



Making Room for All

National Conference

October 24-26, 2013
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Closing Worship
Saturday, October 26, 2013

The Approach to God

Gathering and Centering

As we enter into worship today, we are invited to become more aware of the presence of God and to turn away from other distractions. Therefore, we kindly request that you turn cell phones off or to vibrate and refrain from using them during the service.

Gathering Meditation

“Be Still”

The musical score for "Be Still" is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Be still and know I am God. Be still, be still, be still and know. Be still, be still, know I am God. Still, be still, be still and know." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of each line.

Text: Psalm 46:10
Music: David Lohman

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Votum

Psalm 124:8

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Many: **who made heaven and earth. Amen**

Welcome

Filling the Baptismal with Water – Remembering our Covenant

* *Call to Worship*

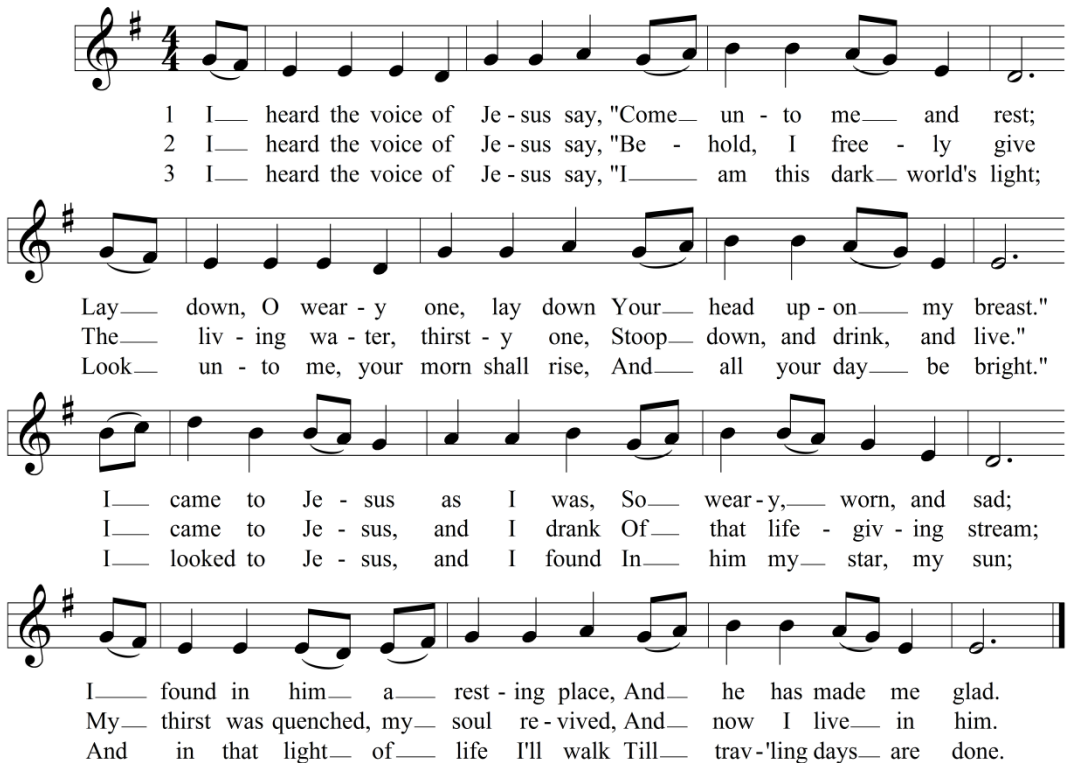
One: All who thirst, come to the water.
Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for healing, forgiveness, and communion.
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.
Drink deeply of these living waters.

Many: **Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

* *Prayer of Invocation & Salutation*

* *Hymn*

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I — heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come — un - to me — and rest;
2 I — heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I — heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I — am this dark — world's light;
Lay — down, O wear - y one, lay down Your — head up - on — my breast."
The — liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one, Stoop — down, and drink, and live."
Look — un - to me, your morn shall rise, And — all your day — be bright."
I — came to Je - sus as I was, So — wear - y, — worn, and sad;
I — came to Je - sus, and I drank Of — that life - giv - ing stream;
I — looked to Je - sus, and I found In — him my — star, my sun;
I — found in him — a — rest - ing place, And — he has made me glad.
My — thirst was quenched, my — soul re - vived, And — now I live — in him.
And in that light — of — life I'll walk Till — trav - 'ling days — are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar
Music: KINGSFOLD, CMS

Prayer of Confession

based on Ephesians 2:14-22; 4:3-6;
Colossians 3:15; 1 John 4:7

One: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.

