



October 6, 2024  
20th Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
10:00 a.m.

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Gathering those who fear they are not enough,  
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

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*The Best Supper*, by Jan Richardson

## ***We Gather to Praise God***

### **PRELUDE**

*Neno lake Mungu (Listen, God is Calling)*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ (b. 1960)

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## INTROIT

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

## WELCOME

Carolyn Bruce

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

**ALL: to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

ONE: This God of peace calls us to gather and worship.

**ALL: We are here to respond to God's call. Let us sing God's name! Amen!**

## \* GATHERING HYMN 388 Zimbabwe

*Uyai Mose (Come All You People)*

*Sing Shona lyrics first time, English lyrics second time*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: In the knowledge of God's mercy, and confident of God's grace, let us confess our sins.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (modified from a prayer from Maren Tirabassi and Joan Jordan Grant's *An Improbable Gift of Blessing: Prayers and Affirmations to Nurture the Spirit*)

**ALL: We confess that we poison ourselves with anger, bitterness, regret.  
We confess that we cripple ourselves with excuses, complaining,  
procrastination.**

**We repent.**

**We are ready to look at the most painful parts of our life and lives.**

**We are ready to answer the hardest question—the question of whether we are willing to change.**

**Show us. Ask us. Forgive us.**

*Personal prayer in silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Armenian, Shant Agoushian*

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: "God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ," through whom our sins were forgiven. May God help us to continue to "preach peace to those who are near and far." (Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17)

**ALL: Alleluia! Amen!**

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

**\* SING GLORY TO GOD 581**

*Glory to God*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

**\* PASSING THE PEACE**

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*Children ages 4 and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 59.*

***We Listen for God's Word***

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Today a New Beginning*

Asa Hull (1828-1917)

Once a-gain a new be - gin - ing, Yes - ter-day I've put be - hind,  
To You, Lord, I come in seek - ing, For Your Words: bring them to mind.  
Oh Lord, grant me Your rich speak - ing, Cause my spir - it filled to be,  
Lord, my heart and thoughts trans - form - ing, That my life I live by Thee.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8

Tom Bruce

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## THE WORD IN MUSIC

*Ave Verum*

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria  
Virgine, Vere passum immolatum in  
Cruce pro homine, Cujus latus  
perforatum unda fluxit (et) sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis  
examine.*

*Hail, true body born of the Virgin  
Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the Cross for man, Whose pierced  
side overflowed with water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste in the test of  
death.*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*Fall in Love*

Yena Hwang

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

\* **SERMON HYMN 137** *Cameroon*

*He Came Down*

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *South Africa*

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;

ALL: **This is true: for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.**

ONE: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

ALL: **This is true: I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

ONE: It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

ALL: **This is true: for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.**

ONE: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

**ALL: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.**

ONE: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

**ALL: This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk dream dreams.**

ONE: It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history;

**ALL: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF GODSPEED FOR LEXI HESS**

Carolyn Bruce

### **JOURNEYING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY STORY**

Zachia Murray

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor Megan at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

*Please keep in your prayers ...*

Theresa Brown, in treatment for breast cancer

Vincent DiPerno, nephew of Paige Whitlock, dealing with mental health issues

Allan Capon, Young Hobbie, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh, with continuing health concerns

### **OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Carolyn Bruce

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Kathy Chavez

*Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.*

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal ([fpc.breezechms.com/give/online](http://fpc.breezechms.com/give/online)), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.*



## OFFERTORY

*From an Upper Room*

Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959)

*On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and wine.  
Gathered with the twelve, He prayed, giving to all a sacred sign.*

*Take and eat this bread. This is My body.*

*Come and drink this wine. It is My blood, shed for you.*

*In a shadowed upper room, in that humble sacred space  
Jesus opened up His heart, pouring out God's gift of grace.*

*Take and eat this bread. This is My body.*

*Come and drink this wine. It is My blood, shed for you.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood.*

*Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood.*

*He will give to all the faithful, His own blood for heavenly food.*

*Take and eat this bread. This is My body.*

*Come and drink this wine. This is My blood.*

*This is My love. This is My life given for you.*

## \* DOXOLOGY 607

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDRETH  
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## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Yena Hwang

### Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Thanksgiving

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: It is truly right...

