

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
August 2, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 2, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

We come here to draw water -

Thirsty for new life.

We come here to draw water -

Bringing our past and our present, our messy truths and our deepest scars.

We come here to draw water -

Carrying shame, and in need of grace.

Fortunately for us, God always meets us at the well.

So breathe deeply and drink up.

God is here. The water is clean.

Let us worship God.

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

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: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: LLANGLOFFAN

Meter: 7.6.7.6 D

Music: Welsh folk melody; Llwybrau Moliant, 1872

Piano

Our shame feels like a spi - ral, a ne - ver end - ing depth.
When we com - pare each o - ther, it seeks to tear a - part.
O, Lord, you see us tru - ly, as child - ren whom you love.
Help us, dear God, un - ra - vel the shame that weighs us down,

Pno.

Our past weighs down our pre - sent; we're burd - ened by its breadth.
When we spew words of judg - ment, it breaks our hag - gard hearts.
Let's end our sham - ing cul - ture through wis - dom from a - bove.
and give us Je - sus' cour - age to spread your grace a - round!

Pno.

We feel our - selves un - ra - velled, un - worth - y, and un - done;
Some - times we're shamed for mo - res that haunt us from the past.
In - stead of judg - ing o - thers by stand - ards we cre - ate,
To - ge - ther we can flour - ish and heal the deep di - vides.

Pno.

ex - haust - ed from the gaunt - let and judged by ev - ery - one.
And o - ther times we're judged for the sins that we've a - massed.
help us see them as you do, as folks to cel - e - brate!
We pray, O Lord, to lead us with you, our faith - ful guide!

Affirmation of Faith (by A Sanctified Art)

I believe in God, the Great Sewer -

Who weaves us together in community,

Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.

I believe in the Holy Spirit -

Who hems us in before and behind,

Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.

And I believe in Jesus Christ -

Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to

disregard anyone as scrap.

*I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.*

*I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.*

*I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.*

*And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,
And to invite me into a new journey.
Amen.*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.

Communion

Please have bread and juice, or some other type of liquid, prepared so that we can partake of communion together.

Hymn #182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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).

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”*

Participants in today’s service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Communion: Rev. Kristin Stroble and Dr. Fred Graham

Scripture Reading: Thomas Corner, Claire Johnston, Rev. Kristin Stroble

Affirmation of Faith: Jim & Nancy Robertson

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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