Many: Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.

One: The peace that Christ gives guides us in the decisions we make, for it is to this peace that God has called us together into one body.

Many: Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.

One: With his own body he broke down the walls of separation. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed our divisions.

Many: Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.

[a time of quiet, personal confession]

Assurance of Pardon & The Law of God

The Word of God in Proclamation and Sacrament

Prayer of Illumination

**Many: Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Room For All”
Rev. Adriene Thorne

**** Hymn of Reflection***

“Praise the Source of All Creation”

Praise the Source of all creation, giving life throughout the Earth,

blessing every love relation, filling all with sacred worth.
 Celebrate all forms and colors, varied beauty everywhere,
 streams of goodness overflowing, wondrous gifts for all to share.

Many genders, many races, all reflect Divinity;
 many gifts and many graces help us be all we can be.
 Partners on this path of freedom, taking down each stifling wall,
 we will open doors of welcome, bringing hope and joy to all.

Long have many been excluded, judged and scorned by custom's norms;
 everyone will be included as we work to bring reforms.
 Let us end abuse and violence, bringing justice everywhere,
 joining Holy Wisdom's mission, helping all be free and fair.

Equal marriage, healing, freeing, nurtures body, mind and soul,
 reaffirming every being, all created good and whole.
 Come, rejoice and sing together, celebrating life and love;
 praise the great Creative Spirit, living in us and above.

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*** *Confession of Faith***

The Apostles' Creed

**Many: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He 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,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again 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.**

*** Peace**

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one body.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offering

“For All the Children” by David Lohman

The offering today goes to continue the vital ministry of Room for All.

*** Doxology**

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west and north and south, and sit together at table in the kingdom of God.

Many: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

One: This table does not belong to this congregation or to the universal church. This is the Lord's Table and by Christ's invitation, you are all welcome here.
Gather us in Lord, gather us in.

Many: Trusting in Christ, we come to share the feast that has been prepared for all God's children.

One: The Lord is with you!

Many: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift our hearts to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

One: It is our delight always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise O God, creator of all things, visible and invisible. We thank you for the beauty of land and sea; for starry sky and infinite space; for all creatures large and small, and we pray for all who make decisions about these sacred resources. We praise you for the unique beauty, dignity and worth of each individual and we pray for peace, respect and understanding among all your children. We thank you for your gift of forgiveness, and for the healing that comes when we acknowledge our wrong doing and accept your gift. We thank you for the breath of Spirit that breathes through us, bringing new life, new vision and new understanding. We

pray O God, for the openness of heart and mind that will allow us to recognize your truth and wisdom. Christ Jesus, you place in our hands a bit of bread and a sip of wine. Through your touch these simple gifts become sacred gifts and we are filled with newness of being – forgiven, healed, and blessed. As you offer us this bread and wine, may we offer our renewed selves to be your hands, at work in the world. Together, we join our voices with those throughout the world:

Our Song of Praise

"You Are Holy"

A

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er - more
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
 - Blessed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your
 church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

B

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness;
 - you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise your name!
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na ev - er - more!

Text: Per Harling (b. 1945)
 Music: Per Harling; DU AR HELIG irregular

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One: Even when the world rejected Jesus, on the very night he was betrayed, he continued to nurture and nourish others. He sat with friends, took bread, blessed bread, and broke bread. Then he gave this bread to his friends, saying, "This is my body, it is given for you."

Many: Lord Jesus Christ, you feed us, forgive us, and heal us.

One: After they had eaten together, Jesus took the cup of wine. He said a prayer of thanksgiving to God and passed the cup to his friends, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for you." Whenever you share this bread and this cup, do it in remembrance of me.

Many: Lord Jesus Christ, you feed us, forgive us, and heal us.

