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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM

***Taste and See: An Abundant Promise***

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*How Beautiful*

by Paris

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Why have you come to this place?

**P: We have come to find Jesus.**

L: Why have you come today?

**P: We are tired in body and spirit.**

L: Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

**P: We are hungry with nothing to eat.**

L: Come and eat your fill.

**P: But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.**

L: There is plenty for all.

**P: Will we find wholeness here?**

L: Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost. So, rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.

**P: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.**

L: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

**P: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.**

L: Sing for joy, people of God; God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 476** (BH, see p. 4)

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Generous God whose giving knows neither measure nor end, we confess that all too often we have kept our own hearts, hands and minds firmly closed. Forgive us for those time when our own wants and wishes have made us unaware of the needs and concerns of others. Forgive us for those moments when the fear that sharing what we have has kept us silent and still. Forgive us for those situations when seeing only a problem prevents us from daring to dream of a Kingdom building solution. Forgive us. Help us to transcend self-centeredness, greed and fear and to always to feel, think and act as those who know the hope that is rooted in the generous giving of God.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2267 (FWS, see p. 5)

*Taste and See*

**ALL SING: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*All Good Gifts*

by Sleeth

**SCRIPTURE**

*John 6: 1-14*

*John 6: 51*

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 703** (Worship & Rejoice, see p. 6, vs. 1, 2, & 4)

*I Am the Bread of Life*

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS, & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN NO. 2008** (FWS, see p. 6)

*Let All Things Now Living*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Jubilation*

by Handel

### **References**

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship is adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Posted on the Ministry

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### **Notes**

# My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)

Robert Lowry, 1869

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion, I  
 2. What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is liv - ing. What  
 3. When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ring - ing; When  
 4. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it; And

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hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. Through  
 though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A new song Christ is giv - ing. No  
 friends re - joice both far and near, how can I keep from sing - ing? In  
 day by day this path - way smooths, since first I learned to love it. The

10

all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
 storm can shake my in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since  
 pris - on cell and dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When  
 peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

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finds an ech - o in my soul, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 things are mine since I am Christ's, how can I keep from sing - ing?

# Taste and See

James E. Moore

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Piano

$\text{♩} = 80$

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the

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Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ O taste and see, taste and see the

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good - ness of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

# I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. I am the bread of life; you who  
2. The bread that I will give is my  
4. I am the res - ur - rec - tion

4  
come to me shall not hun - ger; you who be - lieve in me shall not thirst.  
flesh for the life of the world; and if you eat of this bread,  
I am the life. If you be - lieve in me,

8  
No one can come to me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons. And I will  
you shall live for - ev - er, you shall live for - ev er.  
ev - en though you die, you shall live for - ev -

12  
raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will

16  
raise you up on the last day.

# Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano 

1. Let all things now living a song of thanks - giving to God the Cre - at or tri -  
2. The law God en - forces, the stars in their cours-es and sun in its or-bit o -

8 

- um-phantly raise, who fashioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
- be-dient-ly shine; the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and four-tains, the

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guides us and leads to the end of our days. God's ban - ners fly o'er us; God's light goes be -  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim the Di - vine. We, too, should be voicing our love and re -

21 

fore us, a pil-lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night, till shad-ows have van-ished and  
joic-ing; with glad ad - o - ra-tion a song let us raise, till all things now liv - ing u -

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dark-ness is ban-ished, as for-ward we trav-el from light in - to light.  
- nite in thanks - giv - ing: To God in the high-est ho - san - na and praise!