

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SPRING 2021 STATED MEETING**



**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 133)

**Jennifer King**

One: How wonderful, how beautiful, when kindred get along and can live together in unity!

**All: One heart. One soul.**

One: It's like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard, flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.

**All: Extravagant love. Abundant grace.**

One: It's like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion. Yes, that's where God commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.

**All: How wonderful, how beautiful, when we are joined in the unity of worship.**

\* **Opening Hymn** - *We All Are One in Mission*

composer: Rusty Edwards

**Confession:** God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we divide ourselves. We allow nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, political affiliation and more to obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name. Forgive us for the times we have forgotten that we are one Body in Christ. May our common identity as Your children bind us together. Forgive our tendency toward separation and division. Draw us together in ministry and in mission so our communal witness to Christ and to Christ's way of love is unmistakable. In Christ's Name. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Special Music** – *Because of Who You Are*

**Dr. Charlie Tomer and Rene Johnson**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Holly Dillon Inglis**

**Scripture Reading** – Acts 4:32-35

**Morning Message** – *Creating a Movement of Unity*

**Offering** – Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center

**Jennifer Hallberg**

----- *After a short break, the meeting will continue.* -----



----- *Worship continues at the end of the business meeting.* -----

**Special Music** – *One Bread, One Body*

**Roman Testroet**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Jennifer King**

**The diversity of the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences. We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world and assures us that we shall be one.**

(taken from the Declaration of Faith, chapter 5, lines 69-87)

**The Lord's Supper**

**Julie Higbee**

Listen! The Risen Lord be with you!

**Jesus is with you as well!**

Easter People: open your hearts to God.

**We offer them to the One who comes  
and fills our locked hearts with life.**

Children of God, sing with joy on this day of resurrection.

**Songs of joy flow from our very being on this day**

...

So, with those from every time and every place,

with whom we hold faith in common,

we sing your praises forever:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of grace and hope.**

**All creation praises your glorious name.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes that our joy may be complete.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

...

Today, when we gather around this table,  
as we celebrate the resurrection of hope,  
we speak of that mystery we have heard and seen:

**Christ went to the cross, stretching out his hands to embrace death;  
Christ was brought out of the grave, reaching out his hands to embrace your love;  
Christ will come, offering us his hands so we might go home with him.**

....

\* **Closing Hymn** – *We Will Go Out with Joy*    composer: Andrew & Hilary Donaldson

**Charge and Benediction**

**Joe Albright**



### **Worship Participants**

Jennifer King, Ruling Elder, Geneva Presbyterian Church

Roman Testroet, Director of Music, Geneva Presbyterian Church

Dr. Charlie Tomer, Music Director, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church

Rene Johnson, Musician, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church

Rev. Holly Dillon Inglis, Ministry and Mission Coordinator, Presbytery of St. Augustine

Rev. Jennifer Hallberg, Pastor, Jasper Presbyterian Church / Area Relationship Coordinator,  
Presbytery of St. Augustine

Rev. Julie Higbee, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fernandina Beach

Rev. Joe Albright, Pastor, Geneva Presbyterian Church / Moderator, Presbytery of St. Augustine

Thanks to Juliet Johnson, Geneva Presbyterian Church, for video technical support for the hymns

## Hymn Lyrics (*also in the video*)

### We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same;  
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Words by Rusty Edwards  
Music by *Memmingen ms.*  
© 1986 Hope Publishing Company.  
Used by Permission. CCLI License #21069076

### We Shall Go Out with Joy

We shall go out with joy  
And be let forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And the trees of the fields  
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands (x3),  
While you go out with joy.

Repeat

Words and Music by Andrew & Hilary Donaldson  
© 2003 Andrew Donaldson and Hilary Seraph Donaldson  
Used by Permission. CCLI License #21069076

### Special Music

“Because of Who You Are”  
Songwriters: Brian Kelly Mcknight, Michael Brandon  
Barnes; Arrangement by Vicki Yohe  
© Universal Music Publishing Group  
Used by Permission. CCLI License #21069076

“One Bread, One Body”  
Words and Music by John B. Foley, SJ  
© 1978 John B. Foley, SJ (Published by OCP)  
Used by Permission. CCLI License #21069076

The Lord's Supper Liturgy written by Rev. Thom Schuman, used with permission.  
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>