

Service for the Lord's Day

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Pastorale

Bernardo Pasquini

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

*The Lord is a refuge to the seeker,
and God is a seeker too —*

who searches for even the lost coin.

*If you are seeking a place at Christ's table,
know that it is already prepared for you.*

**God welcomes all of us sinners together
with gladness and rejoicing.**

Come, let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We want to be among those whom you seek.

In your mercy, forgive us when we have lost our way.

Find us, and lead us home to faithfulness.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 70

Kyrie eleison. (x4)

Christe eleison. (x4)

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Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. In Christ, we are forgiven and freed to begin again.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

**Through north and south and east and west
May God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia, alleluia!
Till everywhere beneath the sun,
God's reign begins, God's will is done:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

◆ Sung Response

Gathered in God's Name

(see insert)

God's Word to Us

A Time With Children and Youth 11:00

Psalter

Psalm 139:7-12, 23-24

Anthem 11:00

When Some Kind Shepherd from His Fold

Alice Parker

When some kind shepherd from his fold
Has lost a straying sheep,
Through vales, o'er hills he anxious roves
And climbs the mountains steep.

But O the joy! the transport sweet,
When he the wanderer finds;
Up in his arms he takes his charge
And to his shoulders binds.

Homeward he hastes to tell his joys
And make his bliss complete:
The neighbors hear the news, and all
The joyful shepherd greet.

Yet how much greater is the joy
When conscious sinners weep;
Jesus receives them in his arms
And owns them for his sheep.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

With the whole church:

**We affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere:

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation:

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

◆ Hymn 382 11:00

Heaven Is Singing for Joy

ALLEGRIA

Verse 1, choir; then Verses 1-3, all

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35

Offertory 8:30

Amazing Grace

James Woodman

11:00

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Out and Known Me

Healey Willan

Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me;
thou knowest my downsitting, and mine uprising;
thou understandest my thoughts long before.
Whither shall I go then from thy spirit,
or whither shall I go then from thy presence?
If I take the wings of the morning
and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there also shall thy hand lead me,
and thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me,
then shall my night be turned to day.
Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and light are both alike to thee.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

GTG 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives.
Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts,
our generosity and our reluctance.
Enliven us and make your purposes known,
that our lives may show forth your grace. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Bergamasca

Samuel Scheidt

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are in memory of Charles Heuchert, from Dan Heuchert.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School Resumes

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch in Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal resumes in the Choir Room

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, September 13

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, September 15

6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Saturday, September 17

11 a.m. Memorial Service for Marian Limber in the Sanctuary,
followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary, followed by a Congregational Meeting

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch in Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

