# New Castle Presbyterian Church Messy Church: Jesus Feeds a Crowd

September 1, 2024

10:30 a.m.

## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude** 

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Larry Shackley

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church Greeting of Peace

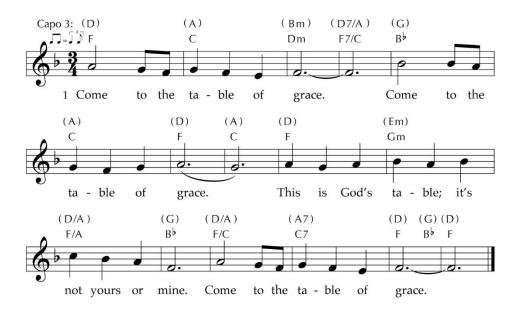
As Jesus greeted his disciples, so let us greet one another:
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**Please wave at your neighbors and extend Christ's greeting,
"Peace be with you".

### **Steeple Bell**

Call to Worship: Word of Mouth

\*Hymn #507

### **Come to the Table of Grace**



- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

**Call to Confession** 

**Prayer of Confession: The Puzzle** 

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Let us proclaim the Good News together: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

# \*Response #441 Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## **Prayer for Illumination #466 Come and Fill Our Hearts**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

**Reflection: How Many?** 

#### **Scripture Lesson**

John 6:1-13

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After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.* 

**Reflection: Picnic Sharing** 

# **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

#### **Ordination and Installation of Officers**

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Candidates

Questions to Candidates & Congregation

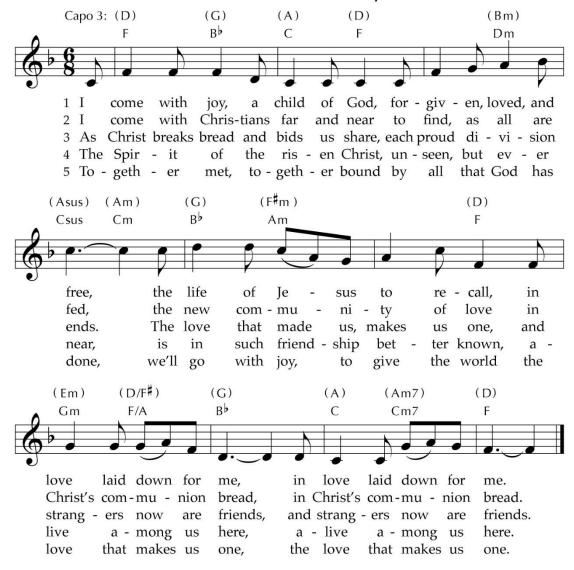
Do we, the members of the church, accept Bev as Deacon and Amy, Julie, and Jo as Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (We do.)

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? (**We do.**)

Prayer of Ordination and Installation Declaration and Welcome

## \*Hymn #515

## I Come with Joy



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977 Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

# Offerings of Tithes and Gifts: Gifts of Love

Offertory **Sing with Grace in Your Heart** G. F. Handel Phee Price & Minerva Lermond - Vocalists
Bethany Faiz - Piano

## \*Response #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

O Lord, our individual gifts don't amount to much. Especially in light of all that you have given to us, our offerings seem just not enough. And yet, through your love, what we bring together becomes more. Not simply added together, but somehow multiplied by your grace. Bless our gifts, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, until there is enough for all. Amen.

# **Communion and Prayers of the People**

Invitation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

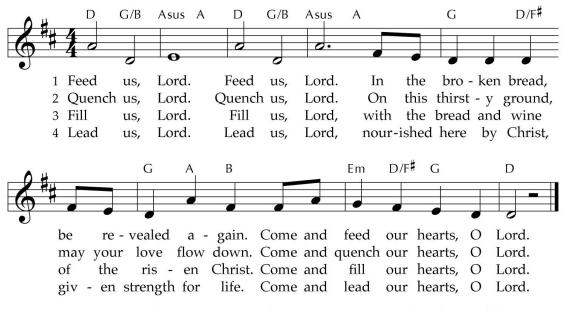
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution Partaking Prayer

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Hymn #501

### Feed Us, Lord



Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13–35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

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# \*Charge and Benediction Steeple Bell

#### **Postlude**

# **Praise Him! Praise Him!**Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us after worship for Sidewalk Fellowship.