#### **GATHFRING**

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#### PRELUDE—Ensemble

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS CONSPIRACY

The root of "conspire" is "breathe together."

God's Spirit—God's breath—hovered over the waters, and creation began. All life began in water and Spirit. All life depends on water and Spirit for life. They are fuel for the furnace of life within us.

Christ offers living waters of abundant life, flowing from his pierced side. Christ gives living Spirit which is his own breath, the breath of God exhaled on the cross.

And yet, we turn away.

We confess we act like we do not need water or Spirit. Like water and Spirit is not enough.

We repent. Now we reimmerse ourselves in you, O God. In water, in Spirit.

Depths of Love, as we breathe into the place within us where breath meets blood, where Spirit meets body, reunite our small life with your all-embracing Life.

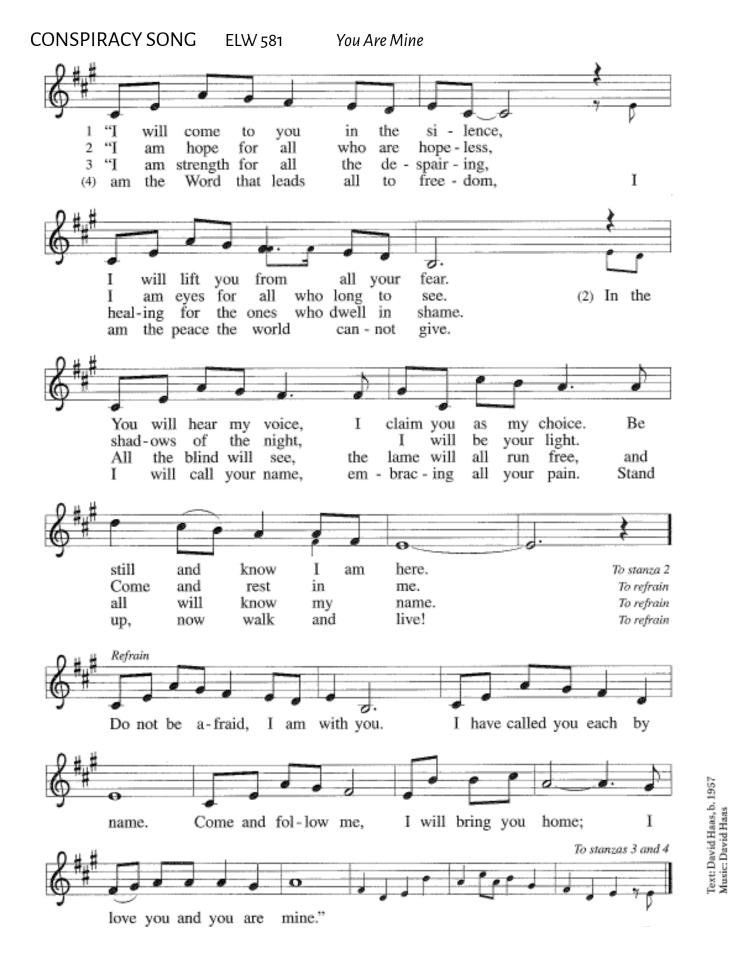
Time breathing together with God.

Let go of all that separates you. Starting with who you think you are, And continuing with all you think you've done wrong, And all you think you've done right.

God let it all go to hold onto you. You are forgiven. You are reunited.

Keep breathing together. Stay immersed together. In the union of breath and blood, body and Spirit, our body and the body of Christ.

Listen for a word from here. Now live your life from here. **Amen.** 



#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **TEXAS KYRIE**



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# WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH BLESSING READER

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

9Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

# SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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#### **GOSPEL VERSE**



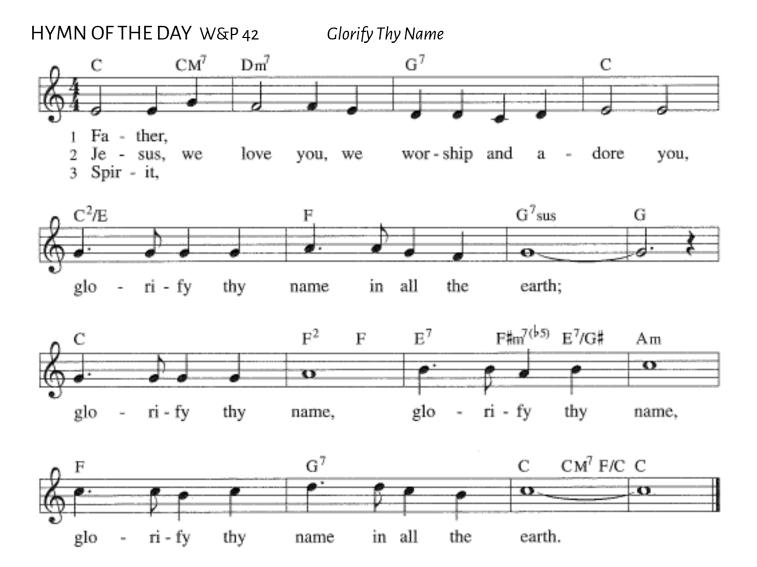
GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Pastor Clark Olson-Smith



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

# **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **MEAL**

# OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY W&P 35 Create in Me a Clean Heart

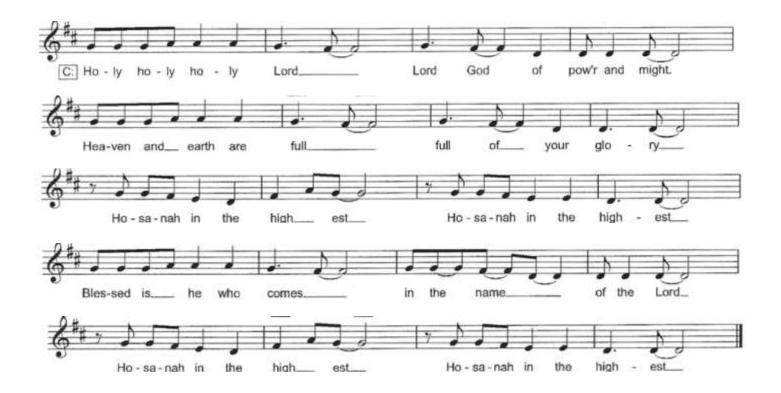


## **COMMUNION CONSPIRACY**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



- ...with every breath. We praise you, O God.
- ...into the future. We bless you, O God.
- ...with us now. We thank you, O God.
- ...we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

# LORD'S PRAYER—prayed slowly with children

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### LAMB OF GOD



# Children of the Heavenly Father Adult Handbells

Cathy Moklebust

**COMMUNION SONG** 

I Surrender All Ensemble Judson W. VanDeVenter & Winfield S. Weeden

COMMUNION SONG ELW 752 Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



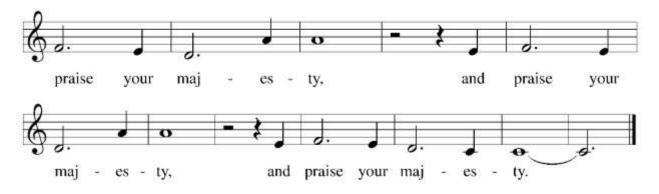
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Text: Derek Bond

Music: AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS, Derek Bond

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# **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**



# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live from the place where Spirit meets body. Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE—Ensemble

Text: African American spiritual Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual