

# Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

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## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

*You Lead Me Beside the Still Waters*

Patricia Van Ness  
Edith Moak, acolyte

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-6

*O come, let us sing to the Lord;*

*let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!**

*In God's hand are the depths of the earth;*

*the heights of the mountains also.*

**The sea is the Lord's, for God made it,**

**and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.**

*O come, let us worship and bow down.*

*Let us pray.*

**Lord God, you are living water. As we worship you this day, show us who we are:  
channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ◆ Hymn 81

**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Responsive Call to Confession

*Believing that God calls people of faith*

**to engage in a process of remembering, restoring, repairing,  
and redressing injustices;**

*Believing that God calls people of faith*

**to engage in a process of reconciliation,  
seeking restitution,**

**recognizing past sins,**

**and confessing one's own culpability;**

*Believing that through Jesus Christ God restores and forgives,*

**we now turn to God in repentance and contrition.**

*Let us pray.*

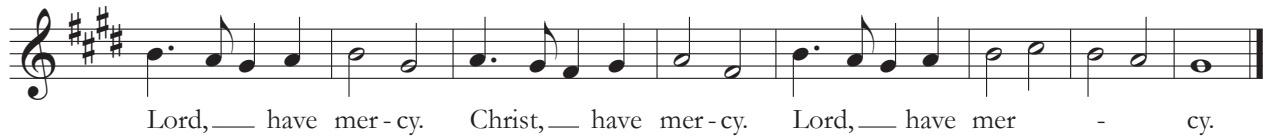
Prayer of Confession

**We acknowledge the Church's historic complicity in the enslavement of African people and a history of cruelty and discrimination against them, and in the genocide of indigenous people, whose land and culture were forcibly taken from them. We confess what we have done and what we have left undone. Have mercy on us. We acknowledge our guilt and seek the promise of God's forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!*

**Let grace, not guilt, energize our actions toward repairing wrongs and restoring the well-being of our neighbors who have been so grievously harmed. Amen.**

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God 618

**All glory to our Lord and God**

**For love so deep, so high, so broad:**

**The Trinity whom we adore**

**Forever and forevermore.**

## God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Exodus 17:1-7

OT p. 61  
Dick Haines

Anthem

*All Who Are Thirsty, Come to the Spring*

G. F. Handel  
arr. Walter Ehret

All who are thirsty, come to the spring  
which shall never run dry.  
Drink deep of the spring of eternal life.  
Come to the spring, the word of God.  
Drink deep of the spring of eternal life,  
which is the living word of God.

A Reading from the Gospels

John 4:5-42

NT p. 89

Sermon

Lynne Clements

## Responding to God's Word

◆ A Call to Reparative Justice

*Embracing the promise of God's forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning:*

**We call upon all who believe in the One God, to study, pray, and discern how we may corporately and individually engage in repairing and restoring our community.**

**Our Creator, Reconciler, and Sustainer empower us all  
as we embark on this journey of righting wrongs  
and making peace with Black and indigenous neighbors.  
As the Prophet Amos once declared:  
“Let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” Amen.**

◆ Hymn 475                      **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**                      NETTLETON

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord’s Prayer

**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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory                      *Kyrie Eleison (sung in Greek)*                      Leonhard Lechner  
Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy upon us.

◆ Presentation of the Offering                      HS 52

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude  
and bless them to further Christ’s ministry and mission among those in need of hope  
and healing and liberation. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 65                      **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**                      CWM RHONDDA

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude                      *I Thirst (from On the Seven Colors of Light)*                      Peter Machajdik  
During the season of Lent, the congregation remains seated during the closing music  
for a short period of meditation.

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Gail Ott and Rich Gregory,  
in memory of his father, Dr. Warren C. Gregory.*

# What's Happening

*at Westminster*

## **Sunday, March 12**

*Third Sunday in Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins*

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

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

## **Monday, March 13**

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

## **Wednesday, March 15**

6 p.m. Worship at the Table in the Fellowship Hall

## **Thursday, March 16**

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

## **Sunday, March 19**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at 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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# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