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of  
pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blessed is the  
One, blessed is the One, blessed is the One who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho -  
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: David E. Poole, 2007  
Music © 2007 David E. Poole

SANCTUS (Poole)

## 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.

## Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*Come forward by the center aisle, take bread, dip it into the cup and eat, then return to your pew by a side aisle. Bread is gluten-free, cup is non-alcoholic, and yeast-free wafers are available. A tray with bread and cups will be brought to those who wish to remain seated.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 508** *Korea*

식탁에 와서 *Come to the Table*

**Prayer after Communion**

Yena Hwang

## ***We Are Sent into the World***

**\* SENDING HYMN 761**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

**\* CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

## **POSTLUDE**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Clarence Kohlmann (1891-1944)

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## ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Worship Leaders

Carolyn Bruce, Tom Bruce

Ushers

Drew Luten, Will Packard

Communion Preparers

Susan Beeman, Linda Garvelink

Communion Servers

Catriona MacDonald, Julie Stufft

Audio/Video

Lexi Hess

Sexton

Carolyn Bruce

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Beeman by Susan Beeman.

## ***A Warm Welcome***

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at [www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon).

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to the pastor as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.



## ***Children in Worship***

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each sanctuary entrance. **The Kids' Corner** in the front right of the Sanctuary is a space where children and their grownups can play, read, color, and participate in worship. **Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this service. **Children 4 years old and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

## ***Fellowship Hour***

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to greet your neighbors and say farewell to Lexi Hess. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team. **Card Ministry Sunday.** Stop by the Card Ministry table during Fellowship Hour today and write a quick note to someone who's celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month or needs a word of encouragement or prayer. Cards and stamps provided.

## ***Announcements***

**Congregational Meeting today, Oct. 6, following worship.** Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of calling Yena Hwang as FCPC's next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff and for approving her terms of call.

**Hunger Offering returns, first Sundays.** FCPC is reinstating the monthly Hunger Offering in support of our many programs, particularly Welcome Table, which provides more than 600 meals per month to our local community. Donations can be made as part of your online giving or dropped in the collection plate. Look for the orange envelopes marked "Hunger Offering" at the sanctuary entrances. As you come to be fed through the sacrament of communion, please remember those who are hungry and give to this vital mission.

**Peace & Global Witness Special Offering received through Oct. 13.** A gift to this Special Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. 25% of this offering goes to individual congregations for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion; 25% goes to mid-councils for ministries of peace and reconciliation; and 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Special Offering envelopes are in the pews. The offering will be received through Sunday, Oct. 13.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for victims of Hurricane Helene.**

As we watch the devastation and suffering from Hurricane Helene, we are thankful for response capabilities at all levels—from search and rescue, immediate shelter, food, and care, and longer-term plans for housing and rebuilding. Thanks to your generosity, FCPC supports PDA throughout the year when a natural disaster strikes. Mercy Ministry has sent funding to PDA to help volunteers with their onsite efforts. If you would like to help replenish the fund, mark “Disaster Relief Fund” on your check or designate that fund through online giving.

**Last chance for College Age Ministry!** Send us your college student’s address before our Halloween care package goes in the mail! Contact Diane Maloney or Catriona McCormack.

**Congregational Meeting, Oct. 13.** Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on Oct. 13 for the purpose of electing the 2024-2025 Congregational Nominating Committee.

**Journeying Together Faithfully: Commitment Sunday is Oct. 20.** The Generosity Team hopes you will join us Oct. 20 for Commitment Sunday and a Share the Feast potluck. Bring your 2025 Estimate of Giving card to worship that day and a main or side dish to share at the potluck following worship. You may also provide your estimate online in advance. Either way, join us for the feast!

**Save the date! Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, Nov. 9.** Meredith Hall will discuss her latest book, *Beneficence*.

## ***Church Calendar***

### **Sunday, October 6 - World Communion Sunday**

Hunger Offering received

Fall Retreat (grades 6-9), Lake Anna

Matthew 25 Book Study, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Zoom

### **Monday, October 7 – *No scheduled events***

### **Tuesday, October 8**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m., Zoom

Deacons, 7:30 p.m., Parlor and Zoom

Session, 7:30 p.m., Library

### **Wednesday, October 9**

“I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...” Adult Class, 6:30 p.m., Room 301

### **Thursday, October 10**

Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Justice Ministry, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

### **Friday, October 11 – Lydia Circle, 10:30 a.m., Waugh Residence**

### **Saturday, October 12**

Bible Study & Fellowship Group Prayer Breakfast at Knox Presbyterian, 8:00 a.m.

