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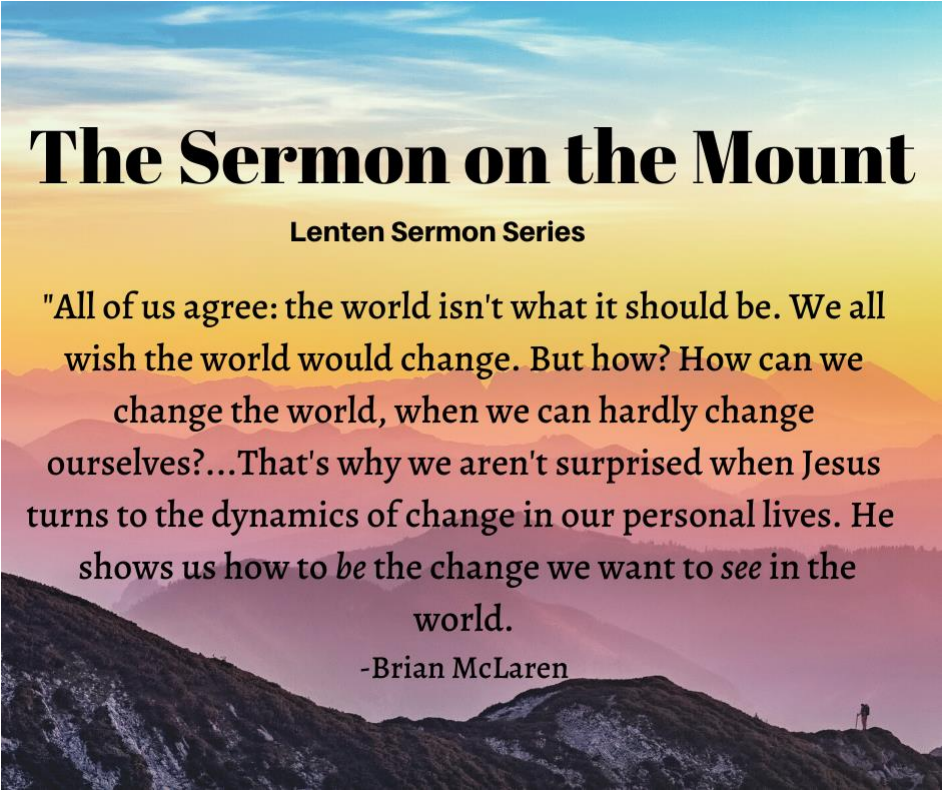
Service for the Lord's Day
March 15, 2020

The Sermon on the Mount

Lenten Sermon Series

"All of us agree: the world isn't what it should be. We all wish the world would change. But how? How can we change the world, when we can hardly change ourselves?...That's why we aren't surprised when Jesus turns to the dynamics of change in our personal lives. He shows us how to *be* the change we want to *see* in the world.

-Brian McLaren



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.
Bold italic text is read or sung by the congregation.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Joy, wonder, delight –

Doubt, peace, restlessness –

Sorrow, contentedness, anxiety –

Confidence, hope, pardon:

We lay our hearts, full of these things, before our God.

Unburdened and awaiting

Let us worship God.

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

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Giver of Life: Hear our prayer.

*There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
from one another and from you.*

*We confess that we have allowed these rifts to grow,
for fear of admitting our part in the separation,
for fear of being rejected when we reach out.*

*You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness within ourselves,
with each other, and with You.*

*Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
through the power and love of Christ,*

in whose name we pray.

(silent confession)

***Declaration of God's Grace**

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Congregational Response #694**

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the font of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 6:1-18 (*Pew Bible, pages 5-6 - NT*)

Sermon "Becoming Like Jesus: Your Secret Life"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Moment of Silence

Hymn #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation / Prayers of Intercession

Response #469 "*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*"

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.

Offering of Resources and Prayer

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*** Hymn #547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

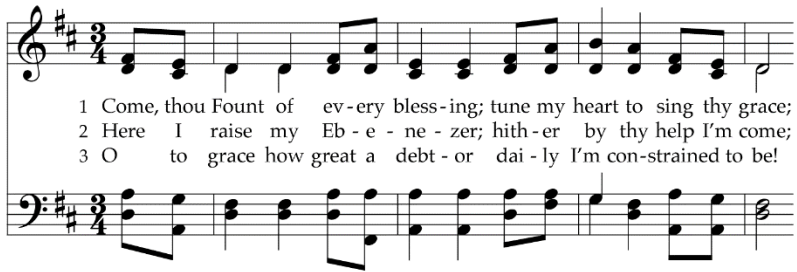
***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

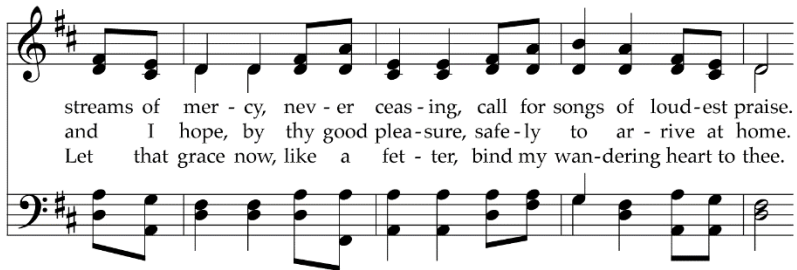
Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze
Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

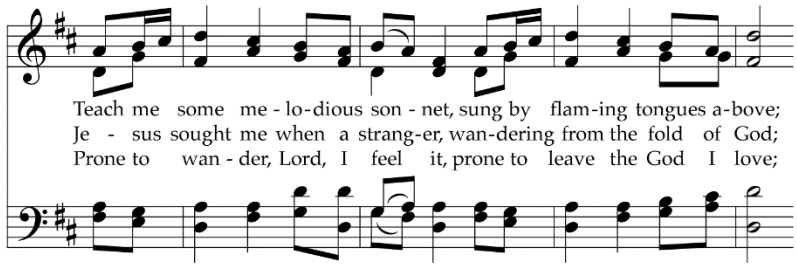
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



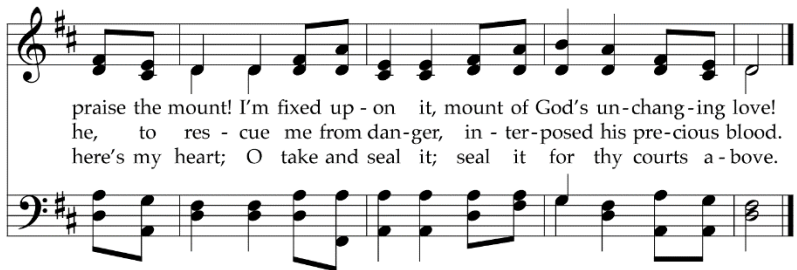
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



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.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your
Spir-it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren
pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."



Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime.
 His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might
 be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Bev Bonning and family for the loss of her father, Bill

Bill Cleary

Jeffrey O'Neill

Dave Merchant II

Kim Dickens

Irene King

Joe Walsh

Blakely Lindemuler

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Eastminster Mission Statement

We, the members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church,
celebrate the grace of God and the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

We believe we are called as God's children to:

Praise and worship God;

Nurture and support spiritual growth as a family of faith;

Promote an open and welcoming community;

Reach out to the world with compassion;

and seek God's justice.

We strive to develop and use our Spirit-given gifts

to share our faith in word and deed

as disciples who serve the Lord Jesus Christ

according to the will of God.

Adopted by the Session in 1999. Revised in 2011.

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