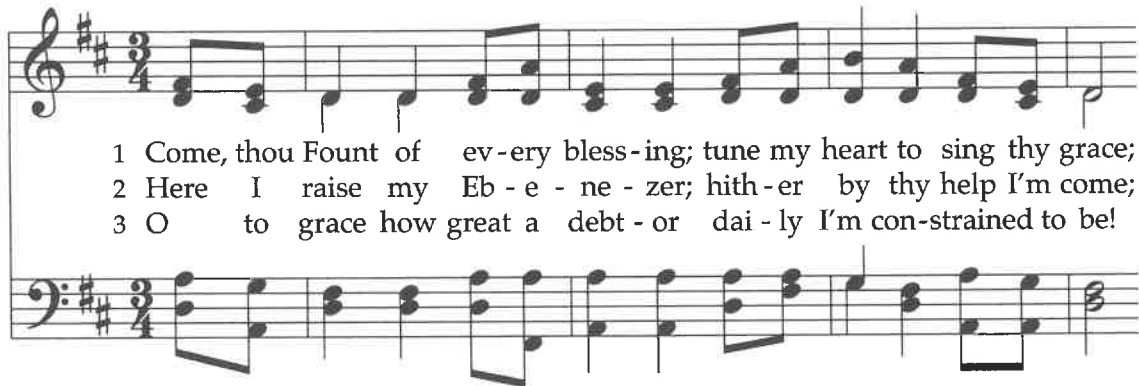


With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

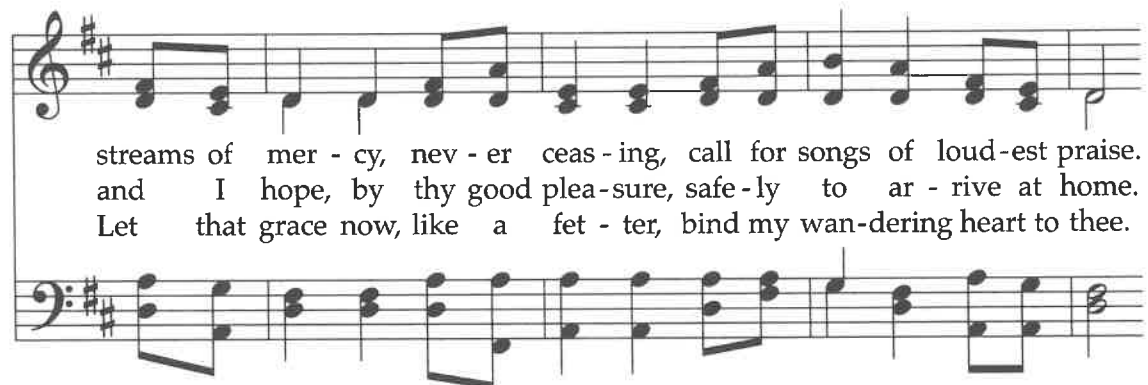


The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

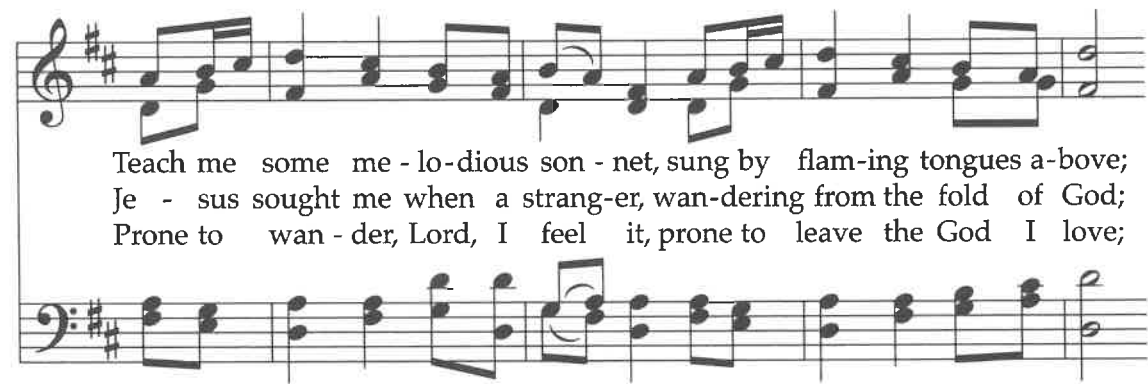
## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



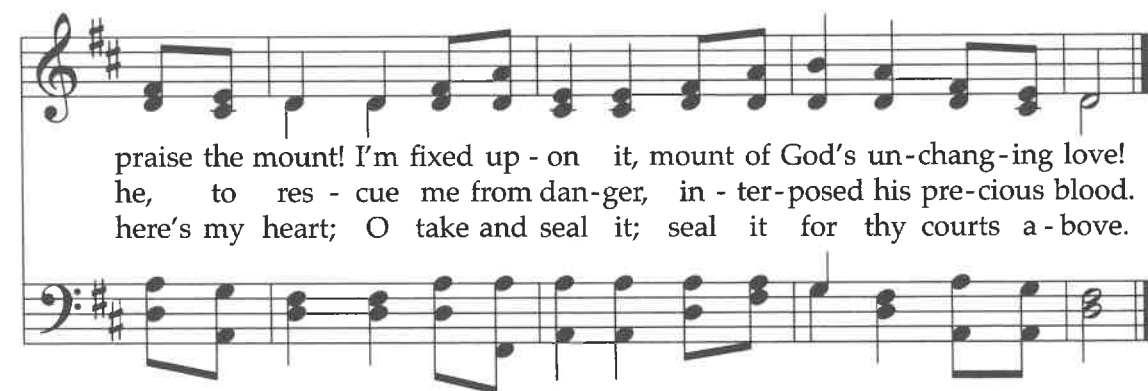
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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;



