



## Verse 2

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

With what shall I come before the Lord? We come, knowing we've lived imperfectly, knowing we need forgiveness, and we ask what we could possibly offer for such a gift. But when we come in honesty and repentance, we find a God who is ready to love, ready to forgive, and ready to renew us as children of God. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sin, first in silent prayer and then together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed and made whole. Alleluia.  
Amen.

## A MOMENT FOR MISSION

### CHOIR ANTHEM

### "Impact"

"The Feast of Heaven"

Ruth Elaine Schram

*Here, in this place, we will share heaven's feast:  
The bread and the wine; wine and bread.  
Here, by his grace, from the greatest to the least,  
At his table we are fed.*

*Come and taste his agony,  
"This is my body broken."  
Come and taste his victory,  
Share the feast of heaven.*

*Here in this place, we will share heaven's feast:  
The bread and wine, wine and bread.  
Here, by his grace, from the greatest to the least,  
At his table we are fed. At his table we are fed.  
Bread and wine, wine and bread.*

## PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

## SONG OF PREPARATION "God of Wonders"

Spirit Pulse Praise Band; Don Davis, Kris Warner, Janet Votaw,  
Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga

## Verse 1

Lord of all creation  
Of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle

\*please rise in body or spirit

Glory to the Lord on high

**Chorus**

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

The universe declares Your majesty

You are holy, holy

Lord of Heaven and Earth (Lord of heaven and Earth)

Lord of Heaven and Earth (Lord of heaven and Earth)

**Verse 2**

Early in the morning

I will celebrate the light

And when I stumble in the darkness

I will call Your name by night

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

(Hallelujah) to the Lord of Heaven and Earth

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(Hallelujah) to the Lord of Heaven and Earth

**Chorus**

**Chorus 2**

Precious Lord, reveal Your heart in me

Father, hold me, hold me-e-e

The universe declares Your majesty

You are holy, holy

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of wonder, awaken us! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open us to be surprised! Enliven us with the power of the Word and presence of your Spirit. Transform us for our walk with you. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**MESSAGE**

“What If?”

Rev. Jim Pazan

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #507**

“I Come with Joy”

**Verse 1**

I come with joy to meet my Lord, Forgiven, loved, and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me,

\*please rise in body or spirit

His life laid down for me.

**Verse 2**

I come with Christians far and near To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love In Christ's communion bread,  
In Christ's communion bread.

**Verse 3**

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, And strangers now are friends,  
And strangers now are friends.

**Verse 4**

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
Is in such friendship better known: We see and praise Him here,  
We see and praise Him here.

**Verse 5**

Together met, together bound We'll go our different ways,  
And as His people in the world, We'll live and speak His praise,  
We'll live and speak His praise.

**GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**    "Be Thou with Me"    Johann Sebastian Bach

**OFFERTORY**    "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"    John Behnke

**\*DOXOLOGY**    *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*  
                  *Praise God, all creatures here below;*  
                  *Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;*  
                  *Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,*

*thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #388**    "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

**Verse 1**

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

**Verse 2**

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

**Verse 3**

O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self will;  
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

**Verse 4**

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;

\*please rise in body or spirit

And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

**POSTLUDE**

“Toccata in F”

Dietrich Buxtehude

\*please rise in body or spirit