

June 25, 2023 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta, liturgist

Prelude ~ Katie Achterhof

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

Leader: God has been faithful throughout all generations.

People: We thank you and praise you Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #475 ~ "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord, we come to you confessing our sins and seeking your guidance. Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we have done and the good we have left undone. Thank you for your saving grace and endless love. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #710 ~ *"Sanctuary"* (x2)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"I Love This Family"* (arr. C. Bowes)(x2)

*I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,
They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.*

Offering Prayer

**Doxology#606 ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)
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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 69:7-18

Special Music ~ *“There is an Everlasting Kindness”* (K. Getty, K Getty, S. Townend) ~
Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 18:9-14

Message ~ “Two Prayers”

*Hymn #834 ~ *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

*Hymn #837 ~ *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response ~ *“My Friends May You Grow in Grace”* (G. Scheer, G. DeMey, G. Kett, S Diamond, T.J. Meaney)
My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
Refrain: To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever. Amen.
To God be the glory now and forever, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

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Highlights from the June 20th Session Meeting...

- St. Paul’s is seeking a Sunday accompanist for piano and/or organ
- The Outdoor Service and BBQ at St. Paul’s is July 16
- The Annual Outdoor Service combined with Rosedale Gardens and St. Timothy is August 13 at Mies Park
- Pastor Nate has scheduled guest pastors for July 2 and July 9 as he will be on vacation.

Vacation Bible School ~ Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29-29
ages 3 years through 5th grade ~ 9:00AM until Noon

From Kathy Potter...Please join us in our **VBS Mission Project of collecting canned vegetables to donate to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Food Pantry that provides food to the hungry in our area!** One of our VBS stories tells of Daniel's faithfulness to God by not eating a diet directed by the pagan king, but eating a diet of just vegetables & water. So, we decided to collect canned vegetables and share food with the hungry. We will have a labeled cart in the lobby that you can leave your canned veggies in **through July 18th.**

Thank you for your participation!

The Board of Deacons is offering the opportunity to provide a chancel floral arrangement for the Sunday worship service. The cost is **\$20.00** and the arrangement will be yours to take after the service. Please check the Flower Calendar in the lobby for available dates. When you choose a date, come to the office, complete an order envelope and insert \$20.00 in cash or a **check made payable to the Board of Deacons.** Your name will then be added to the Flower Calendar. You may also call the office, during business hours, to check available dates, and send your payment to the church by mail.

All arrangements will be acknowledged.

The chancel flower arrangement is presented today by Pattie Benoit in honor of Gunnery Sgt. Joseph McLaughlin

Moving with the Spirit will begin the next 6 week session on July 11 and continue through August 15. The fee is \$30.00, payable to Karen Barsy.

St. Paul's Outdoor Summer Service is planned for under the tent on Sunday, July 16, followed by a BBQ! Mark your calendars!

**FYI: May Income: \$16,771.57; May Expenses: \$18,174.91
Consumers Energy and DTE – 5 months: \$29,131.35**

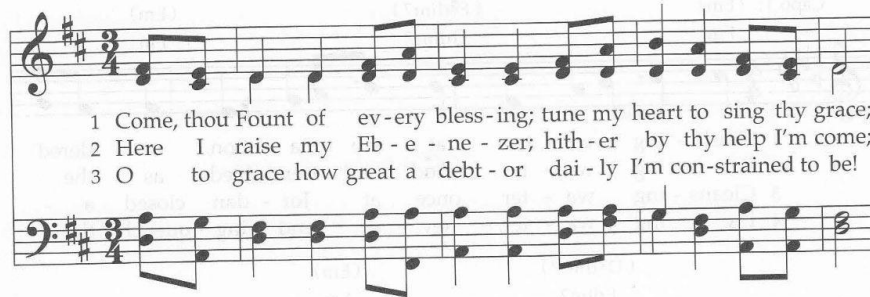
Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



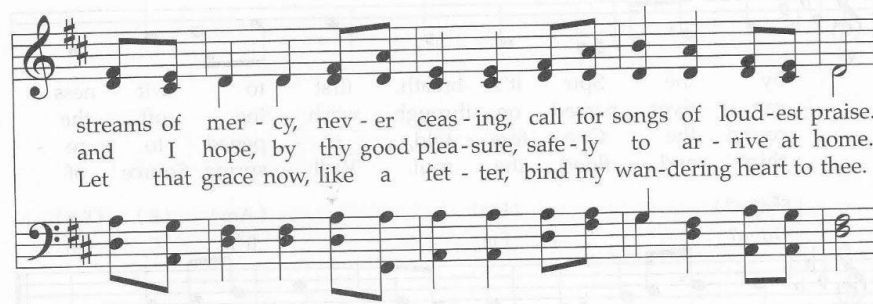
Steve Boyak, Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz
Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson
Pat Garrett ~ sister of Don Tulley; Nate Statly ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor

Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis

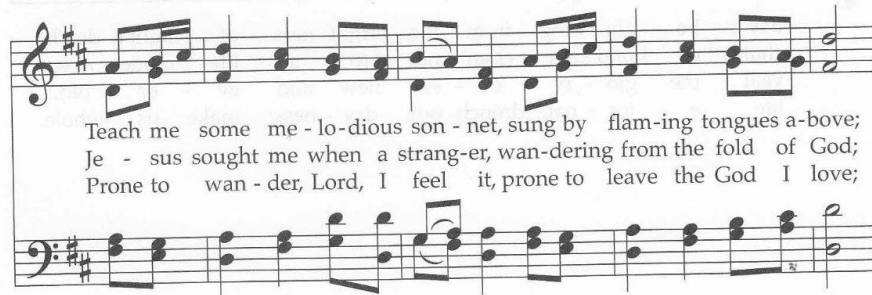
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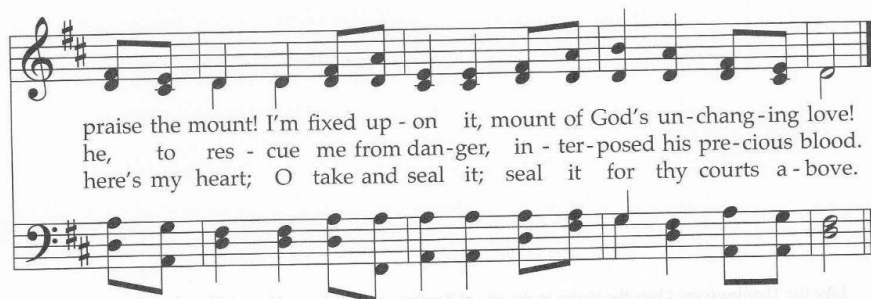
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

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

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834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

TEXT: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

MUSIC: George N. Allen, 1844; arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

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