Welcome 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  
*Concerto in F major: Larghetto - Allegro*  
G. F. Handel

Welcome

Moment for Mission: Loaves & Fishes  
Jane Colony Mills

*Call to Worship*

*All who thirst,*  
*come to the living waters of God.*
*All who hunger,*  
*come be fed by the bread of life.*
*All who seek belonging,*  
*gather around the table of community.*
*Let your spirit be nourished by God’s provision,*  
*and your hands be strengthened for God’s good work.*
*Let us worship God!*

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Lord, bread of life, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves.*
*You call us to ensure that all are fed and have dignity,*  
yet we are distracted by our own concerns.
*We have overlooked those hungry for daily bread,*  
missed opportunities to welcome those hungry for community,  
and excluded others from the tables of power.
*We have forgotten to trust that you can multiply our little with your great power.*
*Forgive us, God.*
*Renew us by the power of your Spirit,*  
so that all may know your abundance and grace,  
through Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers
Sung Response

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

Sung Response

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.
We bless, we worship You, we raise
For Your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, the great Creator.

God’s Word to Us

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Take the saving word of God; put it first within your life.
Nothing comes before God's holy word.

First Reading
Isaiah 55:1-5
OT p. 644
Jane Penner

Second Reading
Matthew 14:13-21
NT p. 15

Communion Meditation
Space at the Table
Rev. Steve Brown

Responding to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith
New Creed from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice,
and to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 498
Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the Congregation

The Offering

Offertory
We Are a Garden Walled Around
Ashton Nicewonger, soprano
Robert Buckley Farley
Isaac Watts
We are a garden walled around, chosen and made peculiar ground;  
a little spot inclosed by grace out of the world's wide wilderness.  
Like trees of myrrh and spice we stand, planted by God with God's own hand;  
and all the springs in Sion flow, to make the young plants there to grow.  
Let my Beloved come, and taste his pleasant fruits at his own feast.  
“I come, my spouse, I come,” he cries, with love and pleasure in his eyes.  
Our Lord into the garden comes, well pleased to smell our poor perfumes,  
and calls us to a feast divine, sweeter than honey, milk, or wine.  
Jesus, we will frequent thy board, and sing the praises of our Lord:  
but the rich food on which we live demands more praise than tongues can give.

✿ Presentation of the Bread and Cup
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
When you receive the communion elements,  
please pass the tray to the end of the row. Take the bread or cup as the tray returns.

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer
**The Lord be with you.**  
**And also with you.**  
**Lift up your hearts.**  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.  
It is truly right and our greatest joy …  
with the saints from every time and place  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
...great is the mystery of faith...  
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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.
What’s Happening
at Westminster

Sunday, August 6
10 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

Sunday, August 13
9 a.m. Pickup Choir in the Choir Room
10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Session Meeting in the Library

Wednesday, August 16
6 p.m. Eats and Treats at Common Grounds

Sunday, August 20
Fall Schedule Begins
11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Noon UVA Student Block Party at Common Grounds
12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

Thursday, August 24
7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Saturday, August 26
10 a.m. Westminster Walkers (off site)

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither 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 "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.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

NETTLETON
8.7.8.7.D
Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G) (F) (Dm) (Bb)

1 Loaves were bro-ken, words were spo-ken by the Gal-i-an shore. Je-sus, Bread of Life from heav-en, was their room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you gath-er here. Je-sus speaks a-cross the a-ges: "I am name to share bread for which the mil-lions hun-ger, words that

(G) (D) (A) (F) (C)

food for-ev-er-more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod-y bro-ken
tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D) (Fm) (Dm) (Bb) (C) (F)

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je-sus, feed a-gain your peo-ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

TEXT: Herman C. Stuempfle Jr., 2005
MUSIC: The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
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Come to the Table of Grace

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G) F C Dm F7/C Bb

1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the (A) (D) (A) (D) (Em) C F C F Gm

   the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace...
3. Come to the table of love...
4. Come to the table of hope...
5. Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Hamm, 2008

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Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life

we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,

equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
blending human skills to gather gracious gifts from God unfold.
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870