

First Presbyterian Church, New Haven, CT

Worship Bulletin

Summer 9

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Summer Music Playlist link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwB2BO95pIMDD1s691WV6B6BBBoE0RhdIq>

Summer Theme Recap

### Call To Worship

One: The Psalmist reminds us: Not to us, O Lord, not to us,

**All: but to God's name give glory, for the sake of God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: So, come one and come all:

**All: come and worship God!**

One: Even if you're tired and worn out—

**All: come and worship God!**

One: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying—

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

### Hymn 401

*Gather Us In*

Bruce Peabody & Beth Aura Miller

Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away:  
Here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Call to Reconciliation

### Prayer of Confession

(Hold silence)

God of Mercy and Miracles, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do them wrong; we could welcome those who do not know, but choose to close our hearts; we could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques. Forgive us, Holy God, for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn to clasp your goodness to our hearts, so we can give it away to those around us. Whisper your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop cursing our enemies, and bless them as our friends. Help us to mend our ways, O God. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

### Assurance of Grace

One: God's steadfast love and faithfulness endures forever. God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, believe the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**Response:** *Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace*

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

### Prayer of Illumination

**Psalter Reading** Psalm 115: 1-9

**New Testament Reading** Romans 12:9-16

### Sermon

### Moment of Silence

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Latham Family Singers

My shepherd will supply my need;  
Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,  
beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death  
your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,  
does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows;  
your oil anoints my head.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Grace, take and use all that we offer - all that we are - to glorify your name. With these gifts help us to love and serve our neighbors in love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### Charge/Benediction