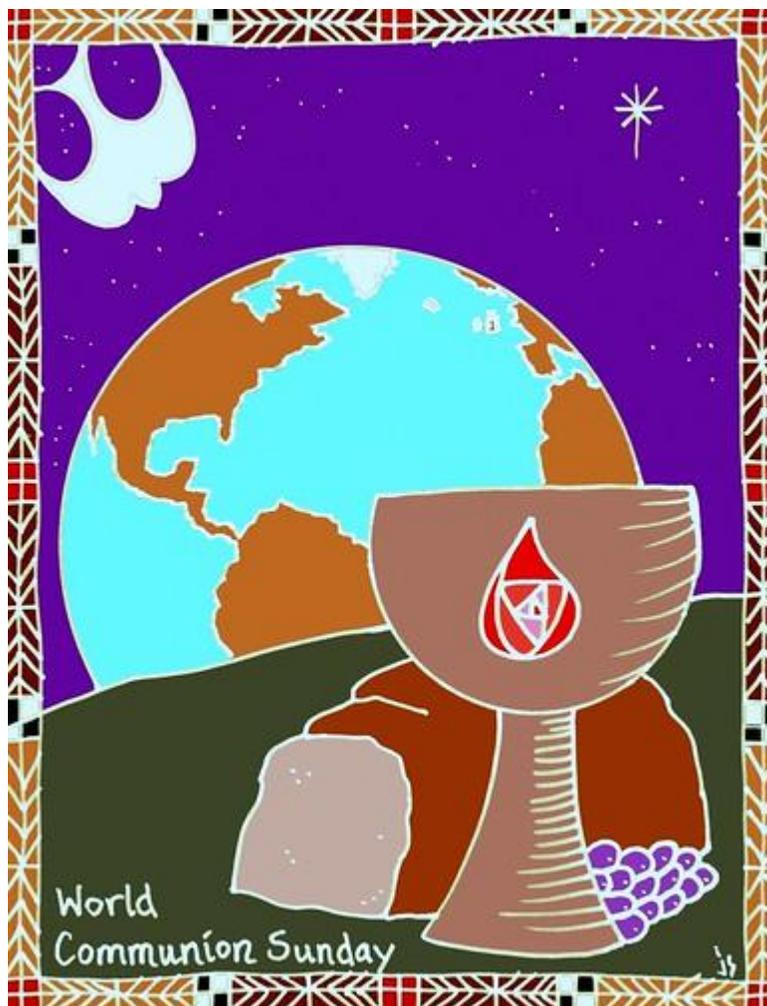




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October 5, 2025 Worship Guide

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Welcome Reverend Carol Barrett

Prelude Theme from *Concerto en Sol*—Ravel (France) Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship

James Rogers, Liturgist

Liturgist: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: With diversity, we gather with Christians from ever land.

Liturgist: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: With unity, we celebrate Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Liturgist: O Lord, our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: With hope, we proclaim Your name to the world, we proclaim Your name to the whole human family.

The Readers: Fadi-Arabic; Jan Berend-Dutch; Abigail-French; James-German; Jackson-Italian; Anna-Russian; Souheil-Spanish

***Opening Hymn**

Here, in This Place

See last page of Worship Guide

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

Emboldened by God's love, assured of God's grace, let us freely share our honest confession before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Lord God, You have called us to embrace all You have created. You have sent us into the world to promote Your peace.

We confess resisting Your call by judging those who do not look, think or believe as we do. Shine Your light beneath our attempts to deceive. Uncover our hidden hatreds and fears, and replace them with open hearts of grace. Hear now our silent confessions....

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Carol Barrett

***Gloria Patri**

#579



Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Liturgist: Let us share Christ's peace with one another

Music for Meditation

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather—T. Yamaguchi (Japan) UPC Quartet

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit, that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.



The Old Testament Lesson *Micah 4: 1-5* – Liturgist Rogers

The New Testament Lesson *John 17: 15-23* – Rev. Barrett

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

***Sermon Hymn:** *When We are Living/Pues Si Vivimos* #400 (Spanish melody)

Affirmation of Faith— From the Belhar Confession

Led by Reverend Barrett

We believe,

“... that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously, a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain...”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

“Blessed are You, Lord God.....and so, with the company of all believers and those around the throne of God we sing....

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity! (#138)

Pastor: We give you thanks for the Word made flesh in Jesus of Nazareth...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Elements

The congregation is invited to come forward.

One Bread, One Body UPC Quartet

Prayer after Communion

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer – music by A.H. Malotte The UPC Quartet

Call for the Offering

Peace & Global Witness PC(USA) Special Offering will also be received

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love* #400 (Ghanian folk melody)

Charge and Benediction

Reverend Carol Barrett and Readers

The Readers

Postlude *In Christ, There is no East or West*

Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Kevin Jones Roby Lorimer Virginia McCartney Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie & Felipe Colby

Nyaka Global in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

All the food pantries of Monroe County as they struggle with increased demand

The people of Georgia, Nigeria, Middle East and Ukraine

World Communion Sunday (Peace and Global Witness)

God of welcome and inclusion, may we go forth with great joy, spreading the Good News that all of God's children have a place at the table. Amen.

Prayer by Rev. Anne Russ for World Communion Sunday October 2, 2022

From 2022 A Season of Peace, Path of Peace daily reflections (PCUSA.org)



Please join us . . .

