



Third Sunday in Lent  
Lenten Choral Service  
March 12, 2023 • ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection,  
as we begin our preparation for worship.*

PRELUDE	Grave, Adagio from Sonata No. 2	Mendelssohn
TOLLING OF THE TOWER BELL		Gabriella Carter
WELCOME		Rev. Pete Jones
* CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Pete Jones

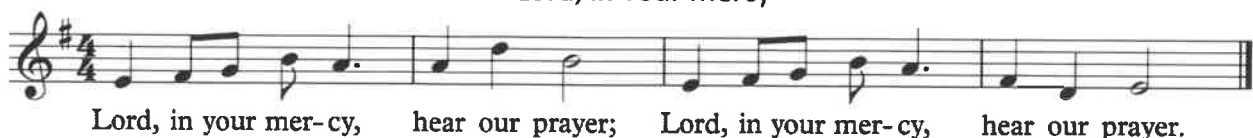
Leader: A love that never ceases,  
**People: A creativity that designed the universe,**  
Leader: A hope that cannot be quenched,  
**People: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:**  
Leader: These are the things that are of God,  
**People: Then let us worship together with hope.**  
Leader: Come, lift up your voices to God.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Katherine Pater  
Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our fault, The strength to amend our actions, And the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray.

Silent Prayer...Amen.

KYRIE "Lord, in Your Mercy"



**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Katherine Pater

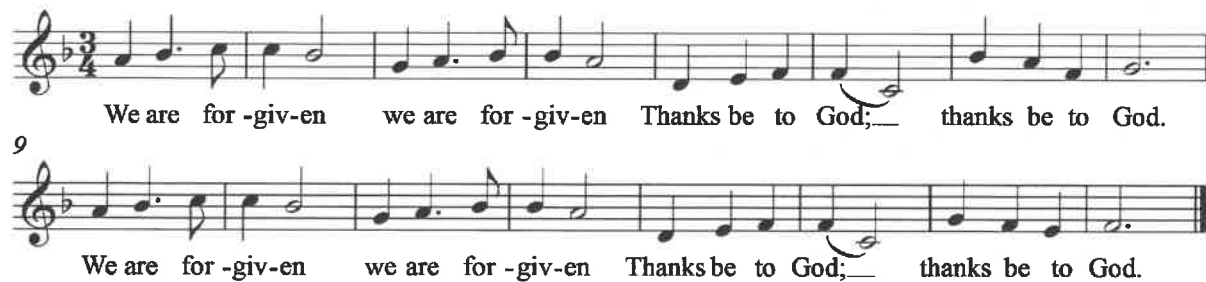
Leader: Friends and Siblings: hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven.

You are free to go and live in the light of love.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\* A SONG OF FORGIVENESS****"We are Forgiven"**

Hopson

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Katherine Pater

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD****SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Margaret Richard Morrison

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Elder Dan Smith

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.

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Rev. Pete Jones

Children in grades K-5th are invited to Sunday School following the Time with Children. They will be escorted to the top floor of the Memorial building. Child Care for children ages 6 months to 4 years old is provided in room 31 throughout Worship. They must be dropped off and picked up by a parent or designated caregiver. ALL children must be picked up by a parent or designated caregiver.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Bill Weisenbach

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 55: 1-11 (King James Version)

Rev. Bill Weisenbach

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. <sup>2</sup> Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise; <sup>3</sup> Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me. <sup>4</sup> My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. <sup>5</sup> Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me. <sup>6</sup> And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. <sup>7</sup> Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. <sup>8</sup> I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest. <sup>9</sup> Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city. <sup>10</sup> Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it. <sup>11</sup> Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC

### HEAR MY PRAYER

Felix Mendelssohn

*Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear! Thyself from my petition do not hide.  
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee,  
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.*

*The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast! Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!  
The wicked oppress me, Ah where shall I fly?  
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!*

*My heart is sorely pained within my breast, my soul with deathly terror is oppressed,  
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall, with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!*

*O for the wings, for the wings of a dove! Far away, far away would I rove!  
In the wilderness build me a nest and remain there forever at rest.*

Grace Kahl, Soprano and Chancel Choir

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**CALL TO THE OFFERING** (For virtual giving see end of this Order for more information.)

