



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

August 2, 2026



Psalm 17, Stushie Art

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“Let All Things Now Living”
by Douglas Wagner

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Judi Forrester

Hear our cry, O God;
give ear to our prayer.

Show us Your steadfast love,
for we seek refuge in You.

Christ sees the crowd with compassion.
Christ heals the sick and feeds the hungry.

At the tables of this world, fear often protects itself.
At the table of Christ, mercy makes room.

Come, let us seek the face of God.

Let us worship the One who hears, sees, heals, and feeds.

*HYMN # 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Judi Forrester

The disciples looked at the crowd and saw a problem too large to solve. Jesus looked at the crowd and saw people worthy of compassion. Trusting in the mercy of Christ, let us confess the ways we have failed to see one another as God sees us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Judi Forrester

Merciful God, we confess that we often accept invitations to tables that cannot give life. We sit where fear is fed, where image is protected, where power is guarded, and where compassion is pushed aside.

We see the needs of the world and convince ourselves they are too large for us. We see the hungry and overwhelmed and are tempted to send them away. We see what little we have and decide it cannot matter.

Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the table of Christ. Teach us to see with compassion, to give with courage, and to trust that Your mercy can work through what we offer. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Jesus does not send us away. Christ meets us with mercy, heals what is broken, and welcomes us again to the table of grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 581

“Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judi Forrester

Eternal God, in the reading of Scripture, may Your Word be heard; in the quiet of our hearts, may Your Word be known; and in the living of our days, may Your Word be shown; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 17:1–7, 15

Judi Forrester

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.
If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13–21

Jenn DiFrancesco

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jenn DiFrancesco

From the Confession of Belhar, adapted for worship

The Confession of Belhar was first drafted in South Africa in 1982 and formally adopted there in 1986, arising from the church's struggle against apartheid. The PC(USA) added Belhar to its Book of Confessions in 2016, receiving its call to visible unity, reconciliation in Christ, and justice for those who are poor, wronged, or pushed aside.

**We believe in the triune God,
who gathers, protects, and cares for the church
through Word and Spirit.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made visible in the church,
as the community of believers reconciled with God
and with one another.**

**We believe that unity is "both a gift and an obligation,"
and that the people of God are called
to love one another, serve one another,
bear one another's burdens,
and share one hope.**

**We believe that, at Christ's table,
we "eat of one bread and drink of one cup."**

**We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed
and bread to the hungry,
and that the church must “stand where the Lord stands,”
against injustice and with the wronged.**

**Jesus is Lord.
To the one and only God be honor and glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN # 498** **“Loaves were Broken, Words were Spoken”**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jenn DiFrancesco

This is the table of Jesus Christ. It is not a table where fear protects itself, or power guards its place, or image matters more than mercy. This is the table where Christ meets grief with compassion, where hunger is not dismissed, where the crowd is not sent away.

Here bread is taken, blessed, broken, and given. Here we remember the kind of community Christ calls us to become. Let us come to the table with open hands and grateful hearts.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jenn DiFrancesco

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give You thanks and praise, O God, for You hear the cries of Your people and incline Your ear to those who seek refuge in You. You created us for life with You and with one another. You made us for communion, for mercy, for justice, and for joy. Yet we confess that the tables of this world are often shaped by fear and guarded by power. Too often, some are honored while others are forgotten. Too often, some are fed while others are sent away.

Still, You do not abandon your people. You call us back from fear. You teach us to seek Your face. You show us steadfast love. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the church in every time and place, and with all creation, singing:

**Holy, 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.

We give You thanks for Jesus Christ, who came among us with compassion. When He heard of John's death, He withdrew in grief. Yet when He saw the crowd, He did not turn away. He healed the sick. He welcomed the weary. He refused to send the hungry away.

At His table, mercy becomes visible. At His table, no one's need is dismissed. At His table, bread is taken, blessed, broken, and given, and a new community begins to take shape.

We remember that on the night before He died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to You, He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, fed by mercy and sent in compassion.

By Your Spirit, shape us into another kind of table: a people who do not send others away, a people who make room for the weary, a people who stand with the wronged, a people who trust that Your mercy can work through what we offer.

We pray today for all who are grieving, for all who are hungry in body, mind, or spirit, for all who are exhausted by the demands of life, and for all who have been made to feel unwelcome or unseen.

We pray for those who are sick, for those awaiting answers, for caregivers, medical workers, and all who keep watch with love.

We pray for communities wounded by violence, for leaders entrusted with power, and for all who work for peace with justice.

We pray for your church, that we may bear witness to the table of Christ in our worship, our welcome, and our daily life.

Keep us faithful until the day when all Your children are gathered in, and we behold Your face in righteousness.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, eternal God, now and forever. And now, with the confidence of the children of God, we pray together, 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

Gracious God, You have fed us at the table of Christ. Now send us to live as people shaped by compassion. Help us make room where others are turned away, share bread where hunger is ignored, and bear witness to Your mercy in all we do. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

Jesus took what was offered, blessed it, and used it for the good of the crowd. We bring our gifts trusting that God can work through what we offer: our money, our time, our care, our courage, and our compassion. Let us give with grateful hearts.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Let Us Break Bread” by Lloyd Larson

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 606

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for Your work of mercy. Bless what we offer, multiply its impact, and shape us into people who feed, welcome, and love in the way of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN # 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord” with “O Worship the King”
by Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

Valerie Adelung

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802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C

food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (D) F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.