

# MOUNT VERNON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP

January 22, 2023

PRELUDE

“Panis Angelicus” (César Franck)

*Juliet Cho*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”

**We are hungry for the bread of heaven.**

Jesus said, “The bread of God gives life to the world.”

**We are hungry for eternal life.**

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**We are here to become what we already are: the body of Christ, food for a hungry world.**

## \* OPENING HYMN 545

“The Church’s One Foundation”

1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.

From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,

yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## \* MORNING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**God of forgiveness and new beginnings, you feed our hearts with compassion, and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven. As Jesus fed the hungry crowds, knowing that they needed both physical bread and the bread of heaven, fill us with your generous spirit and make us one with Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me" (arr. Lloyd Larson) *Aldersgate Choir*

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Jae Cho*

\* HYMN 624 "Bread of the World"

<b>1. Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:</b>	<b>2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.</b>
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SCRIPTURE READING John 6:35-40 *John Ranson*

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON "I Am the Bread of Life" *Jae Cho*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

\* GLORIA 71

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Basse de Trompette. 4e Couplet"(Francois Couperin) *Juliet Cho*

\* DOXOLOGY 95

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we want to live as people worthy of your calling. Help us recognize your gifts and blessings, that we may live up to our calling and bless others with our words and our lives. When we fall short, have mercy on us. When we don't know our mistakes, speak truth to us with your loving guidance. Create a new heart within us, a heart full of love and gratitude. Nourish us with the grace of your presence, that we may indeed live as people worthy of your calling. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Christ's grace, our hearts are cleansed and our lives are made whole.  
In Christ's grace, we are forgiven and loved for life.

PEOPLE: **Glory to God. Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN 617

"I Come with Joy"

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.

2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

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.

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.

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.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

"Wonderful Words of Life" (arr. Mary McDonald)

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