



OBERLIN ROAD

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 18, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Words in **bold** are for everyone to say or sing.

Prelude Deep River

Negro spiritual
arr. Wesley Hanson

Opening Sentences

Let us begin again. **Let us return to God.**

Come, dust and breath—

Let us begin again. **Let us return to God.**

Come, broken and beloved—

Let us begin again. **Let us return to God.**

Prayer of the Day

Hymn 472 Kum ba Yah (“Come by here”)

KUM BA YAH

Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Psalms 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;**

so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.
**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.
Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.
This we ask through Christ our Lord.



Imposition of Ashes

You may come to stations in the front or back of the sanctuary to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead or your hand, or to receive a blessing from a pastor.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

*Hymn 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Prayer for Illumination

Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

Sermon Go!

Hymn 508 Come to the Table

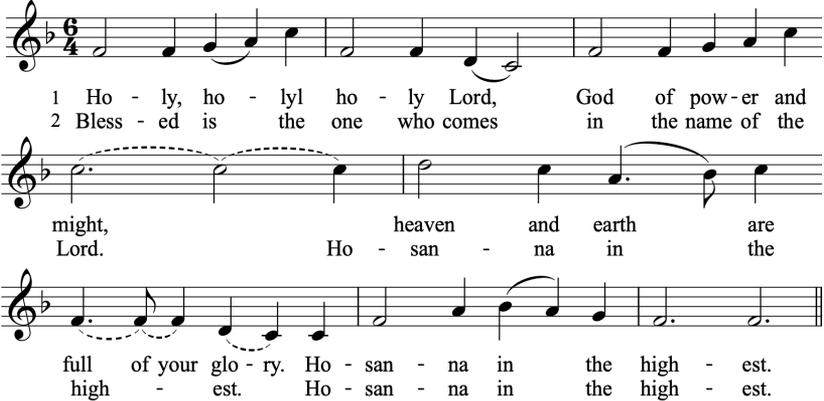
COME TO THE TABLE

*stanzas 1 and 2 – choir
stanza 3 – all*

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

O God, you breathed us into life from dust
and set us in your world to love and serve you...

...we praise you,
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
2 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
might, heaven and earth are the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

...our lives proclaim the One crucified and risen:



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

**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.**

Breaking, Pouring, and Serving

The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. Douglas Smith

Offering & Prayer

*Hymn 542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU

*Benediction

Almighty Father, incline thine ear.
Bless us and all those who have gathered here.
Thine angel send us, who shall defend us all,
and fill with grace all who dwell in this place.
Amen.

L. Bernstein/S. Schwartz

Today's Worship Leaders

Grier Booker Richards, *Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Worship Ministries*,
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Crystal DesVignes, *Pastor*, Wilson Temple United Methodist Church

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Judy Yates Siker, *Parish Associate*, White Memorial Presbyterian Church

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WHITE MEMORIAL
— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

Kum ba Yah

1 *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba
 2 Some - one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 3 Some - one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 4 Some - one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,
 cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's cry - ing, Lord,
 sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's sing - ing, Lord,
 pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's pray - ing, Lord,

kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

*Come by here

This African American spiritual, first recorded in the 1920s, seems to have originated somewhere in the southern United States. It enjoyed renewed popularity during the folk revival of the 1960s and became a standard campfire song, eventually traveling throughout the world.

Hear the Good News of Salvation 441

Wotanin waste nahon po

1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
 2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.
 1 *Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:*
 2 *Wo - a - hita - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,*

Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
 I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:
to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.
kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - si - ma - da ce.

Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!
Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -

How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.
ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.

This text, originally appearing in four stanzas, was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited. Both the Dakota and English versions have been associated with this shape note tune.

Come to the Table

식탁에 와서



*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.



Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

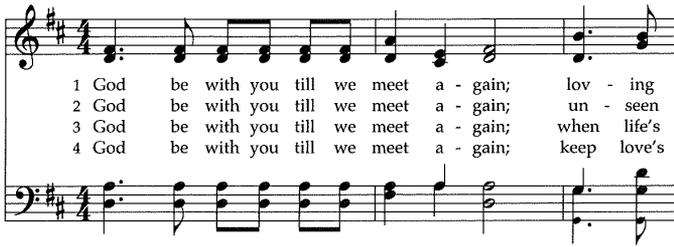
KOREAN

- 1 식탁에 와서 찬양드리세,
 사랑의 선물 나누시네
 주님의 몸과 주님의 피를
 우리를 위해 주시었네
- 2 너희를 위한 나의 몸이니
 받아서 먹고 기념하라
 이잔은 나의 새 언약이니
 죄사함 위해 흘린 피라
- 3 주님의 성령 임하시네,
 거룩한 주의 살과 피
 나를 새롭게 바꿔주시네
 새생명 주신 감사하세

*Stanza 1 may be sung by a leader.

This Korean text accomplishes a rare feat in a Lord's Supper hymn by dealing with the full range of Christ's life from the Nativity to the Resurrection. The first and third stanzas are in the voice of the congregation, while the middle stanza recalls Christ's words of institution.

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 round you:
 fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU
 9.8.8.9
 (alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 541)