

The Gilford Community Church

The Reverend Michael C. Graham, Pastor

Scott Hodsdon, Director of Youth and Family Programs

Carolyn Ames, Music Director/Organist

AJ Coppola, Choir Director

Gathering Time

As we arrive for worship, let us greet and make new friends, and be alert for guests as we celebrate the fellowship of our faith community.

Time for Prayer and Meditation

The ringing of the church bell and lighting of the candles calls us to sit down and allow ourselves to forget the hurry and worry of the world. Center your heart, mind, and soul on God's love for you and all creation.

Ring the Bell and Bring the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Prelude in F# Major

Alexander Stewart

By Chopin

Prayer of Invocation followed by the Lord's Prayer (debts)

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.

Hymn "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" #329
Verses 1 and 2

Scripture Reading John 6: 24 - 35 Bella Bryant

Anthem "What A Wonderful World"
Alexander Stewart & Deborah Kennedy Coster
By Bob Thiele & George David Weiss

Morning Prayer

Anthem "Living Prayer" Alexander Stewart &
By Ron Block Deborah Kennedy Coster

Sermon "How Hard Can It Be?"

Communion *Everyone is welcome to join us for Communion*
(The bread placed in the communion cups is gluten free.)

Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" #332
Verses 1 and 2

Benediction

Congregational Amen

Visiting Pastor: Marilyn Ayer

Marilyn is a retired United Methodist pastor. She entered the ministry in her 50s after having taught school and worked in the banking industry. Marilyn served churches in Ashland, Plymouth, Thornton and Weirs Beach, before being appointed to the Federated Church of Marlborough, NH. She retired to Gilford in 2013 and now attends Hope Ministries, the First United Methodist Church of Gilford.

Guest Communion Celebrant: Rev. Linda Peabody

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

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Attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150
 Transl. Ray Palmer, 1858; alt.

John 6:52-58; Heb. 13:8

1 Je - sus, the joy of lov - ing hearts, fount of our lives, and
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with all to
 3 We taste of you, the liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -
 4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our chang - ing
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our mo - ments

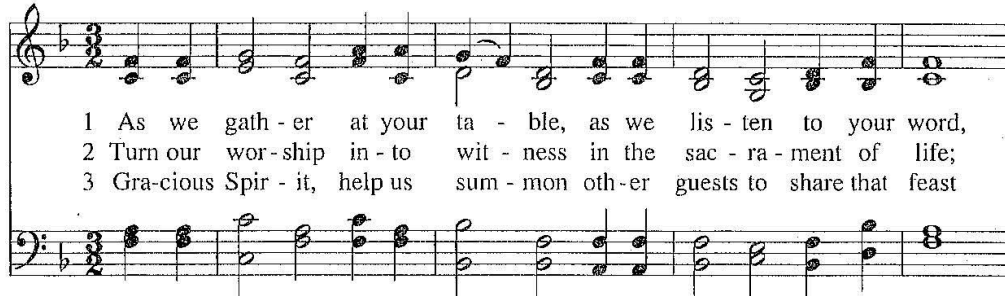
light of all: From ev - ery bliss that earth im - parts
 call on you; To those still seek - ing, you are good;
 on you still; We drink of you, the foun - tain - head;
 lot is cast; Glad, when your smile on us you turn,
 calm and bright! Oh, chase the cloud of sin a - way!

we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 to those who find you, life is new.
 our thirst - y souls from you we fill.
 blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.
 Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

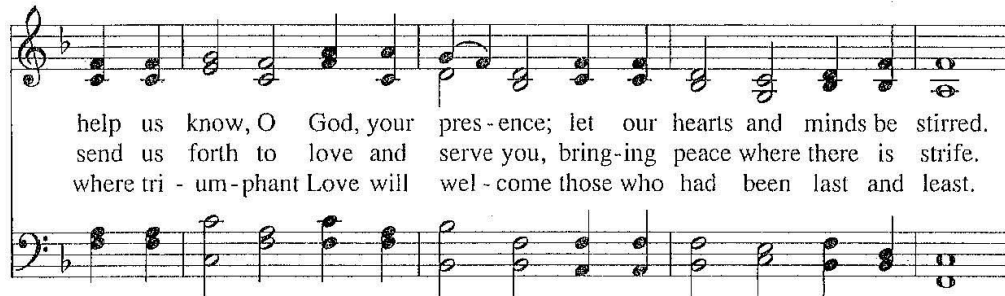
Bernard, founder of the monastery at Clairvaux, was respected by popes and royalty alike. From the forty-two-verse Latin poem, American Congregational minister Ray Palmer freely translated selected verses to create this version.

Tune: HESPERUS L.M.
 (QUEBEC)
 Henry W. Baker, 1854

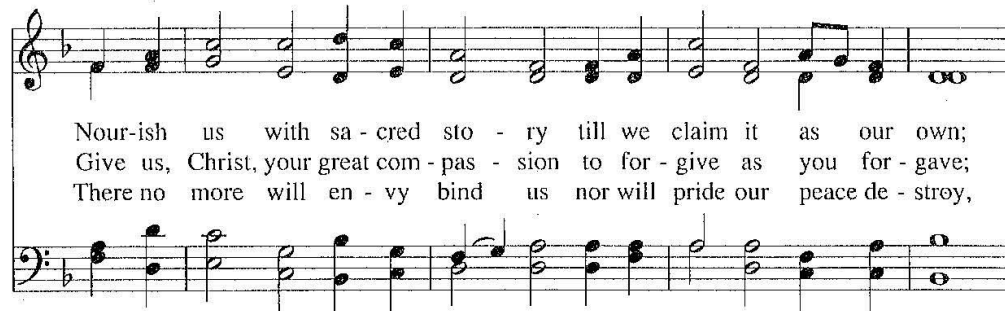
As We Gather at Your Table

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989


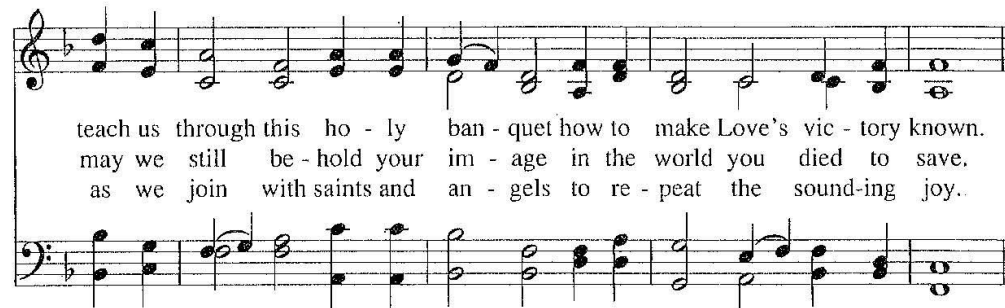
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.