Sally Storr Memorial Service, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### **Sunday, October 13**

Peace & Global Witness Offering received

VOICE Core Team, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Zoom

Yena Hwang Installation Service and Reception, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall,  
pending Oct. 6 congregational vote

Youth Dinner & Devos, 6:00 p.m., Chipotle Falls Church

*Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”*

*Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.*

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor  
Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement  
Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music  
Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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## Come All You People

*Uyai mose*

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i  
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.  
come now and wor-ship the Lord. Lord.

This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zimbabwe, and it is frequently used as a processional song for worship. The choir enters singing, the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

# He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are triplet markings over the words 'that' and 'love;' in both staves.

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

The second system continues the melody and bass line. It features triplet markings over the words 'that' and 'love;' in both staves.

Leader: Why did he come?  
have love; hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

The third system includes a 'Leader' part with the lyrics 'Why did he come?' followed by the main melody. The main melody has triplet markings over 'hal-le - lu - jah' and 'for - ev - er - more.' in both staves.

### *Additional stanzas:*

- ... that we may have light
- ... that we may have peace
- ... that we may have joy

Because this traditional Cameroon piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God's people.

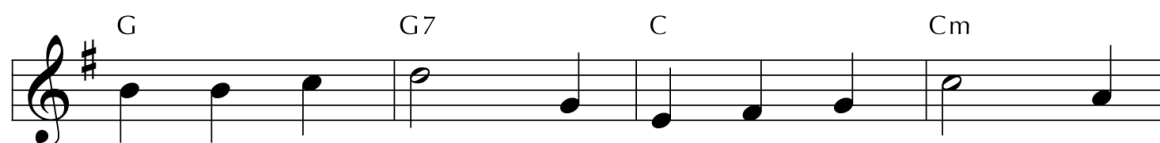
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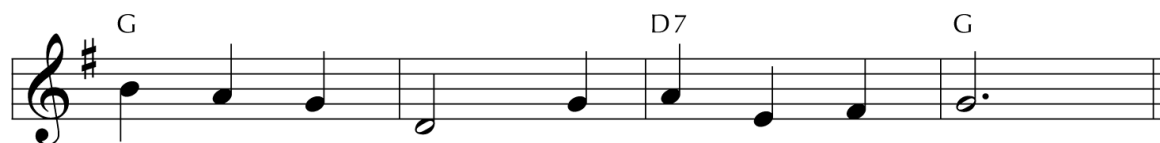
\*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.  
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.  
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:  
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.  
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.  
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,  
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.



Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.  
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.  
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

## KOREAN

- 1 식탁에 와서 찬양드리세,  
 사랑의 선물 나누시네  
 주님의 몸과 주님의 피를  
 우리를 위해 주시었네
- 2 너희를 위한 나의 몸이니  
 받아서 먹고 기념하라  
 이 잔은 나의 새 언약이니  
 죄사함 위해 흘린 피라
- 3 주님의 성령 임-하시네,  
 거룩한 주의 살-과 피  
 나를 새롭게 바꿔주시네  
 새생명 주심 감사하세

\*Stanza 1 may be sung by a leader.

This Korean text accomplishes a rare feat in a Lord's Supper hymn by dealing with the full range of Christ's life from the Nativity to the Resurrection. The first and third stanzas are in the voice of the congregation, while the middle stanza recalls Christ's words of institution.

# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



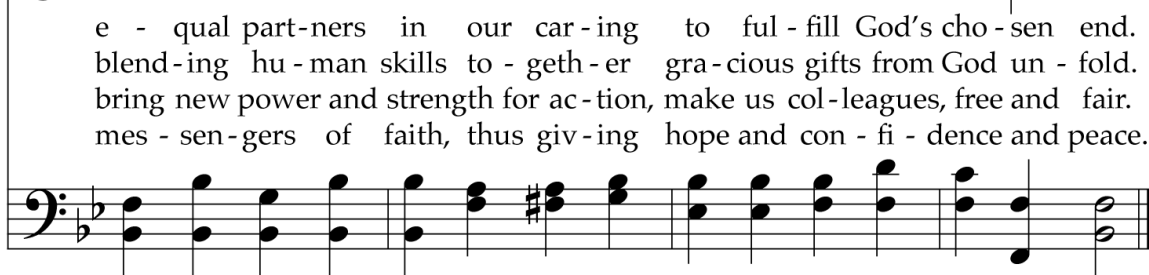
we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.  
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.