Rev. Pete Jones

#### OFFERTORY

"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" from *Elijah*

Mendelssohn

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, And he shall sustain thee:  
He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand.  
Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens.  
Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon thee!*

Chancel Choir

#### \* DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**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 DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Pete Jones

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

#### CONGREGATIONAL PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bill Weisenbach

**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.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No. 223

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Pete Jones

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Con moto Maestoso* from *Sonata No. 2*

Mendelssohn

*Large-print music sheets are available in the Narthex or ask an usher for assistance.*

*\* Those who are able, please stand. \*\*Please use gender-neutral, non-binary, or feminine language for God if you feel so called. \*\*\*or Mother or Loving Parent*

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are provided by Hitchcock Presbyterian Church. There are open dates for the 2023 year. If you would like to donate flowers, visit our website at [www.hitchcockpresby.org/flowers](http://www.hitchcockpresby.org/flowers).

### OUR THANKS

TO THE CHANCEL CHOIR AND THE INSTRUMENTALISTS

**SOPRANO** – Myrna Brady, Kathleen Dunlop, Grace Kahl\*, Dorothy Kroenlein, Kathleen Mahan, Eui Pfeffer, Beverly Thornhill, Lisa Waterworth

**ALTO** - Gladys Bart-Williams, Nicole Besa\*, Martha Binder, Betsy Bush, Martha Flanders, Rosamonde Morgan

**TENOR** - Steve Bush, Andrew Hall, Jonathan Hwang, Kameron Lopreore\*, Bill Moss, Du Zhang

**BASS** - John Clapp, Merrell Clark, Bill Doescher, Robert McFarlane, Kyle Pfortmiller\*, Steve Taylor

\*Section leader and Soloist

**INSTRUMENTALISTS** - Benjamin Fingland—Clarinet      Jacob Gruss—Organ

Eric Phinney—Timpani      Kathleen Thomson—Violin

**ACOLYTE** – Youth Forum participants

**COFFEE HOUR** – Join us for our Chili Cookoff

**USHERS** – Georgia Prince, Yzette Swavy-Lipton and Ogechi Trotman



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#### THIS WEEK AT HITCHCOCK

Wednesdays at Hitchcock, 4pm-8pm  
Lenten Thursday Prayer Services (Zoom), 7:30pm  
Open Chapel Time: Fridays in Lent, 9am-3pm

### PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH – MINISTERS

**Rev. Pete Jones, D. Min., Pastor**

**Rev. Katherine Pater** ..... Associate Pastor  
**Dr. John T. King** ..... Minister of Music  
**Rev. William Weisenbach, D.D.** ..... Parish Associate  
**Carol Lavis** ..... Dir. of Children's Ministry  
**Jacob Gruss** ..... Music Intern/Organ Scholar

