

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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WE GATHER IN GRACE

A “+” indicates all are invited to stand.

PRELUDE: ALABARE

Manuel Jose Alonso

WORDS OF WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Light, space, zest — that’s God!
So, with God by my side I’m fearless, afraid of no one
and nothing.

**All: God holds me head and shoulders above all who try to
pull me down. I have come to offer anthems that will
raise the roof! Already I’m singing God-songs;
I’m making music to God. Listen, God, I’m calling at
the top of my lungs: “Be good to me! Answer me!”
When my heart whispered, “Seek God,” my whole
being replied, “I’m seeking!” (Based on Psalm 27)**

+HYMN #726: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME, vv. 1, 2 & 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Maker of all things, when the labor of creation was
complete, you looked with wonder on the new life that was
part of you but separate now. You counted the tiny atoms
and starlets, marveling at how perfect they were. You
smiled down at the creatures most like yourself and took
delight in all that you had made.

**All: You knew the dangers we your little ones would face,
and the dubious choices we would make. You knew the
pain we would feel and, the pain we would receive. You
knew that you would feel it too, and weep over the
consequences of our faults and failures.**

Yet you do not regret having made us, but love us all the more. Seeing past the scars to the beauty underneath, seeing not the sin but the immense, God-given potential for good. Forgive and renew us again and again.

ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

PASSING OF PEACE WITH THOSE IN PERSON AND ONLINE

+HYMN #188 V1: JESUS LOVES ME!

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

HYMN #188 V2: JESUS LOVES ME!

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:1-4 & Matthew 4:12-23

ANTHEM: CITY OF GOD Daniel Schutte

MESSAGE *Personal not Tribal* Rev. John Dillon

DEDICATION OF LIVING WATERS OF THE WORLD TEAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING: SEA JOURNEY

Chick Corea

+DOXOLOGY: HYMN# 607: 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. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+SENDING

+HYMN #765: MAY THE GOD OF HOPE GO WITH US

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom

MUSIC LEADERS: CHOIR
DIRECTED BY: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS
ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT: WILL EMMANUEL

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726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / *Canto de esperanza*



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a tí, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.