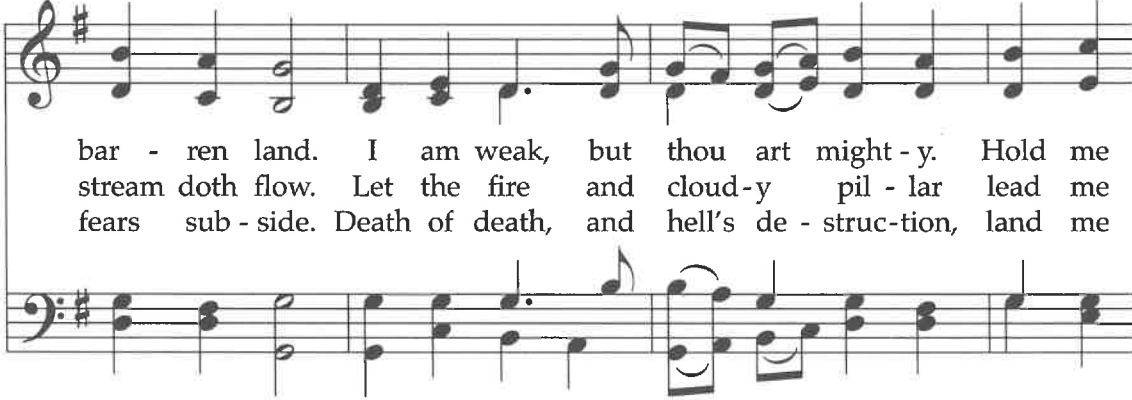
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

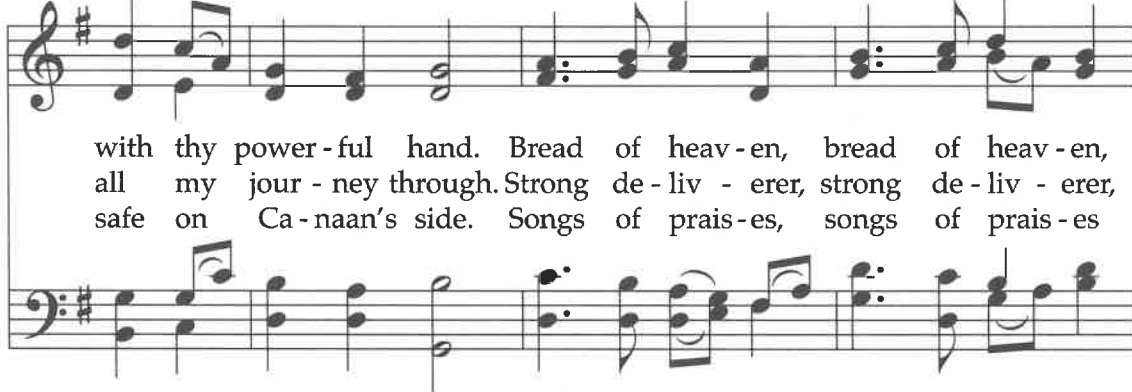
## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



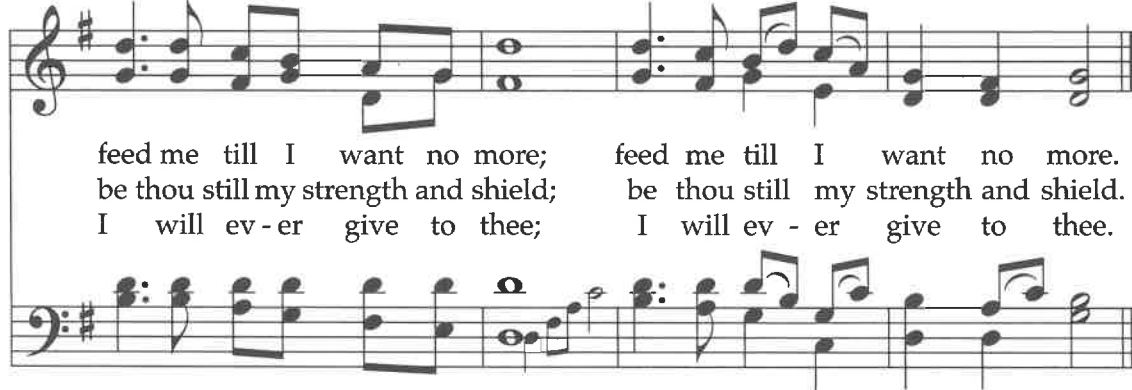
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.