life and message to our life together. The Word who became flesh and lived among us - full of grace and truth - expects that our relationships with one another will also be characterized by grace and truth."

-Christine Pohl

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all
alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting
arms.**

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HOFFMAN/SHOWALTER

○ how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
○ how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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.

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the Earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

**Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;

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Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age,
"Our God is all in all"!

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**

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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

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

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.
What more can he say, than to you he hath said;
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

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RIPPON/TRADITIONAL

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes.
That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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 children 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.

NOTES

[Something I have learned.]

[Something I will 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 and Blood that was poured out for the sins of many. In front of the stage there is an area available for private prayer. There are also members of the congregation and Prayer Team available for prayer in the back during and after communion.