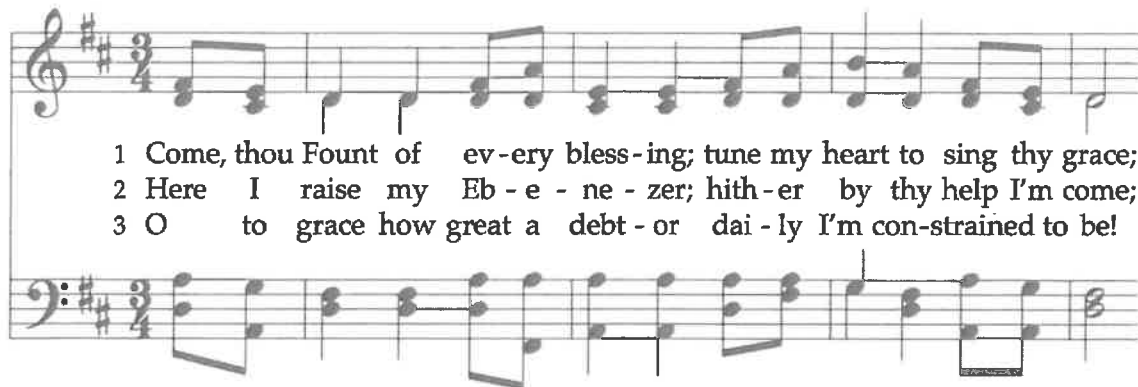
**Giselle Rodriguez** ..... Office Manager  
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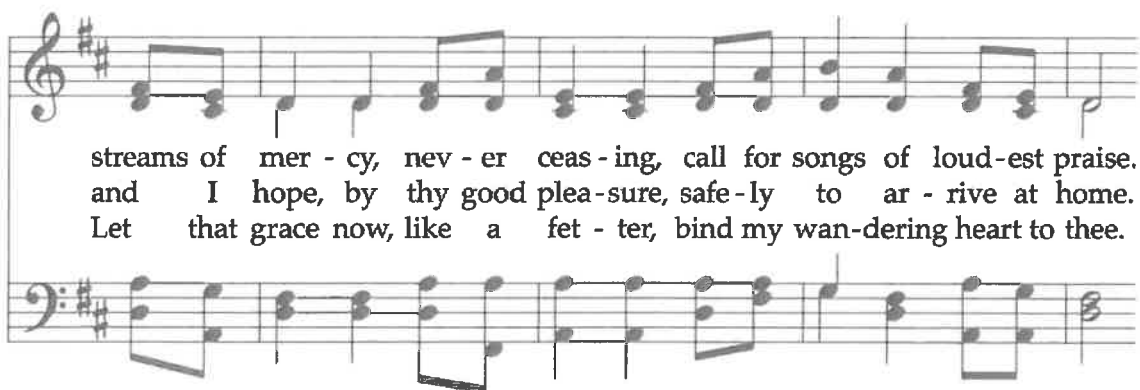
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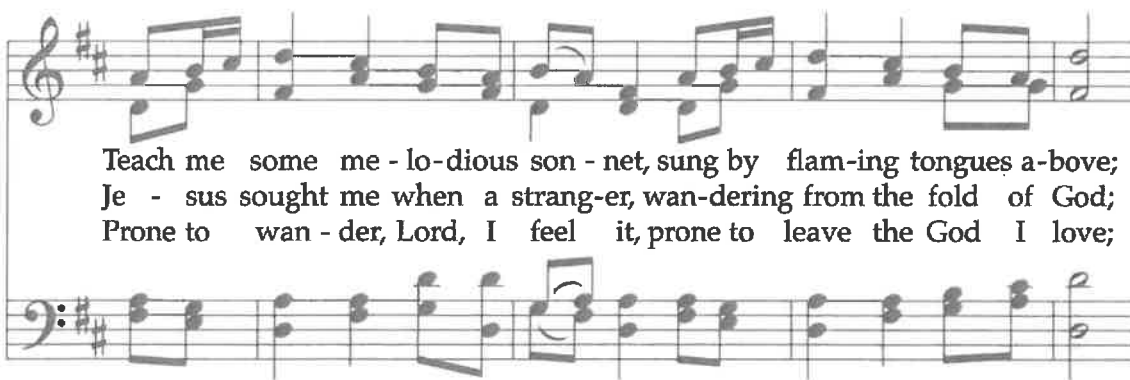
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



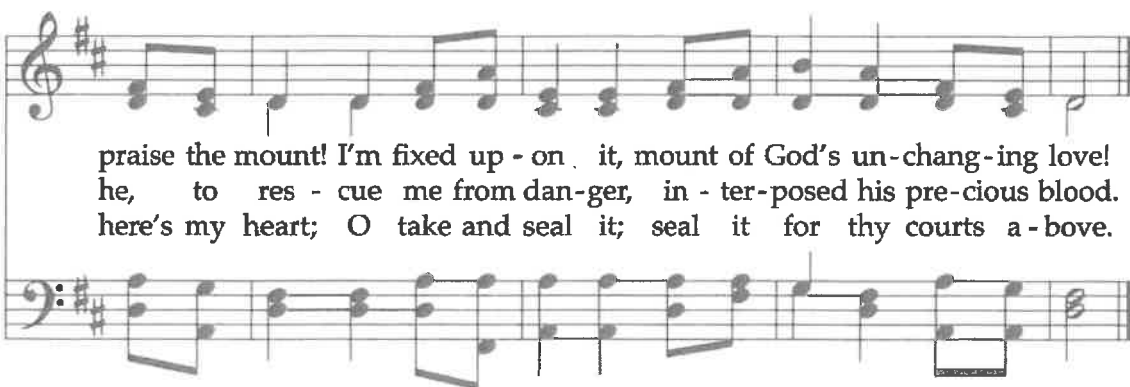
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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;




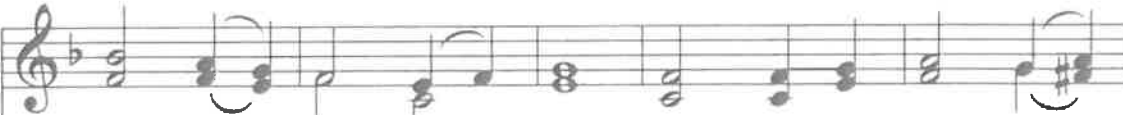
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.



# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223




1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.



This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.