One: Gracious God, as Jesus taught us, we share this meal remembering his words, his life, his gifts, and his love. Infuse this bread and wine with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may consciously receive your holy presence into our very selves and know ourselves healed and renewed by the power of Christ's love. May this meal of bread and wine help to deepen and sustain the faith of your children. May the reality of our common Creator, our unity in Christ's love, and our oneness in Spirit, take root in hearts everywhere, that we may grow to forgive as we have been forgiven; that we may grow together in light and peace. Hear O God, the prayer that we say together with people of all time and place,

**Many: Our Father, who art in heaven...
Amen.**

**Many: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace.**

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Communion

"Christ Is the Host"

Christ is the host, Christ sets the ta - ble, and Christ ———

—— wel-comes all, ——— Christ ——— wel-comes all. ———

Text: The Community of Spirit of the Lakes United Church of Christ
 Music: David Lohman

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“Accept My Gratitude”

REFRAIN

Gra - ti - tude to you for your good - ness For your
kind - ness pier - ces time through

VERSE 1

In my despair I called on you
And you answered me like the sky
You are for me - I cannot fear
You are for me - embrace me
And I can gaze with stillness at those who hate me.
You are my strength and my song, my song, my song

VERSE 2

The stone that the builders rejected
Is now become the cornerstone
Because of you
And it is miraculous to our eyes
This is the day you have made
In it we will be glad and rejoice
And we pray: Send us happiness
And we pray:

VERSE 3

Blessed is the one who comes in your name
Whom we bless out of your house
You are our sovereign, our light
For you are my sovereign and I give thanks to you
You I exalt and praise
Accept my gratitude

Text: Psalm 118, from *Opening to You: Zen-Inspired Translations of the Psalms* by Norman Fischer
Music: David Lohman

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“There is Room for All”

There is room for all in the sha - dow of God's wing;
 there is room for all, shel - tered in God's love.
 And I re-joice and sing, "My re - fuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
 There is room for all, there is room for all.

Text: Bruce Harding
 Music: Bruce Harding

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The Response to God

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

*** Benediction & Sending**

*** Sending Hymn**

"Believe Out Loud"

REFRAIN

It's time to be-lieve out loud

no more stay - ing si - lent! It's time to pro-claim a - loud

the faith that we hold dear.

It's time to reach out to the re - jec - ted. It's time to stand up

and say, "No more!" It's time to cre-ate a church in this

day where ev-'ry-one's wel - comed in the door. It's time to be-lieve

out loud, It's time to be strong and proud,

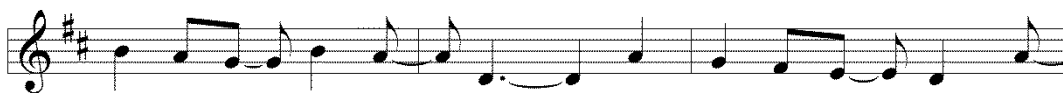
It's time to be-lieve, be-lieve out loud. *Fine*



1 Our God re - mains un - chang -
2 If thoughts like love and jus -
3 The love of God is bound -



- ing, yet in so man - y ways the
- tice are more than hol - low words, we'll
- less, we're nev - er turned a - way. And



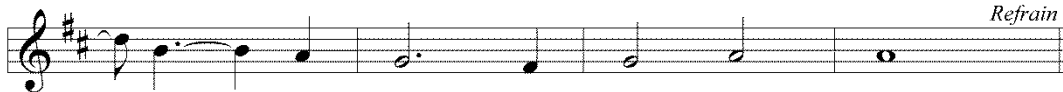
Ho - ly One's still speak - ing, for this we of - fer praise.
lis - ten for the Spir - it and let our hearts be stirred.
out of this a - bun - dance this gift we must re - pay.



Yet God's all - lov - ing guid - ance too
We'll learn to think in new ways, the
We've got to stand with mil - lions who've



of - ten goes un - heard. But there is yet more wis -
doors we'll o - pen wide. The ta - ble's set and read -
heard the Spir - it's call, and shout it from the moun -



- dom to break forth from God's Word!
- y, bring ev - 'ry - one in - side!
- tains: "God's love is meant for all!"

Refrain

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Grace and Gratitude

We are grateful for the gift of grace we have experienced in Word and sacrament. We are also grateful for the grace we have experienced over these last two days in a multitude of ways. In particular we thank those who assisted in worship today:

Thank you for all those who participated in putting together this worship service with special thanks to Rev. Cari Keith who created the communion liturgy!

Thank you to Rev. Miriam Baar-Bush who oversaw the worship prep for this conference!

Thank you Rev. Adriene Thorne for preaching the Gospel!

Thank you to our musicians and the leadership of Mr. David Lohman!

Thank you to our worship leaders today. They are Room for All Board members past and present.

Thank you to Central Reformed Church! Your beautiful sanctuary assisted us in lifting our prayers and praises.

And finally, thank you to each and every one of you who participated, who prayed, who sang, who listened, who responded, who is following Christ and ministering God grace in this world where the Spirit leads you making room for all! You are a gift of Grace. For you we are extremely grateful!

