

October 5, 2025



The Gathering of Manna, Bernardino Luini

The Service of the Lord's Day Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are able. Congregation to recite bolded passages.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Huber-Plano

PRELUDE

"Romanze" by Robert Schumann

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharon Huber-Plano

Come, all who are hungry for more than food. Come, all who are tired of chasing what never satisfies.

We come to the God who provides. We come to the One who gives us enough.

In the wilderness of worry, in the desert of doubt,

God gives us manna, daily mercy, daily strength.

Not too much, not too little, just what we need for today.

We come to trust again. We come to worship the God of enough.

*HYMN # 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano

When we are hungry, we grasp. When we are afraid, we hoard. When we forget God's goodness, we chase after what cannot satisfy. But God invites us to let go. To turn back. To begin again.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano

God of daily bread, we confess that we have doubted Your generosity. We have grumbled in the wilderness, hoarded what we could, and ignored the hunger of others. We have feared there won't be enough: of time, of love, of forgiveness, of grace. Teach us again to trust You. To take only what we need. To share what we have. To believe that You are enough. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear this good news: Even when we complain, God hears. Even when we stray, God draws near. Even when we forget, God remains faithful. We are forgiven. We are beloved. We are sustained by the One who provides.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 722

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Huber-Plano

God of Word and wilderness, break open this story like bread in our hands. Feed us with what we need to hear. Steady us in trust, and shape us into people of enough. Amen.

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' "And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman

Chancel Choir

Bless the Lord, O my soul, worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

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. 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;

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

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, then thousand years and then forever more!

*HYMN # 500

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jenn DiFrancesco

This is not a Presbyterian table. This is not Havenwood's table. This is Christ's table. And Christ has always made room for the hungry, the weary, the wandering, and the wondering. So come, not because you are worthy, but because you are welcome. Come, take what you need. There is enough.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

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.

God of manna and mercy, You created the world and called it good. You gave us rhythms of rest and work, of gathering and sharing. When we forgot You, You remembered us. When we feared there wouldn't be enough, You gave us daily bread.

When the time was right, You came among us in Jesus who fed the hungry, healed the broken, and told stories of Your upside-down kingdom.

On the night he was handed over, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

So together with the church across time and around the world, we lift our hearts and voices to You, saying,

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts. Make this bread and cup be for us daily grace, sustenance for the journey, and a sign of Your abundance in the wilderness. Shape us into people who trust You. Who take what we need. Who share what we have. Until all are fed. Until all are free. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, one table, one church, one hope, who taught us to pray, saying,

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jenn DiFrancesco

God of abundance, You have fed us at this table with the bread of life. Send us out now to feed others. To speak hope. To live generously. To trust that there will always be enough because You are always with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

God has always provided: manna in the wilderness, bread at the table, grace upon grace. Today we give not because we are afraid, but because we believe in a God who is generous. We give not to earn favor, but to participate in the sharing of daily bread in this community and around the world. So with open hands and trusting hearts, let us bring our gifts to God.

During this time of offering, you may place your gift in the plate as you leave this morning, or give in any of the other ways listed in your bulletin's announcement page.

OFFERTORY

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. by Patricia Lou Harris

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY #608

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

God of enough, bless these gifts and all who give. Use them to fill what is empty, to nourish what is hungry, to grow what is good. May this offering become manna in someone else's wilderness. Amen.

*HYMN # 769

"For Everyone Born"

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

"Festival Piece" by Dennis Eliot

Valerie Adelung

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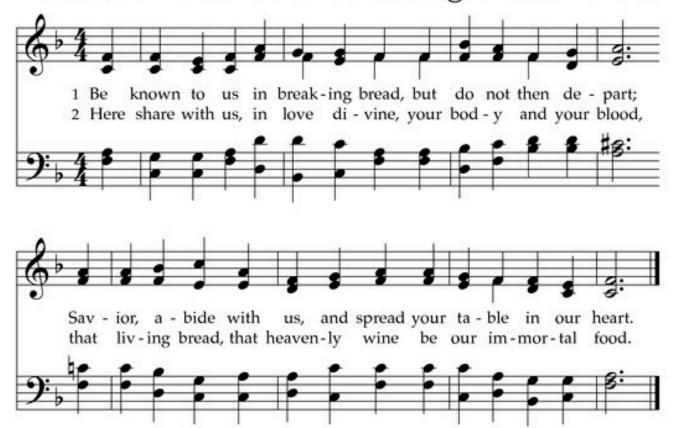


Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread 500



Not all communion texts refer to the Last Supper: this brief hymn is based on the meal at Emmaus shared by the Risen Christ and his two companions on the road (Luke 24:13–35). It is set to a 16th-century psalm tune that carries the text with appropriate simplicity.

TEXT: James Montgomery, 1825 MUSIC: Day's Psalter, 1562 ST. FLAVIAN

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For Everyone Born



This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

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