. . . for a special World Communion lunch and fellowship immediately after the service on the lower level of the church. Hosted by the Worship Team and Deacons, all are welcome. Foods from around the world from the hearts and hands of the UPC congregation.



World Communion Sunday . . .

. . . is a special day to gather as one body in the name of Jesus Christ all around the world, sharing in God's love together.

WE ARE PEACEMAKERS

In Romans 14:19, Paul calls us to know our neighbors, both around the corner and around the world, not as "them" but as "us," friends and siblings in Christ. Pursuing peace is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Today this PC(USA) Special Offering will be received at the UPC World Communion service.

Today's Offering . . .

We are the Church, together, and we aren't waiting. Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are able, as a single congregation, to actively participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Our gifts will combine with churches across the PC(USA) to pursue paths to peace here and around the globe. 25% is kept by the UPC congregation, 25% goes to the mid council, and 50% is used by the PC(USA) to work for peace and justice around the world.

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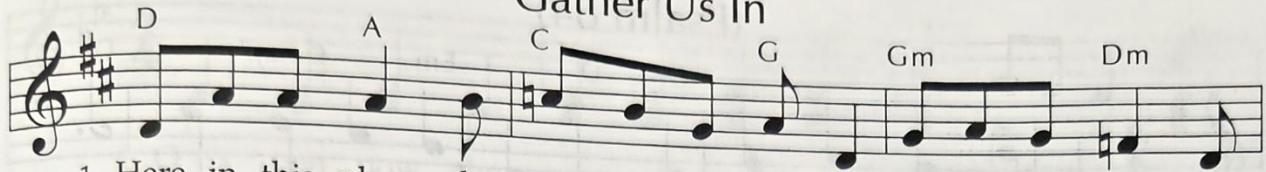
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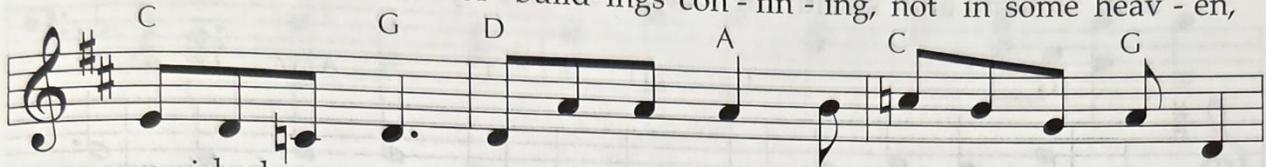


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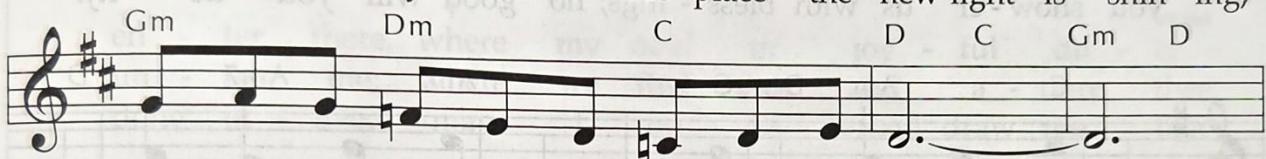
Gather Us In



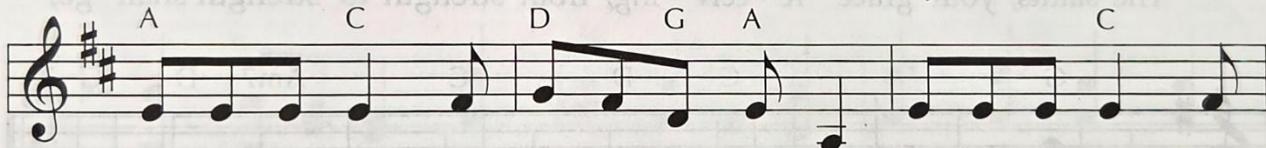
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



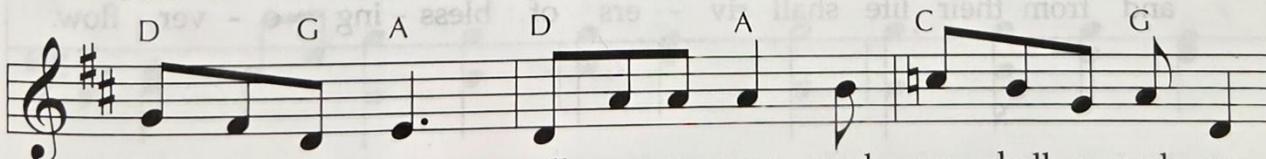
van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



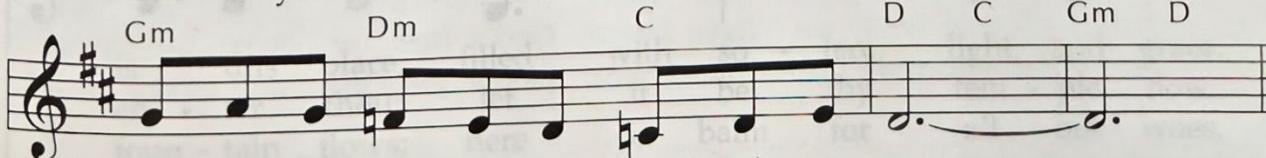
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



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.