

**20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(\*=**please stand if you are able**)

**Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)**

**Welcome**

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

**Opening Prayer**

L: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

**P: We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God’s truth.**

**Opening Hymn GTG #401**

**“Here in This Place” (verses 1, 2)**

**Call to Confession**

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of pardon**

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*Gloria Patri STF#2037**

**“I Sing Praise to your Name”**

I give Glory to your name oh Lord  
Glory to your name, Oh Lord  
For your name is great  
And greatly to be praised

**Prayer for Illumination**

God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us now to listen well. Open our ears to your truth. Humble us in your presence so nothing will stand in the way of what you say to us today. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Joel 2:23-32

Children of Zion, rejoice and be glad in the Lord your God, because he will give you the early rain as a sign of righteousness; he will pour down abundant rain for you, the early and the late rain, as before. The threshing floors will be full of grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and fresh oil. I will repay you for the years that the cutting locust, the swarming locust, the hopping locust, and the devouring locust have eaten— my great army, which I sent against you. You will eat abundantly and be satisfied, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has done wonders for you; and my people will never again be put to shame. You will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God—no other exists; never again will my people be put to shame. After that I will pour out my spirit upon everyone; your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days, I will also pour out my spirit on the male and female slaves. I will give signs in the heavens and on the earth—blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood before the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. But everyone who calls on the Lord’s name will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be security, as the Lord has promised; and in Jerusalem, the Lord will summon those who survive.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:**

**Scripture Reading:**

Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: “Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, ‘God, I thank you that I’m

not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn’t even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, ‘God, show mercy to me, a sinner.’ I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Let’s Show Off”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

**Hymn GTG# 428**

**“Before I Take the Body of My Lord” (verses 2, 3 and 4)**

**Words of Gratitude**

Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**“We Lift Our Voices”**

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering

**\* Doxology**

**“I Sing Praises to Your Name, oh Lord”**

I sing praises to your name, oh Lord  
Praises to your name, oh Lord  
For your name is great  
And greatly to be praised

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the good news of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** (See backpage)

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn GTG#543**

**“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

God is Good! **All the time!** All the Time! **God is Good!**

May we leave this house of worship today, quick to listen, slow to speak, open to hearing and responding to God’s truth. May God bless you and keep you, be kind and gracious to you, may God look upon you with favor and bring you peace. Amen

**The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

## Prayers of the People

God of grace,  
Nourish us this day through Word and worship. Strengthen our desire to discern and do your will. Focus us on your path of righteousness so we can walk steadily under your direction. Bend your ear to us, God of love, as we pray not only for ourselves but for people everywhere.

God of mercy, hear our prayers. We pray for those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters, for the lives, homes and businesses destroyed by Hurricane Ian. We pray for those who are exhausted, those struggling to pay bills and put food on the table, those overwhelmed by suffering and in need of a lighter load. We pray for those living in war zones, for the people of Ukraine and the women of Iran, people desperate for justice and peace.

God of mercy, hear our prayers. We pray for leaders, administrators, decision-makers who cannot please everyone, yet still strive to do what is just and right. We pray our nation's leaders: may they uphold those in need, defend the oppressed, and resist the idols of money and power. We pray for disputes to end, for people to work together, for our nation to know peace.

God of mercy, hear our prayers. We pray for those who are ill and their caregivers. We pray for those struggling with depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses. Free us from any shame or stigma that keeps us from acknowledging our need and getting the help we deserve. Instill in us a sense of mutual responsibility for the health and wellbeing of all your children.

Finally, O God, mold us for service so we can be the answer to the prayers we pray, according to your Word and inspired by the One who saves, Jesus Christ our Lord.

United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers up to you, God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying, "Our Father..."

