Preparing to Hear God’s Word

Prelude
The Peace May Be Exchanged
Dan Locklair

Welcome and Call to Worship
Ken Henry and Lynne Clements

Opening Hymn
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

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Charge and Benediction

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Pasticcio
Jean Langlais
1 Come, thou Fount of every Blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Ebe-nezer; hitherto by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt or daily I'm constrained to be!

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenzer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Prayer

Jesus Christ, God’s Beloved Son,
following you is a bit like jumping in at the deep end.
Help me as I discern how I can best be me.
Be close to me as I search out which way of life is best for me.
Give me your grace to trust in God, your Abba, and to walk the path that draws me closer to you.
You know my deepest desires.
Give me the courage to follow with a ready and open heart. Amen.

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