

ANNOUNCEMENTS www.allgather.org/calendar

This coming Friday, 5/22, it is The Gathering Church's turn to prepare and serve lunch at the **Interfaith Council Kitchen**. Hours are 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Come for all or part of that time. Contact Sheana Funkhouser: sheana@nc.rr.com, 919.593.0695.

Child Dedication. On Sunday, June 7, the worship service will include a time for child dedication. Any parents who would like to participate, please contact Mark Acuff: mark@allgather.org.

Join the Gathering Church for a **Summertime Celebration** on Sunday, June 7. After the service we will enjoy a special lunch of sub sandwiches and Maple View Farms ice cream. Fun games and activities for all!

Women's Retreat. Women's Walk with Christ, an affiliate of Marked Men for Christ, will be having its first NC weekend next September 11-13. They limit it to 45 people so it fills up quickly. For more info and to register, visit www.womenswalkwithchrist.org. Be part of the first pilot group to go!

INFORMATION & CONNECTING

To find out more about the Gathering Church, or to connect, please fill out a card on the back table and place it in the black box.

GIVING www.allgather.org/giving

Giving is a vital part of our worship of God. If you would like to give this morning, you may do so by putting your offering in the black box on the back table. Thank you for your participation in the life and mission of this church.

Other ways to give:

- (1) By automating a draft through your bank.
- (2) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.
- (3) Online through Paypal.

CHURCH STAFF

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May 17, 2015
Psalm 100 | Romans 11:33 – 12:21



Golden Sea, Makoto Fujimura

By the honest recognition and confession of our human sameness, we can participate in the care of God who came, not to the powerful but powerless, not to be different but the same, not to take our pain away but to share it. Through this participation we can open our hearts to each other and form a new community.

-Henri Nouwen

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE GATHERING CHURCH

Whether you come today as a skeptic, seeker, or believer, our hope is that you will sense the welcome of God, the love of others, and the opportunity to join Jesus Christ in sharing the grace of God with all people.

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

TOWNEND/GETTY

Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For his perfect love will never change
And his mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice
O Church of Christ, rejoice

Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of his grace
Over all the world, his people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age
"Our God is all in all"

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WELCOME

JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS

MARK/ATKINSON

Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have and ever hope to be
Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have and ever hope to be

For it's only in your will that I am free
For it's only in your will that I am free
Jesus, all for Jesus
All I am and have and ever hope to be

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans
I surrender these into your hands
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DOXOLOGY

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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NOTES

PSALM 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
 Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.
 Know that the LORD is God.
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and praise his name.
 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
 his faithfulness continues through all generations.

OUR GOD SAVES

BROWN/BALOCHE

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son
 In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come
 We're gathered together to lift up your name
 To call on our Savior to fall on your grace

Our God saves, our God saves
 There is hope in your name
 Our God saves, our God saves
 There is hope in your name

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
 As your saints bow down, as your people sing
 We will rise with you, lifted on your wings
 And the world will see that

Mourning turns to songs of praise
 Our God saves, our God saves

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COMMUNION

Each Sunday, we remember that we only find life in Jesus, through the love he demonstrated by his death on the cross. So, bringing nothing, we come and receive his grace in the Bread and the Cup that he offers to those who follow him.

PRAYER

If you would like to have someone pray for you or for any other need, you will find Prayer Team members at the back of the gym who will gladly pray with you.

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

HOFFMAN/SHOWALTER

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
 Leaning on the everlasting arms
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

○ how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
 Leaning on the everlasting arms
 ○ how bright the path
 Grows from day to day
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning
 Safe and secure from all alarms
 Leaning, leaning
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread, what have I to fear
 Leaning on the everlasting arms
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

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COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

ROBINSON

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

○ to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

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PERFECT LOVE, COME NEAR ME

EADER

○ perfect love come near to me
From hatred help me part
So I may bless my enemy
With glimpses of thy heart
For I am wise and wicked
But foolish I must become
Your Kingdom calls the little child
Oh Lord please, make me one
Oh Lord please, make me one

○ love that knows all human hearts
But calls them each his own
Hold me to thy bosom tight
That I may never roam
For thou has not forsaken thee
But it is I who flees
Send your blinding holy light
To still me to my knees
To still me to my knees

Oh love revealed through human ties
Confirmed within my soul
For thou has stirred the tremblin' thought
That man is not alone
So I will seek your presence
Though great mysteries confound
By day and night you will arrive
In the soul's unsettling sound
In the soul's unsettling sound

○ love that breaks all sinful bonds
Please conquer more of me
These walls of pride are building on
And keep me far from thee
Ride swiftly white a stallion
And raise your sword on high
And cut these chords of carnal lies
That I may with thee rise
That I may with thee rise

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DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN/YOUTH AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Children and Youth are dismissed to participate in their various classes. As they leave, meet and welcome those around you, especially those you might not know. Feel free to fill in the front and center areas.

ROMANS 11:33 – 12:21