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022**



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where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and  
children share in leadership; and where the strength  
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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## **EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2022**

- In person Hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursday's at 11:00AM.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesday's at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time on Friday's at 11AM via zoom.
- Session Meeting Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM via zoom
- Worship Team meeting Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM
- Coffee Hour/Reformed Tradition Celebration October 30<sup>th</sup> following worship. Rev. Lynda Clements and her husband Francis will be joining us for our worship service and for our Celebration following worship.
- Pastor Jeniffer will be away November 1<sup>st</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup> for Continuing education trip, Reformed Tradition
- During the week the Hispanic group will gather at different homes on Wednesday's at 11AM for Prayer, Revival and Bible Studies. Please see Pastor Jeniffer for more info.

Its that time of year again and we are starting collection for our Thanksgiving Dinner we provide for the Ossining Children's Center and for the Community. At this time we are asking for monetary donation to purchase items needed. Stay tuned for updates.

We have also started collecting Christmas gifts for the kids at First Steps. This year we have 31 boys and 29 Girls. Last day of collection is Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>. You can also share your monetary donations. Please do not wrap gifts.

- Please submit your picture for the Church directory. If you need more information contact Pastor Jeniffer or Lindsay Wilkens.

-Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM  
By Computer/Por Computadora  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/870270865>

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## **Prayers and Praise**

Please pray for Everyone in leadership

Please pray for Keeping Communities Safe

Please pray for Children/ families

Please pray for The Boateng Family

Please pray for The Otu's family

Please pray for The Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for The Sevilla's family

Please pray for Those who harm

Please pray for Peace in the middle of violence

Please pray for The Dyckman's Family

Please pray for The Ozuna Family

Please pray for The Reda's family

Please pray for People struggling with cancer. For healing

Please pray for For the physical and spiritual shape of our nation

Please pray for For leaders, people in a position of authority

Please Pray for Lima family

Please pray for Israel and Palestine

Please Pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

## Praise Songs and Hymns

GATHERING

# Here in This Place

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### Gather Us In



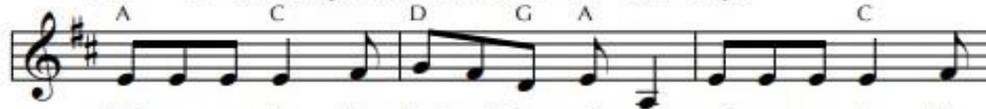
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: 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, and now is the day.



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



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

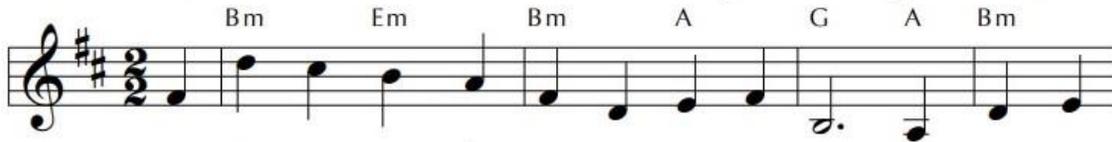


we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

CONFESSION

# 428 Before I Take the Body of My Lord



1 Be - fore I take the bod - y of my Lord, be - fore I  
 2 The words of hope I of - ten failed to give, the prayers of  
 3 The nar - row - ness of vi - sion and of mind, the need for  
 4 Of those a - round in whom I meet my Lord, I ask their  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, com - pan - ion at this feast, I emp - ty



share his life in bread and wine, I rec - og - nize the  
 kind - ness bur - ied by my pride, the signs of care I  
 oth - er folk to serve my will, and ev - ery word and  
 par - don and I grant them mine, that ev - ery con - tra -  
 now my heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you



sor - ry things with - in: these I lay down.  
 ar - gued out of sight: these I lay down.  
 si - lence meant to hurt: these I lay down.  
 dic - tion of Christ's peace might be laid down.  
 here in bread and wine which you lay down.

As this text acknowledges, the sins that separate us from God and from each other can be both things done and things left undone, as well as attitudes and habits that keep us from living in harmony. Letting go of our self-sufficiency enables us to receive Christ's gracious gifts.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1989

MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1989

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LAYING DOWN

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# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.