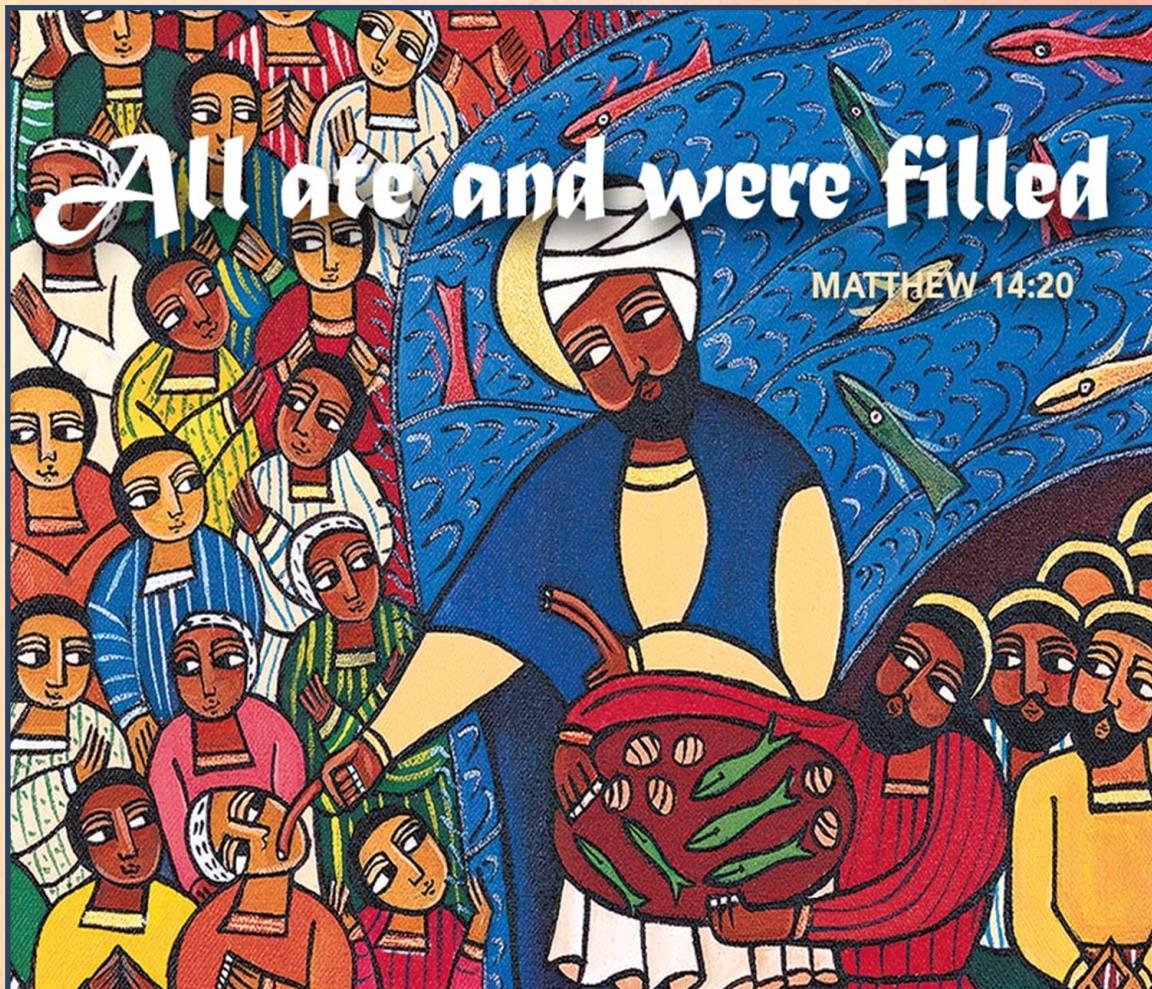




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*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Our Common Prayer at Home*  
August 2, 2020

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Prelude

## Welcome

Jesus is able to feed us abundantly, even with scraps, even when we think we have nothing to share.

The primary biblical symbol of the mercy of God is food. In the Exodus story, God sustains the people with manna and water from the rock. In the Psalms, God is praised in this way: "You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." And when the people were in trouble, the prophet Isaiah gave the promise of water, wine, milk, and bread, without price: hunger and thirst, both really and metaphorically, have an answer in God. These stories are part of the stunning inheritance of the Jews, the covenants of mercy, of which Paul speaks. But because of the compassion of Jesus Christ we people of the nations, we people who are right now deeply hungry for hope, are ourselves grafted into the promise of these stories. They are also for us. Turn to God with your hunger for hope. And then, empowered by our bread-giving Lord, we are turned to the needy world around us: "you give them something to eat."

