



Sunday, September 8, 2013
Rally Day Sunday

WE GATHER

Opening Voluntary

For Everyone Born

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Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching, who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

All: Gather us in,

Leader: The done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering, who long for the company found at your feast.

All: Gather us in,

Leader: The proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the leveling found at your feast.

All: Gather us in,

Leader: The bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers, who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

All: Gather us in,

Leader: From corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast.

All: Gather us in!

Gathering Prayer

*Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
We are the old— who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Dear God, we have much to be thankful: for this created planet,
our earthly home; for the breath which sustains us; for family and friends
who love us; for moments of joy and beauty. In our prayers, we affirm:

***Prayers of Intercession** (continued)

People: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends. God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Leader: We pray for the broken places in our world – where violence, fear and hatred hinder fullness of life for all people. May your peace and your justice break through in big and small ways. In our prayers, we affirm:

People: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends. God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Leader: We pray for the communities that encircle our lives – our homes and congregations, our friends and family, for those who are in our care and those who care for us. In our prayers, we affirm:

People: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends. God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Leader: We remember those who are ill and dying. We pray for those who are struggling and doubting and just scraping by. We pray for those who are passionate and eager and making your world a better place. In our prayers, we affirm:

People: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends. God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Leader: We confess, O God, the barriers that prevent us from being welcoming people: inhospitable systems, hardened or fearful hearts, tendencies to exclude. In our prayers, we affirm:

People: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends. God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Leader: These words, and the many more that are silent and hidden, we pray to you, the God who listens, forgives and loves us time and time again. In our prayers, we affirm:

People: **God welcomes all, strangers and friends. God's love is strong and it never ends.**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Joyful Response** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
end, with - out end. A - men. World with out

Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it
end, with - out end, A - men. World with out end, with - out end, A - men. As it

was in the be gin - ning, is now and ever shall be. A - men. World with out
was in the be gin - ning, is now and ever shall be. A - - - - - men.

*Children are always welcome in worship at Faith Des Peres. Nursery Care (ages 4 & under)
and Sunday School (ages 5 & up) are available at this time.*

WE PROCLAIM

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 81

Antiphon

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With gift of fin - est wheat;

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

People: **I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land
of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.** *(Sing the antiphon.)*

Leader: But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

People: **O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.**

Leader: Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

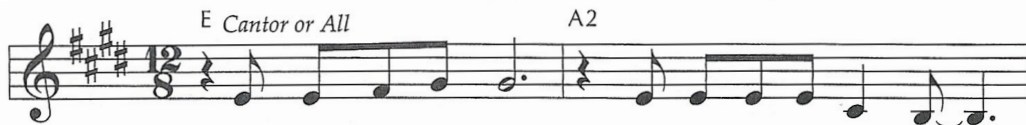
People: **I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.** (*Sing the antiphon.*)

New Testament Reading Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Sermon "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

WE RESPOND

*Hymn *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 Bsus

a shel-ter, a space, a safe place for grow-ing,
 with wis-dom and grace di-vid-ing the pow-er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin-kled,
 in an-ger, in hurt, a mind-set of mer-cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit-ness and wor-ship,

E Bsus E Bsus

for ev-ery-one born, a star o-ver-head.
 for wom-an and man, a sys-tem that's fair.
 for young and for old, the right to be-long.
 for just and un-just, a new way to live.
 for ev-ery-one born, the right to be free.

Refrain B All E E/G# A2 Bsus B

And God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com-pas-sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice,

Bsus B (E) Fine A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!

News of the Church *(Please sign the friendship pad.)*

Offering Our Gifts to God *Until I Found the Lord* Andre Thomas

***Dedication of Gifts** “Doxology” OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Communion

WE ARE SENT

***Closing Hymn 438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

***Benediction**

***Closing Voluntary** *Fanfare on AUSTRIAN HYMN* Gordon Young

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