

**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.

**BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
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When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin

**BANKROFT/COOK**

Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
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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 heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, & Holy Ghost

**THOMAS/MAINZER**

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

**GATHERING CHURCH MUSTARD SEED GRANTS:** If you are interested in being a part of the planning for a new missions initiative, contact Meredith Cochran ([meredithcochran@gmail.com](mailto:meredithcochran@gmail.com)). This team will help shape the process for a series of small grants available to individuals in the Gathering Church for their engagement in our global and local community.

**KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** On Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, kids ages 3 and up will perform a program of classic carols and scripture readings around the Christmas Story. Until then, rehearsals take place during Sunday School, with the final rehearsal on the morning of 12/9 at 9am. Email Lindsay ([lindsaybrogers@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaybrogers@gmail.com)) or Ashleigh ([awraabe@live.unc.edu](mailto:awraabe@live.unc.edu)) for more information.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINATIONS:** Nominations close today. Be sure to nominate by talking to a current member of the Leadership Team, filling out the form online ([www.allgather.org/nominate/](http://www.allgather.org/nominate/)) or slipping your card in the Black Box!

**FREE OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN CHAPEL HILL:** Join Jeff and co. on December 15 at 6pm at the corner of Franklin Street and Columbia in Downtown Chapel Hill (UBC Courtyard). This is a great event for the whole family. Invite your friends and neighbors.

**DOWNLOAD 'CHRISTMAS NIGHTS' FOR FREE:** To prepare for the free outdoor concert at the corner of Franklin Street and Columbia, we're giving away 'Christmas Nights' CD online at [www.noisetrade.com/allgather](http://www.noisetrade.com/allgather). Be sure to tell your friends and family.

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](https://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).

**GIVING** [www.allgather.org/giving](http://www.allgather.org/giving)

**WAYS TO WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING:**

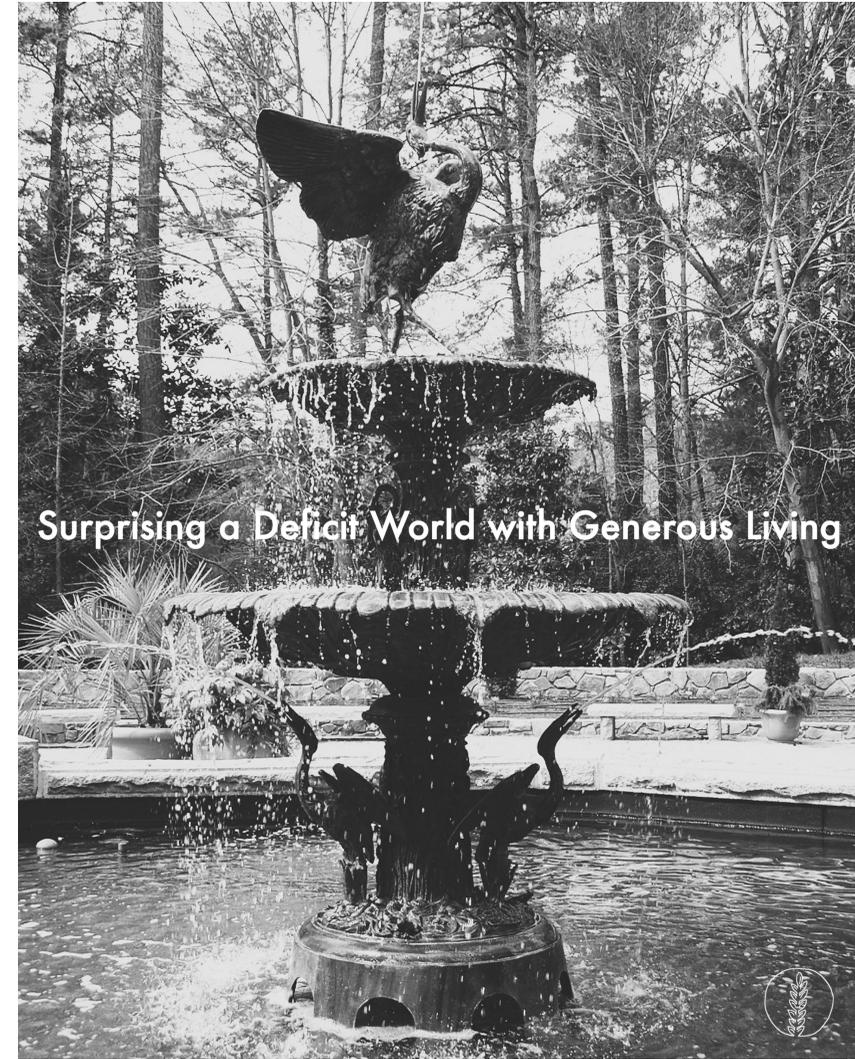
- (1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays,
- (2) Online through Paypal
- (3) By automating a draft through your bank, or
- (4) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

*the gathering church*



November 25, 2012

Psalm 103 | Luke 17:11-19



Surprising a Deficit World with Generous Living

“Eucharist [thanksgiving] is the state of the perfect man. Eucharist is the life of paradise. Eucharist is the only full and real response of man to God's creation, redemption, and gift of heaven.”

- Alexander Schmemmann

**PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
Let all who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who over all things  
Is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle,  
Uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

**Words by Joachim Neander (1680) Music by Erneuerthen Gesangbuch (1665) - Public Domain**

**NEANDER/GESANGBUCH**

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work  
And defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the almighty can do  
As with His love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord!  
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

**LET ME SING**

Let me sing for the breath that You've given  
Every day for the life You sustain  
The beat of the heart  
You formed when I was made  
Let me worship Your wonder and splendor  
Though the heavens Your glory proclaim  
They don't know the price  
You paid for my life, the sacrifice You made

**Let me sing  
Louder than creation to You  
For the pain You bore in Your body  
To bring my soul to You  
Let me shine  
Brighter than the stars in the sky  
An offering of praise all my life**

**Written by Todd Fields ©2007 Music at North Point/Robinson Lane Music CCLI# 5045471**

**FIELDS**

**To You my holy King  
Let me sing, let me sing**  
  
Let me sing for the mercy You've given  
Undeserving and broken am I  
Though I've turned away,  
Your faithfulness remains  
Let me live in the light of forever  
As I walk through the course of my days  
And join to proclaim with all of the saints  
The only worthy name

**CHORUS**

Let me sing, let me sing, let me sing

**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.

**COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME**

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown  
Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

**Words by Henry Alford (1844) Music "St George's Windsor" by George Elvey (1858)**

**ALFORD/ELVEY**

For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away,  
Giving angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
Bring Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy garner to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home

**ANCIENT OF DAYS**

Blessing and honor, glory and power,  
be unto the Ancient of Days.  
From every nation, all of creation,  
bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in Heaven and Earth,  
shall declare Your glory,  
every knee shall bow  
at Your throne, in worship.

**Written by Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill ©1992 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI 798108**

**SADLER/HARVILL**

You will be exalted O God,  
and Your Kingdom shall not pass away.  
Oh Ancient of Days.  
  
Your Kingdom shall reign over all the Earth,  
sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
For none can compare to  
Your matchless worth,  
sing unto the Ancient of Days.

**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 have learned]

[something I will share]