

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. There are also members of the congregation and Prayer Team available for prayer along the back wall during and after communion.

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

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

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

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DOXOLOGY

THOMAS/MAINZER

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| <p>THANKSGIVING POTLUCK TODAY: Please stay and participate in what is sure to be a special occasion for the Gathering Church!</p> <p>Please consider being part of a team that picks up the coffee from Weaver Street Market in Hillsborough and brings it to church. The coffee is preordered and paid for, it just needs a way to church! Please contact Amy Crump: amycrump@gmail.com.</p> <p>This coming Friday, 11/28, it is The Gathering Church's turn to prepare and serve lunch at the Interfaith Council Kitchen. Hours are 9:30am to 12:30pm. Come for all or part of that time. Contact Sheana Funkhouser sheana@nc.rr.com, 919.593.0695.</p> <p>Christmas Concert – Downtown Chapel Hill, 12/6 Come out and invite your friends Saturday, December 6, at 6 pm, for a night of family Christmas songs, both hymns and traditional Christmas favorites. The event will be held outside on the grounds of University Baptist Church at the corner of Franklin and Columbia, and will feature music from the Gathering Church and treats from local vendors!</p> <p>Fill out a blue card to receive our church-wide 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>www.allgather.org @allgather facebook.com/allgather @markacuff #seriousjoygc</p> <p>Access a password-protected Church Directory at: www.allgather.org/info/directory/</p> | <p>Ways to continue to worship through giving:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. |

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Psalm 126 | Colossians 2:6-7



Colorful Thoughts, by Osnat

Serious Joy
 "Joy, Gratitude, and Suffering"

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

-William Arthur Ward

GATHERING MUSIC – IN FEAST OR FALLOW**MCCRACKEN**

When the fields are dry and the winter is long
 Blessed are the meek the hungry the poor
 When my soul is downcast and my voice has no song
 For mercy for comfort I wait on the lord

Emmanuel come, o come Emmanuel

When the Earth beneath me crumbles and quakes
 Not a sparrow falls nor a hair from my head
 Without his hand to guide me my shield and my strength
 In joy or in sorrow in life or in death

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground
 My certain hope is in Jesus found
 My lot my cup my portion sure
 Whatever comes we shall endure
 Whatever comes we shall endure

On a cross of wood his blood was outpoured
 He rose from the ground like a bird to the sky
 Bringing peace to our violence and crushing death's door
 Our maker incarnate our God who provides

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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

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

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us
 With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
 And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed
 And free us from all ills, in this world and the next

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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.

MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST**PRENTISS/TWIT**

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee
 Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee
 This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee
 More love, more love, more love to thee
 More love, more love, more love to thee

Let sorrow do its work, come grief or pain
 Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain
 When they can sing with me
 More love, O Christ, to thee
 More love, more love, more love to thee
 More love, more love, more love to thee

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest
 Now thee alone I seek, give what is best
 This all my prayer shall be
 More love, O Christ to thee
 More love, more love, more love to thee
 More love, more love, more love to thee

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise
 This be the parting cry my heart shall raise
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ to thee
 More love, more love, more love to thee
 More love, more love, more love to thee

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O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**WESLEY/GLÄSER**

O for a thousand tongues to sing
 My great Redeemer's praise
 The glories of my God and King
 The triumphs of his grace

He breaks the power of canceled sin
 He sets the prisoner free
 His blood can make the foulest clean
 His blood availed for me

My gracious Master and my God
 Assist me to proclaim
 To spread through all the earth abroad
 The honors of thy name

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb
 Your loosened tongues employ
 Ye blind, behold your Savior come
 And leap, ye lame, for joy

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
 That bids our sorrows cease
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears
 'Tis life, and health, and peace

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10,000 REASONS**REDMAN/MYRIN**

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
 Worship his holy name
 Sing like never before, O my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
 Your name is great and your heart is kind
 For all your goodness I will keep on singing
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing your song again
 Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
 Let me be singing when the evening comes

And on that day when my strength is failing
 The end draws near and my time has come
 Still my soul will sing your praise unending
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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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 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.

#seriousjoygc**SERMON NOTES**

[Something I have learned.]

[Something I will share.]