

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 9, 2023  
"Journeys"



# CUCC

**Columbia United Church of Christ**

## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;  
No matter where you are on your faith journey;  
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression, or identity;  
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality, or politics;  
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status, or family structure;  
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal, or life circumstances;  
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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Of Christ**



**July 9, 2023**

**9:30 Worship**

**"Journeys"**

*"... Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be  
acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer..."*

*-Psalm 19:14*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Amy Crousore  
Lowry/Berry

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 19)*

Lloyd Mickelson

The heavens are telling about God's glory;  
The skies proclaim the wonder of God's handiwork.

**Day by day, God inspires us with Wisdom;  
At night, God's presence comforts and assures us.**

As the sun shines on all, God's love also shines on all,  
Affirming and welcoming all of God's Children.

**God's Wisdom is perfect, illuminating our souls.  
God's purposes are clear, sharing love and compassion.**

Knowing God brings comfort and challenge;  
We gather today, open to both!

**May the words of our mouths  
And the meditations of our hearts  
Be acceptable to God, our Rock and Redeemer!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

*(insert)*

\*Opening Prayer

Lloyd Mickelson

**Creator God, You offer us new challenges and new experiences in  
life, challenging us to question what is and discern what could be.  
Forgive us for the times we neglect to avail ourselves of the  
opportunities You present us. Open our hearts to new ideas, new  
dreams and new possibilities as we seek to fully appreciate all You  
have given us. May the words of our mouths and the meditations  
of our hearts and the steps of our feet and the works of our hands  
always be acceptable to You. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God calls us to question what is and discern what could be as we fully explore God's abundance. But even when we neglect this call, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

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***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!  
Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me!  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!***

\*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response:

"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

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*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

***There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the LORD!  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the LORD!  
Sweet Holy Spirit! Sweet Heavenly Dove!  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise!  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place!***

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 24:1-67

Lloyd Mickelson

*(selected verses)*

*In an example of "Biblical marriage" Abraham sends his servant out to find a wife for his son, Isaac. The servant goes back to Abraham's ancestral home and strikes up a betrothal deal with Rebekah's brother, Laban.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 12:1-8

Lloyd Mickelson

*Jesus and his disciples pick grain on the Sabbath. The Pharisees scold him stating that it is wrong to work on the Sabbath. Jesus challenges their assumptions about Sabbath and its role to honor God.*

Anthem

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Harry Beckett & Adam Veteto  
Edward Mote

Sermon "Rebekah's Journey" Pastor Rick

\*Hymn "God the Omnipotent!" (insert)

\*Invitation to Communion

*Everyone, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, is welcome to partake in the Sacrament of Communion. This is Christ's table, not ours, and human barriers need not separate this meal from anyone.*

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

Invocation

Blessing the Children "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (insert)

*During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing.*

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

*Today the ushers will be serving communion to you where you are seated. You are invited to take the tray from the usher, pass it to the person next to you, and let them serve you. After everyone is served, we will partake.*

Communion Music "Poco Allegretto" Amy Crousore  
Brahms/Smith

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of powerful presence, You called Rebekah to an incredible journey, bringing her ever closer to You. Like Rebekah, we gather here today, as well, hoping to be inspired by Your wisdom and accept Your call to change Your world. We thank You for this meal, through which we remember Jesus' ministry with us, and for Your Holy Spirit, through which You call the church into being. Now we gather together as one church, uniting together in the prayer Jesus taught us:**

\*The LORD's Prayer (*sung by the Congregation, led by Caitlin Kenney*)

**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.**

General Synod Moment Pastor Rick

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Mission Moment

“Mobility Worldwide”

Mark Duncan

Invitation to the Offering

*As we have been blessed, we give to be blessings in God's World.  
To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041*

Offertory

“Sonatina Opus 20 #1 - Andante”

