

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Leoni* Herbert Fromm
Melody for hymn *The God of Abraham Praise*

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

P: Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

P: For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN #49 "The God of Abraham Praise"
Ryan Norris, cantor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God, we give to the poor. We donate our old clothes. We come to church and pray. We think we're earning points to get into heaven. We forget that we are already yours. We forget that your son has already settled the bill. We are already in. Grace is a gift from you, and we had no part in it.

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If we did, we'd probably mess it up along with everything else in our lives. The only way we can thank you is by how we live our lives. We stand in the spotlight of a thousand suns, so why do we choose to remain in the dark? It's only by our faith in Jesus that we can come to really know how much you've done for us. It's only by your mercy that we can teach the world. It's only by your mercy that your creations can do the work you created them to do. Forgive us, we pray...

(Time for silent confession)

Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please return to your seats when the music starts.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Scott Huie

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VERSE "These Treasured Children"

*Come Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community.
Empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:1-14

L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Witchcraft in the Church"

Rev. Scott Huie

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Ryan Norris, cantor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Organ Sonata IV, Op.65: Andante religioso

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

***DOXOLOGY #606** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

Holy Trinity of love,
God of heaven and earth, you pour down justice
like a rushing mountain stream;
you raise mercy and kindness like a new day dawning.
We thank you for creating this good planet,
and for your care of all that dwell here.
We thank you for our lives redeemed and made new
by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
We thank you for this holy rule
that promises your peaceable reign
in our homes, in our nation, and among all nations.
We thank you for the power given through Christ
to forgive others as we have been forgiven.
We present our tithes and offering in joyful thanksgiving
for all the blessings we have received from you.
Use them and us as instruments of your peace,
serving the call of the church and the revelation of your kingdom.
Amen.

We Seal God’s Word Upon Our Hearts And Bear It Into the World

***HYMN #306**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
Ryan Norris, cantor

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: Let all God’s people say
P: Alleluia Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Organ Sonata II, Op.65: Allegro maestoso e vivace Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

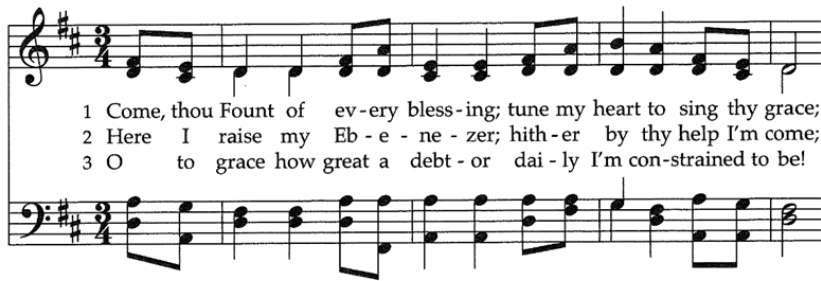
the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

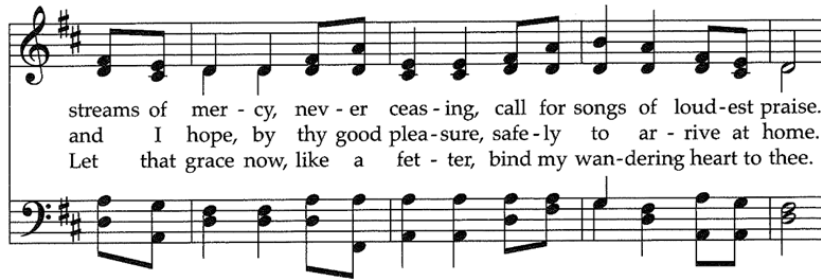
we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

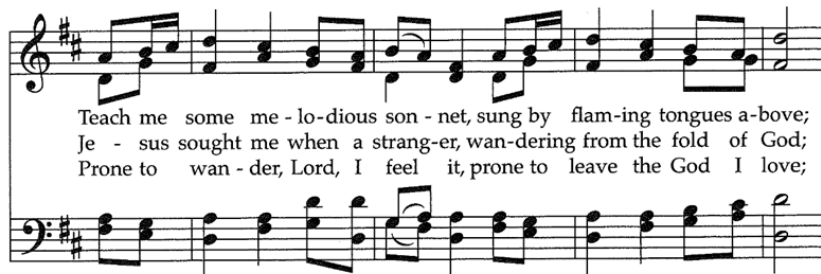
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



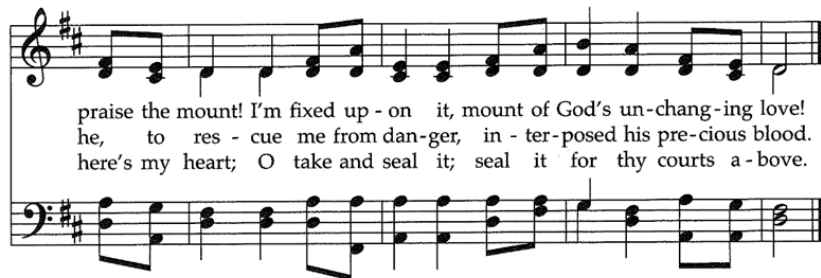
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

OUR MISSION

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God.

We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

OUR VALUES AND ETHOS

- Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- Service to God, service to our neighbors
- God's gift of creativity

SESSION 2021

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Mary Turner
David Maddox

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Erin Bell
Tom Byl
Jake Byl

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro
Leslee Hughes

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