

# GOD GATHERS US

## Preparation for Worship

*Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you.*

EPHESIANS 6:10  
THE PASSION TRANSLATION

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

One When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,  
All **he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."**

One Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,  
All **bursting in with new life and new hope.**

One Easter people, Christ is risen!  
All **Christ is risen indeed!**

### \*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Song *Here I Am to Worship*

## Call to Confession

### Moment of Silent Confession

## Prayer of Confession

All **What love you have given us, O God,  
that we should be called your children.  
What love you have given us, O Christ,  
that we should share a table with you.  
Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children:  
when we do not recognize your image  
in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends;  
when we do not share our own tables,  
forgetting that we need each other.  
Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace,  
and teach us to follow in your way.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

One    The welcoming grace of God is sure for each and for all.  
Our dwelling place in God is secure.  
Receive the forgiveness of God and be restored to right  
relation with God and one another.

**All    Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri #579**

**Invitation to Offering**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

**Acts 3:12–19**

*Peter speaks of Jesus' rejection and calls  
the people to repent.*

**1 John 3:1–7**

*See what love the Father has given us;  
we are children of God.*

**Luke 24:36b–48**

*The risen Lord eats with the disciples and  
interprets the Scriptures.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Christopher Stewart

## **WE RESPOND**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**All** We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*A Brief Statement of Faith  
PCUSA Book of Confessions*

### **Special Music**

Für Elise  
Harold Yang, *pianist*

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**All** 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;  
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.

## **GOD SENDS US**

**\*Closing Hymn #122**      *Thine Is the Glory*

**\*Closing Prayer/Sending**

**\*Blessing**

**\*The Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you.  
*And also with you!*

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand, as able*