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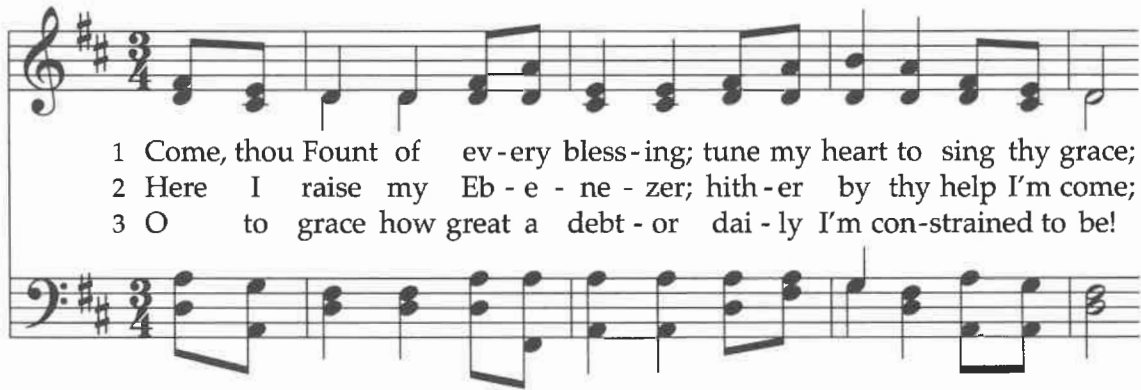
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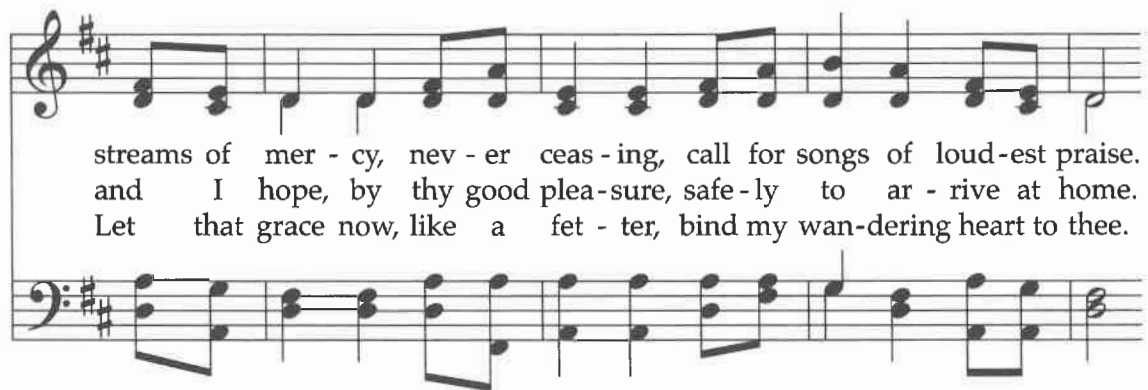
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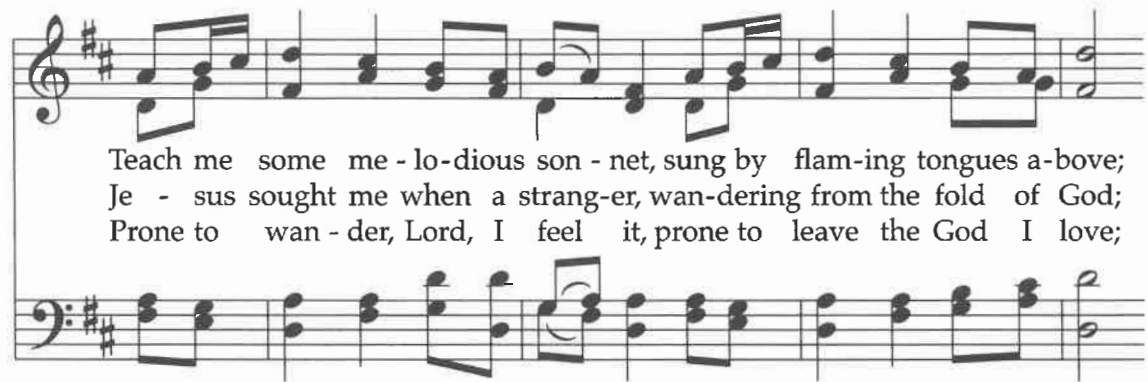
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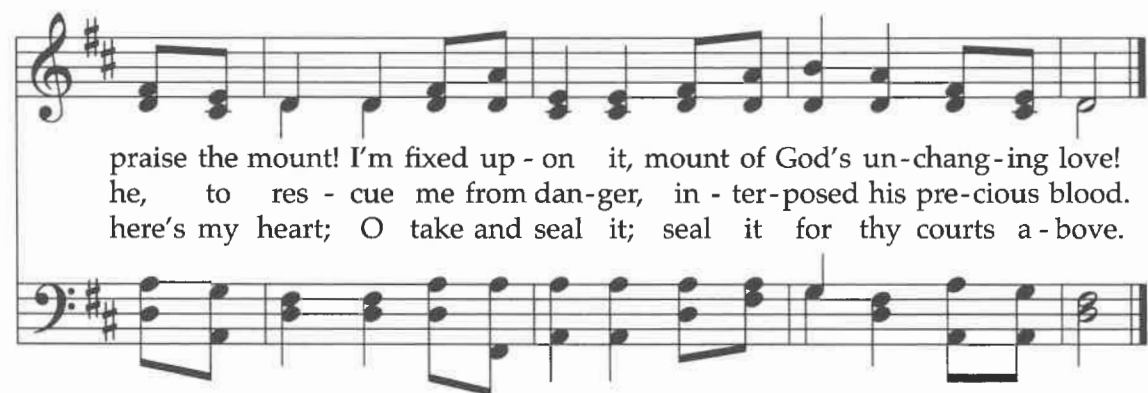
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (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.

Heaven Is Singing for Joy 382

El cielo canta alegría

Capo 3: (Am) Cm (C) E^b (F) A^b (G) B^b (C) E^b (E7) G7

1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
 1 *El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!*

(Am) Cm (E) G (Am) Cm

for in your life and in mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.
 for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.
 for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.
por-que en tu vi-da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.

Refrain / Estribillo

(G7) B^b7 (C) E^b (G7) B^b7 (C) E^b

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

(G7) B^b7 (C) E^b (F) A^b (Em7) Gm7 (Am) Cm

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

2 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,
 porque a tu vida y la mía
 las une el amor de Dios. Estribillo*

3 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,
 porque tu vida y la mía
 proclamarán al Señor. Estribillo*

Written in 1958 for a picnic of theological students in Argentina, this piece represents the first Christian hymn in the 20th century to use Latin American folk music. The text is based on Jesus' saying that heaven rejoices at the repentance of each sinner (Luke 15:7).

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joo bá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinígí,
 lah yóóíiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.