## Remembering Baptism ~ Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross ✠, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

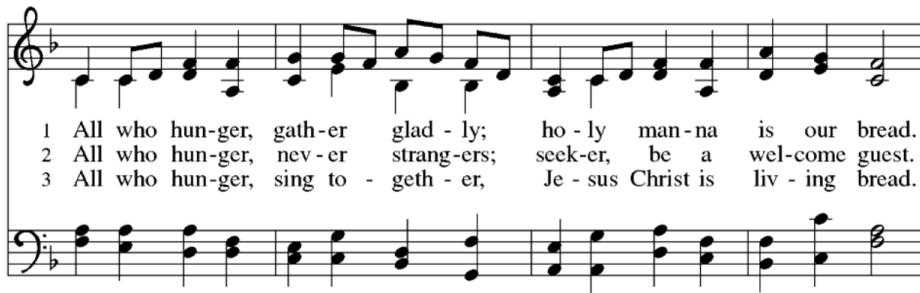
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

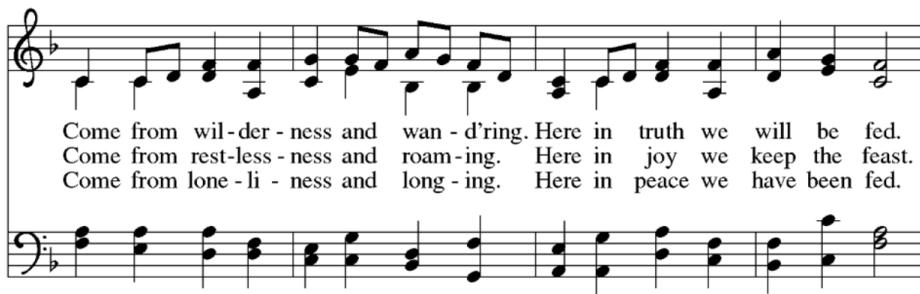
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us  
alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus  
Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through  
the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

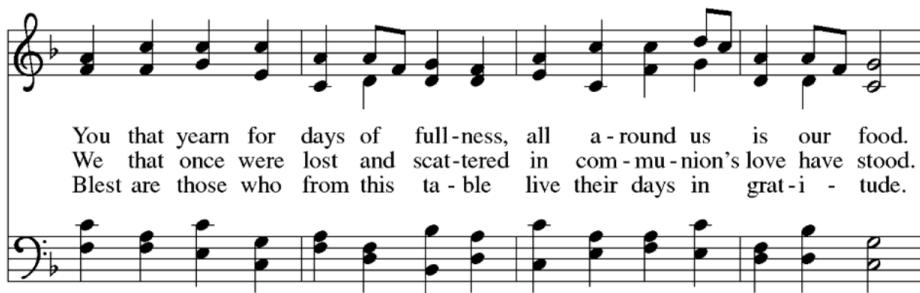
**Amen.**



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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## Greeting

*The presiding minister and congregation welcome each other with a greeting shared by Jesus' early apostles and then join their hearts in prayer.*

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.**

## Prayer of the Day

*Even though we are distant from one another, the Spirit unites us as we pray this ancient prayer that introduces the biblical readings for today.*

Let us pray.

*After a brief silence for personal prayer, the presiding minister continues:*

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



# WORD

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

## First Reading

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

*We respond to the food metaphor in Isaiah 55 with Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, another poem that uses food as a metaphor for all of God's blessings. Verses 15-16 have become a common thanksgiving at Christian mealtimes. In the gospel we join with the hungry crowd on the mountain, and here we sing our confidence that God will meet our needs.*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

<sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.**

<sup>20</sup>You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

## Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

See [www.reformationdc.org/worship](http://www.reformationdc.org/worship) for today's Children's Message.



## Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Michael Wilker

As you are able, proclaim the word of God in song.

## Hymn

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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## Creed

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith in God by saying the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*We unite in prayer, asking God to send the Holy Spirit on the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. After a brief silence, we will begin by praying Psalm 121.

*A brief silence.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun shall not smite you by day nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in...  
...from this time forth and for evermore.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour out upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come to us through our Savior and Lord.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, Creator of the vastness of the Universe, it is our calling to acknowledge the truth that that which becomes large is often composed of many smaller parts. Indeed ALL of Planet Earth's total humanity of 7.5 billion persons can also be counted one by one, individually. We are simultaneously many bodies and we are also together as one body.

