

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nacogdoches, Texas

## The Service for the Lord's Day



*Immediately Jesus spoke to them and said:*

*Take Heart.*

*It is I.*

*Do not be afraid.*

*Matthew 14:27*

## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

**June 28, 2020 11:00 a.m.**

**ASSEMBLING IN SPIRIT VIA INTERNET**

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PRELUDE

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** Westminster Handbells

WORDS OF WELCOME and CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to step forward in faith.

**All: With confidence in God's Spirit leading us, we give ourselves to God anew.**

Leader: The Lord is good to all,

**All: God's compassion is over all that God has made.**

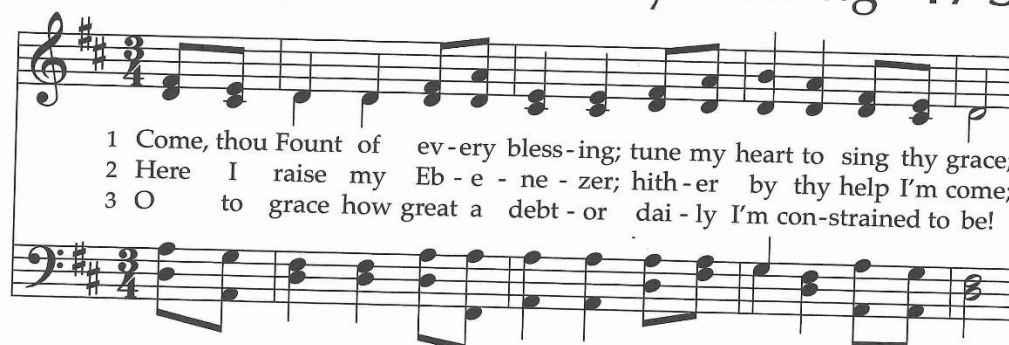
Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

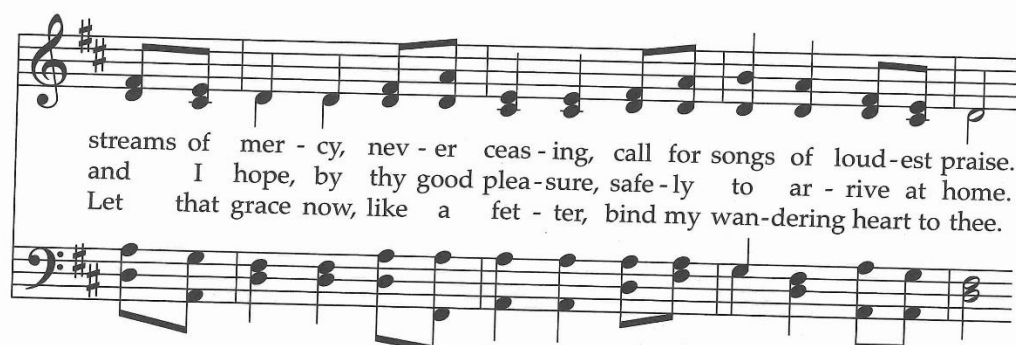
## HYMN

BAPTISM

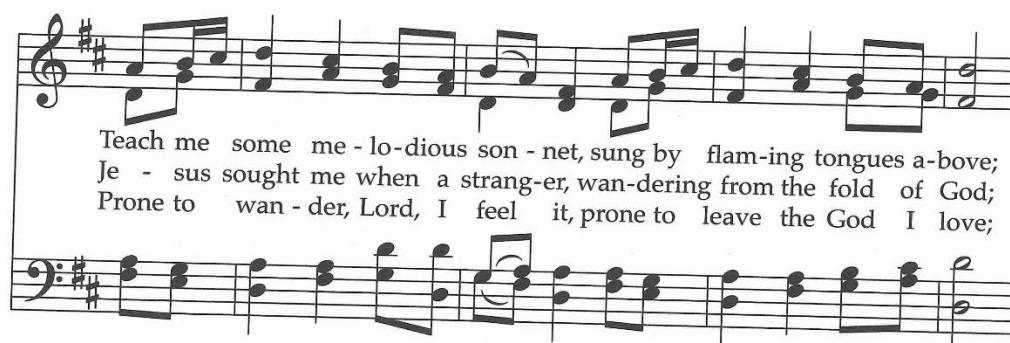
## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



