

Lexington Presbyterian Church
120 South Main Street
Lexington, VA 24450
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16 August 2020
10:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

SIGN IN AND FELLOWSHIP

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Holy God, we gather to worship you and to reaffirm our shared relationship as children of God.

With loving care, God welcomes us to our shared experiences of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise.

Renewing God, we gather to be re-invigorated in our worship, and in the witness and relationships that flow from worship.

Together and individually, we will be cleansed and refreshed by the holy winds of God's Spirit, as it blows around and within us.

The Lord our God gives new life and new blessings as we come together in the unity of one purpose – to praise and glorify God.

Blessings, honour, glory and power belongs to our God, the Father and Mother of all humanity – who claims us all as beloved children.

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OPENING PRAYER (unison)

With open arms You welcome all who call on Your name—who acknowledge You as Lord, and look to You in faith. No one stands outside the circle of Your mercy and love. And so we come to offer You our worship—to declare that You are our God, and that we are Your people, called and chosen by You from the very beginning. Through the presence of Your Holy Spirit open our eyes to see You here; open our minds to receive Your truth, and our mouths to speak and sing Your praise. For You alone are God—worthy of all praise and worship, now and to the end of time. Amen.

HYMN 408
Spirit

There's a Sweet, Sweet

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hymn 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

***Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.***

***Refrain: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ you save from
sin. How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.***

***All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives, and so I sing: Refrain***

The Peace (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace. Let us share this good news of
God's love for us: The peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you...

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Liz Shupe

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 643, v. 3

Now Thank We All Our God

***All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given
the one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.***

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 45: 1-15

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

SERMON

Rev. Clayton

Rascoe

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Christ of the Upward Way

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did. Is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ. Declaration of Faith, 6.2

AFFIRMATION IN SONG

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones, v. 4

***O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East of West

BLESSING IN WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE - Hymn 765

Song of Hope

***May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace!
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.***

FELLOWSHIP/BREAKOUT ROOMS

The flowers are given by William McCorkle to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our singing and ringing choirs, whose joyful work is placed on hold during this time.

Thank you to Liz Shupe for providing worship leadership and our Life of the Church today.

Thank you to our Worship Team: Jan Hathorn, Kevin Burke, and Ruth Floyd

Lexington Presbyterian Church: Congregational Hymns/Songs – August 16, 2020

PUBLIC DOMAIN (text and music):

Hymn 643	Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn	Christ of the Upward Way
Hymn	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Hymn 317	In Christ There Is No East or West
Hymn 765	May the God of Hope Go with Us

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Hymn 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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Numbered hymns from Glory to God (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)

Unnumbered hymns from The Presbyterian Hymnal (Nos. 344, 451)

(Westminster John Knox Press, 1990)

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
 2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
 know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
 one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA (Lomas) 6.4.6.4.10.10

Walter John Mathams, c. 1915; alt.

George Lomas, 1876

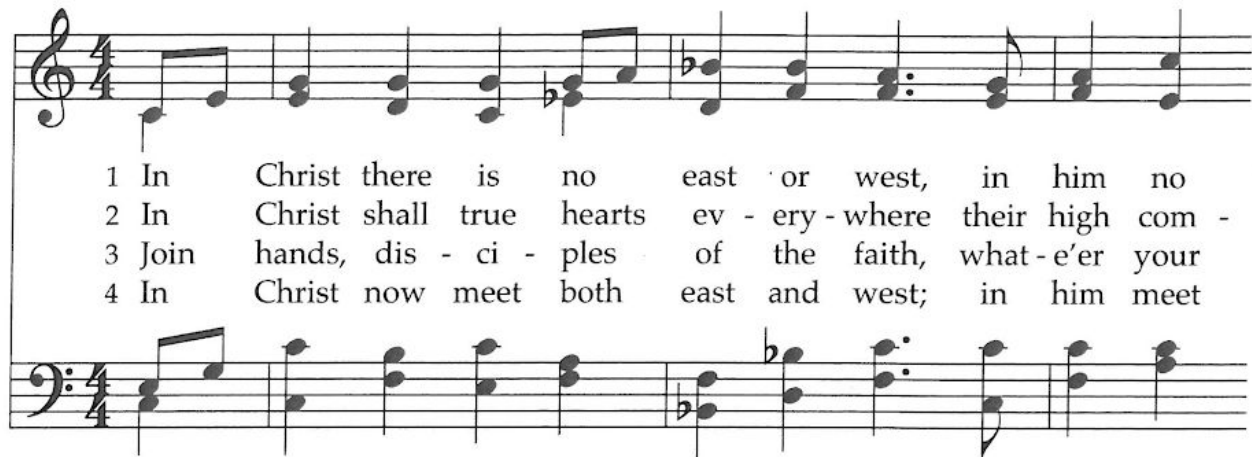
1. Christ of the up - ward way, My guide di - vine,
2. Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
3. Christ of the up - ward way, My guide di - vine,

Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
That with - out fault or fear I may ful - fill
Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;

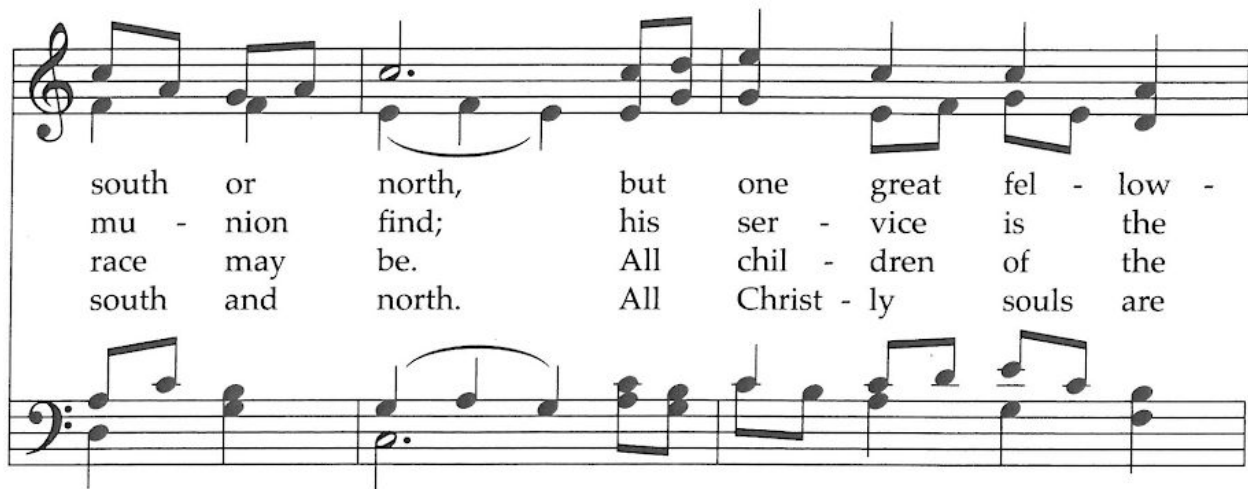
And move and march wher - ev - er You have trod,
Your pur - pose with a glad and ho - ly zest,
And when Your last call comes se - rene and clear,

Keep - ing face for - ward up the hill of God.
Like one who would not bring less than the best.
Calm may my an - swer be, "Lord, I am here."

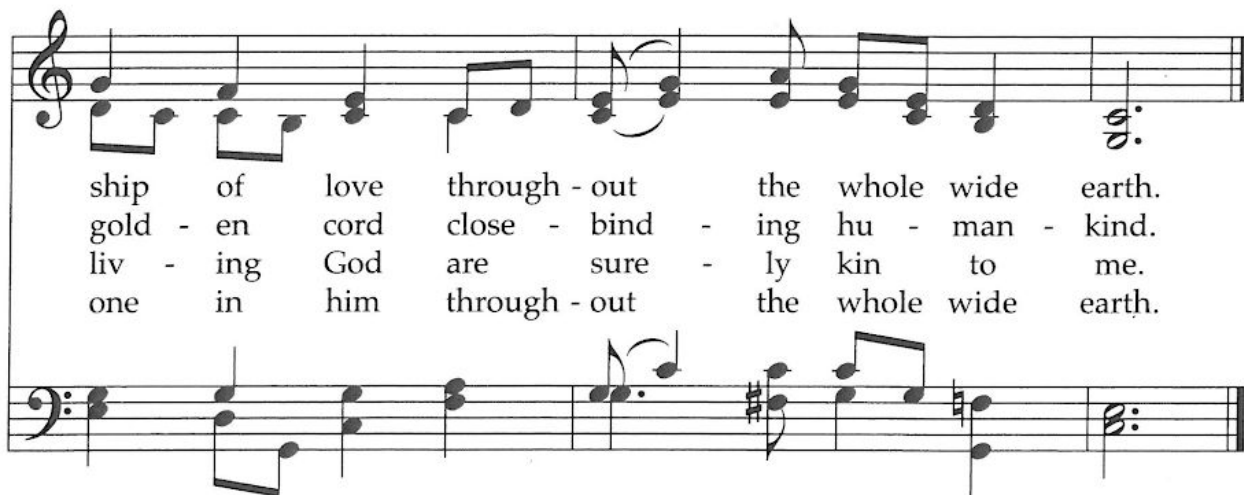
317 In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