One person, one body, Jesus Christ, as Savior and Redeemer, changed life for all of us persons. And, occasionally in that same Spirit of Christ,

one single person might live among us in such a way as to raise the possibility of what a human life truly well lived might mean to all of the rest of us. Such was Congressman John Lewis. We thank God for John Lewis and his life of service and example.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## Exchange of Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with your friends and family while we listen to a musical offering. You may also take this time to text "Peace be with you" to another person -- maybe a friend you miss seeing in person at worship or even a neighbor in another city or state.*

## THANKSGIVING

*We give thanks for the saving Word of Christ and all the gifts of God.*

Mission Announcements can be found at [www.reformationdc.org/worship](http://www.reformationdc.org/worship)

## Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

*Although we are not gathering in the sanctuary, Reformation's ministries continue every day. Staff members are providing individual and communal pastoral care, coordinating lay leaders and volunteers, caring for our facilities, connecting us with one another, and developing resources for worship and spiritual growth. This time has disrupted the usual way we gather offerings and severely restricted the gifts of some households. We invite you to give as you are able.*

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# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Sending Prayer

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Gracious God, the eyes of all look to you to satisfy our needs. When we are fed and well, help us to be content. Where others are in want, create in us a hunger for justice. We ask this in gratitude for the bread of life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

*We conclude the thanksgiving with the prayer Jesus taught us. You can say this or another translation you know by heart.*

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.**

## Blessing

Numbers 6:23-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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Postlude

# Prayer List

## WE GIVE THANKS ...

### For those who celebrate anniversaries this week:

*Mike Thompson and Pete Hillman (8/2); Al and Nancy Swingle (8/6).*

### For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

*Ellie Broach (8/4); Gloria Wolf (8/5); Julie Hasler (8/6); Ethan Lutt, James Lutt (8/7);  
Eimear McEniry-Roschke, Madge Selinsky (8/8).*

## WE PRAY FOR . . .

*The Scofield Family, as they mourn the death of David, Julie's brother.*

*John Amberson, brother of Julie Jones, for health and healing.*

*Chester Hart, for healing from COVID-19 and healthy recovery after triple-bypass surgery.*

*Kim Hart, for health and healing from COVID-19.*

*Family and friends of Kathleen Ahrens, Aunt of Sarah Berndt, who died this summer, and especially for Kathleen's daughters Deb, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and their children.*

*Family and friends of Marilyn Thaemert, Aunt of Sarah Berndt, who died this summer, and especially Marilyn's children Angie, Kent, and Kirk.*

*Family and friends of Kevin Lee Sarring, friend of Parry Carlson and architect extraordinaire, who died from ALS. He helped pro-bono with renovation projects in LCOR.*

*Nancy Dinse, as she settles into her new home in Indiana.*

*Members and friends affected by COVID-19.*

*Mike Cochrane, brother of Karen Carlson, in thanksgiving for a successful brain surgery and continued prayers for increased mobility in outpatient rehab.*

*Len Hawley, friend of Dale Manty, as he receives treatment for leukemia.*

*Erica Hoff, daughter of Betty Walker, as she continues treatment.*

*Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.*

*Wayne Krumwiede, for health and healing.*

*Mel Antonen, as he continues to heal from serious health issues, including COVID-19.*

*David, the father of Phillip and Harriet Vender's daughter-in-law.*

*Robert Pfahl and his family for health and healing.*

### For our congregational and family members in military and foreign service

*Drew Shealy, Diane Kohn, Melinda Manning, Paul Cowden, Jon Jones, Lee Patterson and family members of those in service here and around the world.*

**From our hearts for**

*Phil Abbott, Tim Allmond, Angela Braxton, Emanuele and Emmajean Crupi, Bob Hedrick, Bernice Hoveland, Mary James, Leah Jones, Marvin Jones, Emmanuel Kabasaala, Wayne Krumwiede, Margot Lyddane, Carol Ann Mumaw, Valerie Platz, Ron and Daphne Rhine, Bill Scott, Madge Selinsky, Al Stauderman, Helen Vigness, Carolyn Walker, Thomas Winter, and Gloria Wolf.*

**Please email your prayer requests to Pastor Mike at [wilker@ReformationDC.org](mailto:wilker@ReformationDC.org)**



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