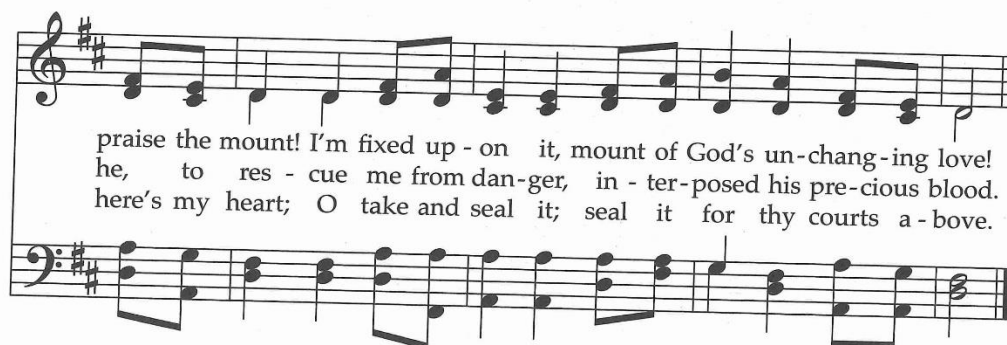
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

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

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## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. But the God we serve is gracious and merciful, slow to become angry and abounding in steadfast love and mercy. Let us therefore come to God in humility and confidence to confess our sins. Let us pray....

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Almighty God, you created us, redeemed us, and sustain us now and forever. Though we believe these wonderful gifts, we still violate your image within ourselves. We fail in love, justice, peace, and faith. And our guilt in recalling our failings causes us to despair long after you have forgiven us in Christ. Lord, have mercy upon us! Heal us with your tender mercies, and lift us to joyous praise and thanksgiving, and help us at all times to think on the saving grace of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and to TAKE HEART. Amen.**

*(Continue in silent prayer...)*

## RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Dvořák

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;**

**Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Friends, hear and believe the Good News! The mercy of the Lord is wider and deeper than the sin of any of us. In Christ we are forgiven!

**All:** In Christ we are forgiven and free, to live in love and mercy, forgiving others. We give God thanks for freedom to live. Alleluia! Amen.

## 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.**

## OFFERING REFLECTIONS

## ORGAN INTERLUDE

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## DOXOLOGY

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

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

Psalm 145:8-14

SOLO

**“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”** arr. Virgil Thompson  
Greg Garcia, baritone

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

**“Command Us and Save Us”**

Rev. Howard Reed

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Brief Statement of Faith**

*(Excerpts)*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

## 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
 lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."  
 the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
 I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and  
 found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1846, alt.

MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906KINGSFOLD  
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## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Dr. James Pitts



*As always, we are grateful to James Pitts, Michele Peck, Kevin Helmer, Whitney Frazier and for faithfully sharing worship with many others via the internet.*

## *A Note of Appreciation....*

Dear Friends,

We want to thank our church family for the warm words of support through phone calls, emails, snail mail, and home-baked cookies following Dave's recent surgery. Your comforting thoughts and prayers were healing.

We are thankful to report that Dave is doing extremely well; now walking 3 miles each day and has resumed his previous daily routine. However, he said that he "will not be doing any competitive weight lifting or rugby" in the future. God Bless you all.

**Vickie and Dave Wallace**

## **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (PCUSA)

**THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP** at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

**Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.**

### **THE SESSION**

#### Class of 2020

Ken Deppisch  
Bennie Kitchens  
Terry Kline  
Terri Moehring  
Barbara Stump

#### Class of 2021

Deborah Dalton  
Charles Gavin  
Kevin Helmer  
Michele Peck  
Lynnae Perdue

#### Class of 2022

Sue Johnson  
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Stephanie Petti  
Bruce McNellie  
Robin Moore

### **MINISTERS:**

All the Members of the Congregation

Interim Pastor	Rev. Howard Reed
Director of Music	Deborah Dalton
Organist	James Pitts
Director of Christian Education	Whitney Frazier
Nursery Coordinator	Myra McNellie
Presbyterian Women Moderator	Lisa Thompson
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