Amy Crousore  
Fr. Kuhlau

\*Prayer of Dedication

Lloyd Mickelson

**Take these gifts, O God, for through them we reflect Your provision received in our lives, as well as our desire to share Your provision with others. Bless the offering we lay before You, and use it to Your will, enabling the ministries of this congregation. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Pastor Rick

\*Response

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

***Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!  
With God our Creator, Children all are we!  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!  
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!***

\*Postlude

“Festival March”

Amy Crousore  
George Blake

***CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:  
Welcoming all God's Children;  
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;  
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;  
Building a supportive church family;  
Transforming both the congregation and community  
through service and outreach***

***We are on Summer Schedule!***

***Fellowship Time - 9:00 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m.***

***9:00 Sunday School and 10:30 worship resume September 10***

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Ushers: Llona Weiss

Greeters: Susan Dunham

Technology:

Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace

Council Stewards: Mary Lorber/Ted Dachroeden

Jerry Kiesling/Mark Duncan

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Mahree Skala

Ushers: Christine Staelens

Greeters: Judi Privitt

Technology: Dominick Lee

Hospitality: Christine Staelens

Council Stewards: Kurt Heine



Online giving

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**NURSERY CARE** is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

**CENTENNIAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Join us for an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** at Hulen Lake Shelter (located at the end of Martin Drive off Rollins Road) on Sunday, July 16 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.! We will have vanilla and chocolate ice cream, as well as toppings, but if anyone would like to bring homemade ice cream to share, that would be great, too!

**MUSIC THIS SUMMER**

The music ministry is seeking your musical talents during Sunday morning worship services through August 20. You can sing or play an instrument during the “anthem” portion of the service or participate as the song leader. If you would like to sign up to either do the anthem and/or be the song leader, scan this QR code, email Brandon Brown. or email MJ!



Summer Worship

**RSVP FOR ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND TODAY**

Have you registered for our Anniversary weekend yet? All attendees must register ahead of time for catering counts. If you have not done so yet, you can do so today by filling out a card on the table by the door, you can scan the QR code to the right, or call MJ in the church office.



Anniversary RSVP

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Registration for VBS has opened, and will continue thru July 15! Sign up today to be a volunteer or to bring your kids! Go to our church website to sign up, or call MJ in the church office. Questions? Talk to Lena Muench or Gina Pierson.

**STAY AND LEARN – NEXT SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.**

**Dementia & Aging Best Resources:** *Aging Best* staff member Melissa Schulte will share how to understand the social signs of Dementia and learn effective ways to communicate with those affected by it. Snacks and drinks provided. Contact Anne Heine if you have any questions or to RSVP.

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

Sun	7/9	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
Mon	7/10	Vision Team	5:30 p.m.
Tue	7/11	Membership & Care Ministry Team	5:00 p.m.
		Outreach & Advocacy Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Sun	7/16	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30 a.m.
		Stay and Learn	11:00 a.m.
		Craft Beer & Carts	1:00 p.m.
		Ice Cream Social	2:00 p.m.

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week . . .*

The family of Mark Brumbach . . . on their loss

Mary Jean King (MJ's grandmother) . . . Suffering with Congenital Heart Failure

## *Health Issues:*

Glenn Duermeyer; John Adams; Andrea Waner; Cliff Beckman; Ed Kaiser;  
Jessica Raymond; Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew)

Terry & Mike Freeman (friends of the Remeikas)

Stephanie Porter (Phillip Neale's niece)

Jessica Jenks, Alisa Lau Sieckman & Lynne Tsapelas

. . . recovering from surgery

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Vernie Blank

## *Living in Independent Living Facilities:*

Helen Graves

## *Serving us in the military:*

Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden,

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)



*If you try to fit God into your life, You will  
never have time for God.*

*If you try to fit your life into God, You will  
always have time for what matters.*



## Let All Things Now Living

*Descant*

2. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ O

*Unison*

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the

sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah, \_\_\_\_\_

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stay - ed us, by guid - ing us on to the  
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

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# THANKSGIVING

claim God di - vine. Re - joice, re -

end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -

claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic-ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night: till

joic-ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till

Ah, to

shad-ows have van-ished, all fear - ful - ness ban-ished, as

all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to

God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.

