



SOTC Virtual Worship
March 22, 2020

GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY AND PRAYER

The following sung response is sung by the musicians once and then by the congregation to begin. Then, the congregation is invited to sing this refrain in between each spoken response.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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O Bread of heaven, come down.
Come down and fill us with your Spirit – for your Spirit satisfies like no other.
We thirst for you this morning, and long to be nurtured in your mercy and forgiveness
Come and fill us, O God.

Sung refrain

O Bread of heaven, come down.
Come down and surround your whole creation with your abundant love – for your love knows no bounds.
We hunger for you this morning, and long to be satisfied with your gift of life.
Come and fill us, O God.

Sung refrain

O Bread of heaven, come down.

Come down into our homes and into our communities. Though apart, bind us together by your grace.

We wait and listen for your truth this morning, and long to hear your voice of compassion.

Come and fill us, O God.

Sung refrain

O God, come and fill us. Seek us out and gather us into your loving embrace. Amidst the storm that rages, remind us of your promised abundance, and turn our eyes to you as our source of hope and healing.

Nourish us, and give us strength for the journey ahead. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

WORD

JOHN 6:1-21

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS

Prayers are offered as the Spirit leads by our worship leaders. Space is left at the end of the prayers for the congregation to offer their own prayers in the silence of their hearts before reciting the Lord's Prayer together.

SENDING

BLESSING

Go now, to live lives filled with laughter and with pain,
knowing that God is with you in the dark and in the light,
in our abundance and in our emptiness
and in every moment of our lives.

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.