

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGREGATION

We praise you, all-holy God,
our maker, our lover, our keeper,
our Lord, our Redeemer, our Strength,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
for seas and forests and fields,
for the waters of Barton Springs and the Colorado River,
for creatures seen and unseen,
for animals both wild and tame,
for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe,
and for the places we humans call home:
for cities and churches and schools and ranches,
for streets and missions and fellowship halls and food pantries.

We praise you, all-holy God, for your covenant people,
for Moses and Miriam and Aaron,
for Jeremiah and the psalmists.

We praise you, all-holy God, for centuries of faithful people:
for Mary Magdalene, Peter, and Paul,
for Francis and Claire, Hildegard and Ignatius,
for Luther, Melanchthon, and Muhlenberg,
for Katie Luther and Lucas Cranach,
for JS Bach and Fanny Crosby,
for John Calvin and Charles Wesley,
for Soren Kierkegaard and Deitrich Bonhoeffer,
for Martin Luther King and John Lewis,
for Dorothy Day and Florence Nightingale,
for Sandra Bland and George Floyd,
for Zeta Sikes and Buddy Lundstedt,
for Merle Franke and Anita Townley,
for Jeffrey Tice and Michael Shipley,
for all your people, saints and sinners together,
and for all who reform, renew, and witness to love.

We praise you, all-holy God, for Jesus Christ,
who saves us from brokenness and despair,
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, and setting us free.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray, all-holy God, for your life-giving Spirit,
your breath, your fire, your wisdom,
your law, your grace, your freedom.

Bless this meal, all who share it, and all who are blessed by this gathering;
inspire all people for love and service;
and renew the whole world with mercy,
with healing, with justice, and with peace.

We praise you, all-holy God, through Jesus Christ,
who is the first-born of all creation, the head of the church,
and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, †
in the unity and power of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, all-holy God,
in the church and in the world, now and forever. **AMEN!**