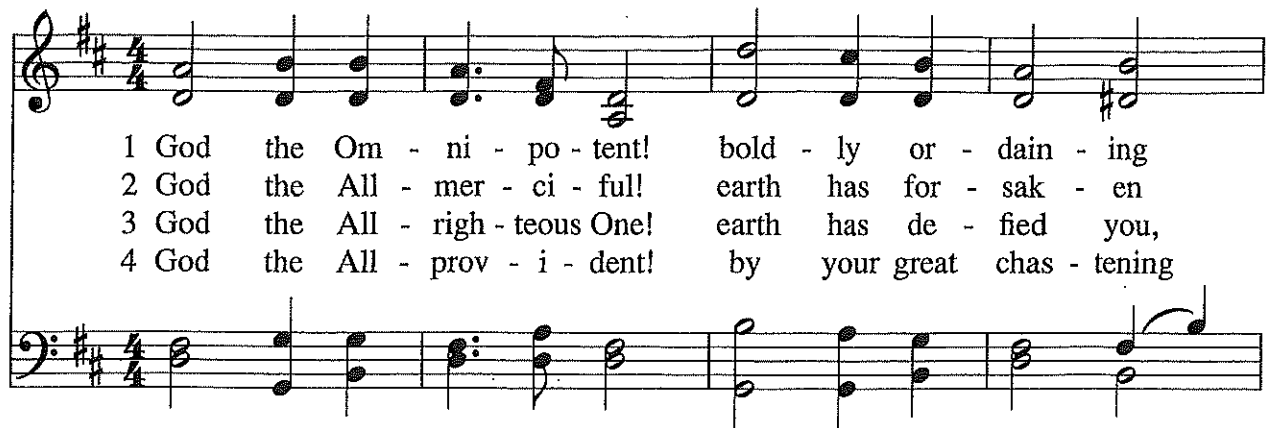
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

# God the Omnipotent!

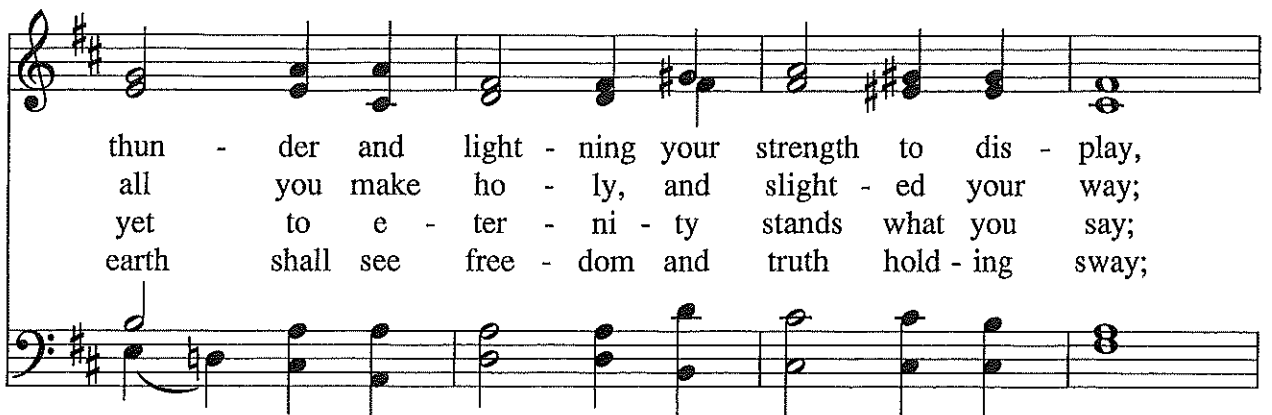
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St. 1-2, Henry F. Chorley, 1842; alt.

