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———— *Gathering* ————

- PRELUDE** Trio on “Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend,” J. S. Bach Thomas Goetz
- + GREETING** Marc Lewis
- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
- + CALL TO WORSHIP** Marc Lewis
- Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth. *Ps. 96*
- Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name;
tell of God’s salvation from day to day.**
- + PRAYER OF THE DAY** Marc Lewis
- Remember us, O God of steadfast love,
and look upon us with your favor
as we worship you this day.
Your Word is the substance of our prayer;
your Spirit is the breath of our song.
Lead us in this service of worship,
and in the service of daily living,
so that our very lives may become joyful songs
of thanksgiving and praise,
giving honor and glory to your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- + OPENING HYMN** When the Morning Stars Together PH 486
- CALL TO CONFESSION** Joe Small
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Joe Small
- Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

(silent prayer)

RESPONSE	O-So-So / Come Now, O Prince of Peace (Stanzas 1 and 2)	STF 2232
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS		Joe Small
+ THE PEACE		Joe Small
	The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.	
+ GLORIA	Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)	PH 576
	First in Latin, then in English.	

———— *The Word* ————

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Marissa Galvan-Valle
	Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	
FIRST READING	Isaiah 6:1-8	Marissa Galvan-Valle
PSALM	New Songs of Celebration Render (Psalm 98)	PH 218
SECOND READING	Colossians 3:12-17	Scott Miller
+ GOSPEL READING	Mark 10:35-45	Paul Westermeyer
SERMON	“Grace”	Paul Westermeyer

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Melva Costen

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Gal. 3:27-28

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

Eph. 4:1-6

**There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

PSALM

How Good, How Pleasant to Behold (Psalm 133)
(paraphrase by Carl P. Daw, Jr. sung to the tune *O Waly Waly*)

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Gradye Parsons

We are called by God
to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today
of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are
the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The call of Christ
is to willing, dedicated discipleship.
Our discipleship is a manifestation
of the new life we enter through baptism.
Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment,
an offering and a responsibility.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HYMNAL COMMITTEE

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Those being commissioned are introduced as they gather around the font:

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QUESTIONS FOR THOSE BEING COMMISSIONED

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The leader addresses the members of the hymnal committee.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
the grace bestowed on you in baptism
is sufficient for your calling
because it is God's grace.

By God's grace we are saved,
and enabled to grow in the faith
and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service.
Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service
because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus,
to love neighbors,
and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,
relying on God's mercy
and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

The leader addresses all present.

Melva Costen

Do you, members and friends of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
confirm the call of God
to our sisters and brothers
as members of the Presbyterian hymnal committee
in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Gradye Parsons

Faithful God,
in baptism you claimed us;
and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives,
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.
We thank you for leading these people to this time and place.
Establish them in your truth,
and guide them by your Holy Spirit,
that in your service they may grow
in faith, hope, and love,
and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever.

**Almighty God,
in Jesus Christ you called disciples
and, by the Holy Spirit,
made them one church to serve you.
Let your Spirit rule your church,**

**so that we may be joined
in love and service to Jesus Christ,
who, having gone before us,
is coming to meet us
in the promise of your kingdom.
Amen.**

CHARGE

Melva Costen

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
you are commissioned to service
as members of the Presbyterian hymnal committee.

Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him.

Col. 3:17

BLESSING

Gradye Parsons

May the God of peace
make you holy in every way,
and keep your whole being,
spirit, soul, and body,
free from every fault
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess. 5:23

Amen.

——— *The Eucharist* ———

+ **HYMN**

Now to Your Table Spread

PH 515

+ **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Rhashell Hunter

Jesus said: Behold, I stand at the door and knock;
if those who hear my voice open the door,
I will come in to them and eat with them,
and they with me.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Happy are all who find refuge in God..

+ **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Rhashell Hunter

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.

Thanks and praise for the beginning
for mysteries to which only you know answers
for heaven and earth
for the ordering of deep darkness, formless and void
for light, for morning, and sky
for flower and fruit, for humankind
for the creatures of the land and sea

Thanks and praise for the declaration of your creation being good
and for when it wasn't, your promises:
a bow in the clouds
a baby born

Thanks and praise for the answer of your Son
whom we celebrate with all the choirs of heaven
and with that great chorus of witnesses, singing:

SANCTUS

(by Isaiah Jones, No. 46 in *Holy Is the Lordi*)

Thanks and praise for the answer of your Son
for a star over a manger
and a lost boy already teaching
for lessons drawn in sand
and sermons on the mount
for precious perfume gone un-wasted
and a woman's action proclaiming the gospel

Thanks and praise for his feeding
five thousand with the bread of life
and miracles worked from bread alone
for water into wine
and wine into blood
and blood into salvation

Thanks and praise for his healing
hemorrhaging women
daughters of men and mothers
and brothers out of tombs
and from your tomb:
earthquakes and angels
the tearing of cloth
and stones rolled away

A blessing on the night of betrayal
a loaf of bread, Jesus our Lord

“This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

The same way, after supper
a cup of wine, Jesus our Lord
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

As often as you share it,
a loaf of bread, a cup of wine
proclaim the death, the resurrection
until he comes again
Jesus our Lord

Remembrance, remembering, remember
what was, and is, and ever shall be
 remembrance
 as it was from the beginning
 remembering
 in this place, in this time
 remember
 ever shall be, ever shall be

And in waiting
this simple loaf, this single cup
the merest and the most
our thankful praise

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

(by Isaiah Jones, No. 47 in *Holy Is the Lord*)

Holy Spirit,
 enter like wind over water
 ripple over this cup
 tear this bread

Baptize us with your fire
 gather us with the church of Pentecost
 and send us out in song
 into a world filled with blood and fire
 blood that is not yours
 fire that knows not your name

Blood in hospitals, on battlefields,
 and even in your church
Fire sweeping over crops, and forests
 flames that hiss in politics and pulpits

The broken, the wounded, the naked
 show us how to hold them

The hungry, the homeless, the lost
show us how to feed them
The world, the nation, our city small
show us how to fill them with your love

Our lives, this day and always
show us how to walk with you

Our lives, this day and always
show us how to live for you

Our lives, this day and always
show us how to preach you,
to pray to you,
to praise you

**Glory to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be.**

Amen.

+ LORD'S PRAYER

(by Isaiah Jones, No. 48 in *Holy Is the Lord*)

+ BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf,
we, many as we are, are one body;
for it is one loaf of which we all partake.

The minister takes the loaf and breaks it in full view of the people, saying:

When we break the bread,
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

Having filled the cup, the minister lifts it in the view of the people, saying:

When we give thanks over the cup,
is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Eat This Bread (Taizé)

Come and Fill (Taizé)

STF 2157

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