GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

No. 372 "O For a World" v.5

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

No. 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. 3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Son of God and Son of Man! Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who was known to our parents and spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do.

In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in vour presence.

We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

Time for Silent Confession Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

No.750 "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil" Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us. Victory is ours, victory is ours through god who loves us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATIOMN

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:1-18

REFLECTION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

HYMN OF PREPARATION

1 Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring. Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong the've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

2 Clouds of light surround the table; Ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, and fear. Peter tells of his denying, Christ was ever in his sight; Paul relates his fruitless effort to obliterate the light.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL HYMN

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

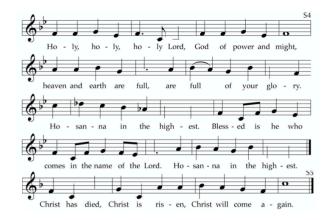
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

No.506 "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

3 Their sad stories are repeated in the thousand different ways, but they share one thing in common: they are end in thanks and praise, for the host who has invited north and south and east and west, to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised, by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes. When he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!— and then passes wine that wakens in your hear the taste of love.



No. 326 "For All The Saints"

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION

No. 751 "From the Nets of Our Labors" v.5

In each moment of courage, steadfast even through trembling; in the yearning for justice, Jesus summons us all. We will rise up and follow, Christ before and beside us, loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call.