St. 3-4, John Ellerton, 1870; alt.



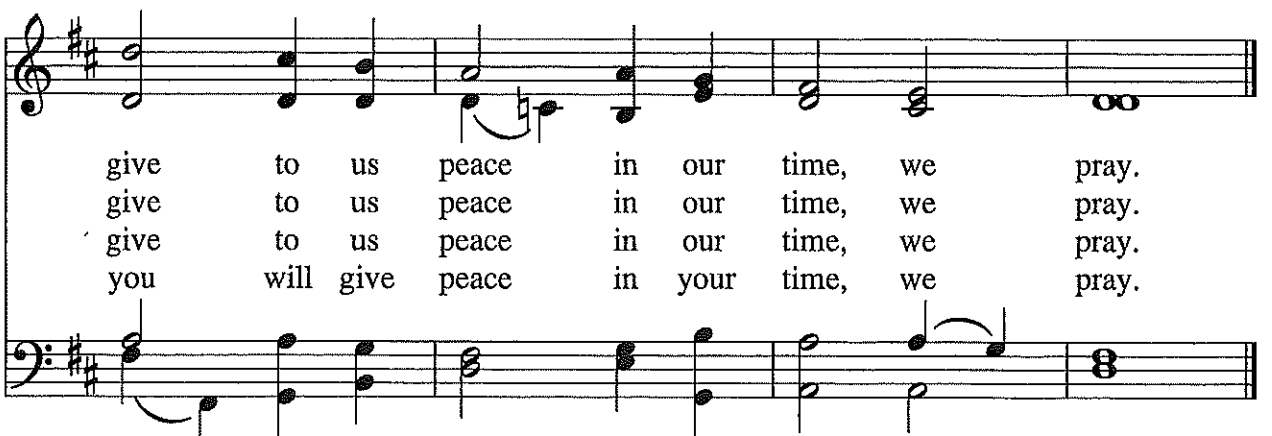
1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! bold - ly or - dain - ing  
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth has for - sak - en  
 3 God the All - righ - teous One! earth has de - fied you,  
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! by your great chas - tening



thun - der and light - ning your strength to dis - play,  
 all you make ho - ly, and slight - ed your way;  
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stands what you say;  
 earth shall see free - dom and truth hold - ing sway;



Bring forth com - pas - sion where vi - o - lence is reign - ing;  
 Bid not your wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:  
 False - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side you:  
 Through the thick cha - os your reign is still has - tening:

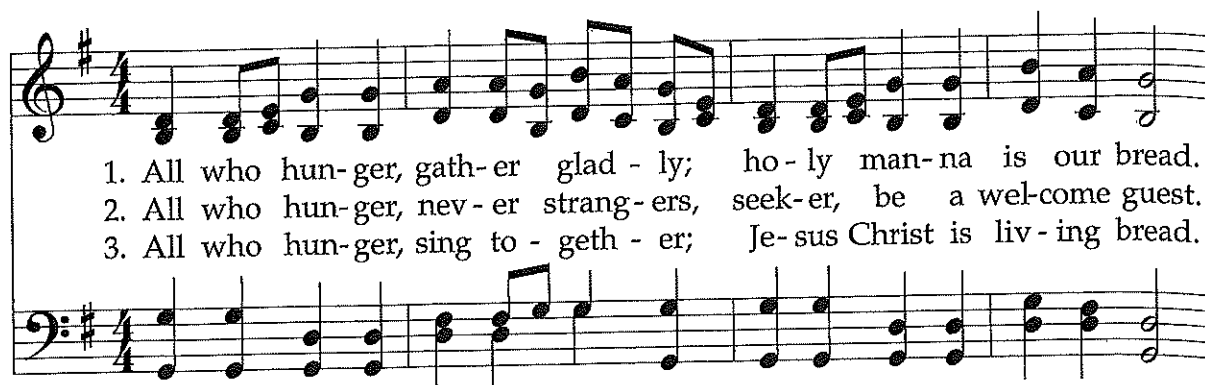


give to us peace in our time, we pray.  
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.  
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.  
 you will give peace in your time, we pray.

