

# 770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

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 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;  
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;  
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;  
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

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The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.



*Order of Worship*  
**February 18, 2026**

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FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ASH WEDNESDAY

**6:30 PM**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

**Welcome to our Ash Wednesday worship, a time to enter the season of Lent with reflection, prayer, and community.**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER: Holy Harmonizers

*I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"*

Choir will sing verse one.

Congregation will join in after with verse three.

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.**

**Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

**all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**SHARING A MEAL**

READING: Jan Richardson's *"A Place at the Table"*

HYMN #770, *"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"* (vv 1-2)

TABLE CONFESSIONS

*Each table chooses someone to be the Reader. That person reads the first part, and then the whole table reads the All part together.*

Reader: Family of faith, if someone declines our invitations again and again, in our human ways, we tend to stop inviting them. We get the hint. We assume they'd rather be elsewhere. With God, however, things are different.

No matter how many times we overlook or ignore God's outstretched hand, God will never stop reaching for us. So with that good news in mind, we can pray our prayer of confession together.

**All: Gracious God, you invite us to your table: the faithful and the doubting, the restless and the hopeless, the addicted and the lonely, the lost and the confused. You invite all of us, regardless of who we are or where we've been, but we fail to do the same. When given the opportunity, we are guilty of casting judgment on our neighbors. We draw lines, assume the worst, create cliques, and accept exclusion. Forgive our harmful ways. This Lent, show us how to love others the way you love us. With hope we pray. Amen.**

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SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 14:15-24

SOUP: *"All Are Invited, All Are Welcome"*  
*(There are cards on the table for conversation.)*

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DESSERT

CHARGE AND BLESSING

HYMN #770, *"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"* (v 5)

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