



# Central Presbyterian Church

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Out of Many,

ONE

God's Motley Crew  
*An Unlikely Feast*

# Gathering Around the Word

## Preservice Music

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Vicki Fey, organ  
Timothy Albrecht

*Be Thou My Vision*

Christian Imboden, guitar  
arr. Christian Imboden

## Welcome and Announcements

Jasiel H. Garcia

## Opening Sentences

**God is saying to us, “come follow me.”  
We come to worship the God who invites believers and doubters.  
We come to pray to the God who restores us and makes us whole.  
We come to sing to the God who fills us with joy and peace.  
We come as one to praise the Living God.**

## Hymn 506

*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!*

COPELAND

Lucy Baum, Kitsy Battle, Xieyi (Abby) Zhang, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

**Look who gathers at Christ's table!  
Hear the stories that they bring.  
Some are weeping; some are laughing;  
some have songs they want to sing.  
Others ask why they're invited,  
burdened by the wrong they've done.  
Christ insists they all are welcome.  
There is room for everyone.**

**Clouds of light surround the table;  
ancient followers appear,  
saints confessing how they wrestled  
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.  
Peter tells of his denying  
Christ was ever in his sight;  
Paul relates his fruitless efforts  
to obliterate the light.**

**Their sad stories are repeated  
in a thousand different ways,  
but they share one thing in common:  
they all end in thanks and praise  
for the host who has invited  
north and south and east and west  
to converge around this table,  
where all life is fed and blest.**

**Bring your joy and bring your sadness,  
and prepare to be surprised  
by the host whose hands are wounded,  
who will open wide your eyes  
when he blesses bread and breaks it—  
truth and manna from above!—  
and then passes wine that wakens  
in your heart the taste of love.**

## Prayer of Adoration

Mary Kate McAlister

## Invitation to Confession

Mary Kate McAlister

## Silence for Personal Prayer and Reflection

### Prayer of Confession

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

**Merciful God,**

**You have called us to engage in the healing of this world, and yet more often than not our actions and words create hurt and harm. Too often we choose impulsivity over patience, passivity over action, silence over speaking, individualism over community.**

**Come, bring your burdens to God;**

**Wildfires rage not only across the land, but within hearts across our nation and world, leaving behind ash that clouds our vision and keeps us from seeing one another as your beloved children.**

**Come, bring your burdens to God;**

**Forgive us, we pray, and instill within us a spirit of reparation so that we might be a nurturing people. Where land and hearts are barren, sow seeds of tenderness, generosity, love, justice and courage.**

**Come, bring your burdens to God,**

**This we pray in the strong and sure name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Come, bring your burdens to God,**

**for Jesus will never say no.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing of The Peace**

**Hymn 186, Stanza 1**

*Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table*

COME NOW, YOU BLESSED

Jennifer Sengin, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

**“Come now, you blessed, eat at my table,”**

**said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.**

**“When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless,**

**sick and in prison, you showed me your love.”**

## Proclaiming the Word

**A Time With Children**

Christian Antwi

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 2: 13-17

Jasiel H. Garcia

**Sermon**

Out of Many, One: God's Motley Crew: An Unlikely Feast

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# Responding to and Sealing the Word

## Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Alice Parker

Chancel Choir; Vicki Fey, keyboard

## Prayers of The People

Jessica Patchett

## The Lord's Prayer

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, We pray that your good will be done, Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, Give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, From each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence Beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen**

PARKER J. PALMER

## Bearing and Following the Word Into The World

### Hymn 415, Stanzas 1, 3, 4

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

Janet Abercrombie, Tricia Berrett, Jim Beaty, Jr., vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, love, and power.**

#### Refrain:

**I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all. [Refrain]**

**Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth  
is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]**

## Blessing and Benediction

Jasiel H. Garcia

## Sending Music

*Postlude on RESTORATION*

arr. Edwin T. Childs

Vicki Fey, organ

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## 506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

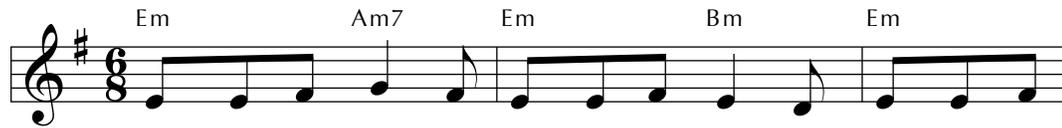
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 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es

This text celebrates the radical hospitality that characterizes Christ's welcome, which transcends time and reaches in all directions (Matthew 8:11/Luke 13:29). Saints of old are, like us, people in need of forgiveness, and the response to such pardon is "thanks and praise."

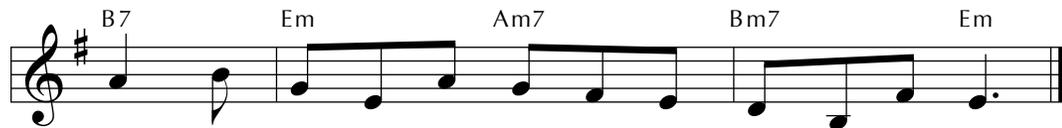
# 186 Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table



1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble," said Je - sus  
 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y? When were you  
 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren, when you gave  
 4 Christ, when we see you out on life's road - ways, look - ing to



Christ to the righ-teous a-bove. "When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and  
 home-less, a strang-er a-lone? When did we see you sick or in  
 shel - ter to war's ref - u-gees, when you re - mem-bered those most for -  
 us in the fac - es of need, then may we know you, wel-come, and



home - less, sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."  
 pris - on? What have we done that you call us your own?  
 got - ten, you cared for me in the small - est of these."  
 show you love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

This text reproduces Matthew 25:34–39 so faithfully that it can appropriately be regarded as a paraphrase of that passage; but like all effective paraphrases, it adds just enough detail to give the familiar language a sense of freshness and immediacy that helps us hear it anew.

CONFESSION

# 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*All or Leader*

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,  
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*Refrain*  
*All*

full of pit - y, love, and power.  
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
 you will nev - er come at all.  
 is to feel your need of him.

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arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.