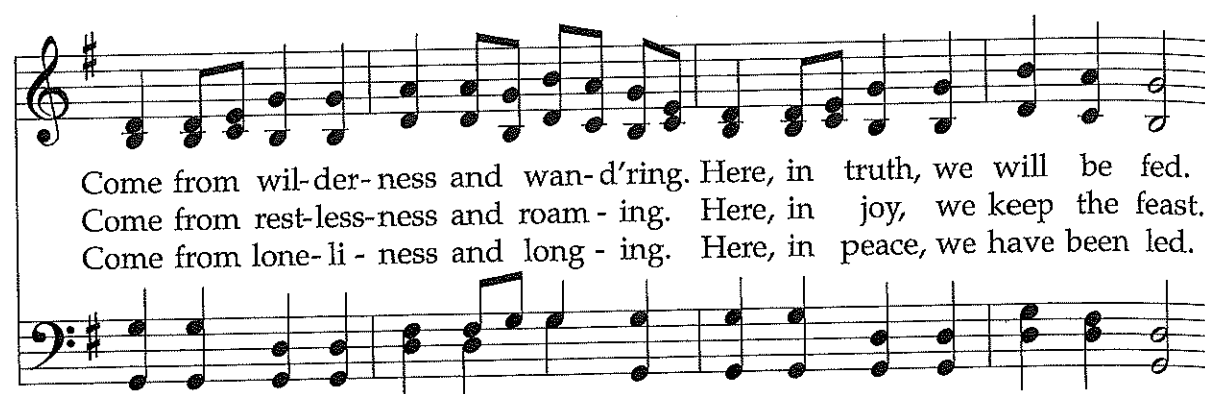
Two English hymns, one by Henry F. Chorley, a friend of Charles Dickens, and another by Church of England priest John Ellerton, are combined in this text. The tune was originally

Tune: RUSSIAN HYMN 11.10.11.9.  
 Alexis F. Lvov, 1833

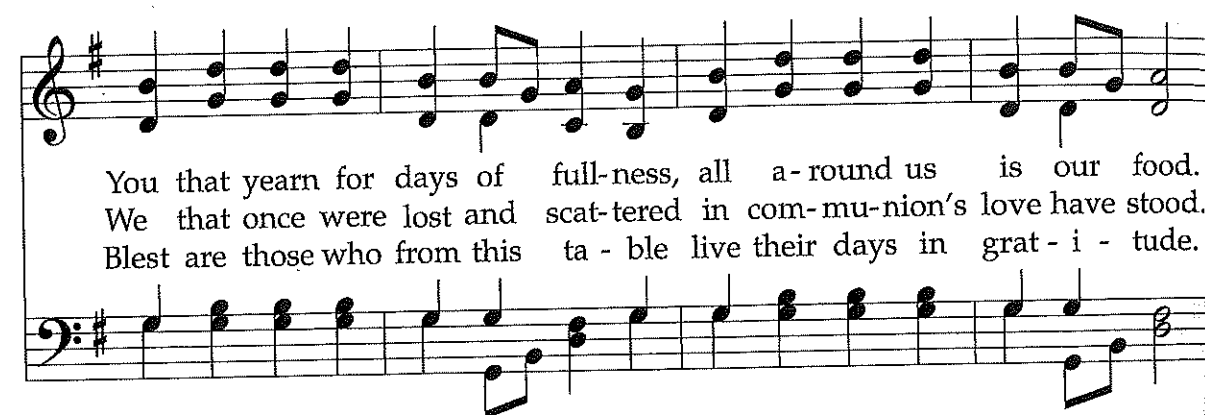
## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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