

**David's United Church of Christ**  
**July 9, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Online Worship Bulletin**

Prelude – “Steal Away” African American spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson  
“Morning Has Broken” Traditional Gaelic Melody, arr. Jeff Bennett  
*Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

Welcome & Announcements – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (see below for Lyrics)

Call to Worship – *Emily Phillips*

One: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living. We are free to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.

**Many: Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be.  
Sometimes we are afraid to live into the call to be disciples.**

One: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God's loving call.

**Many: We will look to the new day, and we still set ourselves on the  
Jerusalem road. We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of  
popularity, and we will be disciples of Christ, working to renew and  
heal the world around us.<sup>1</sup>**

Invocation

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Moment – *Kevin Craig*

Mission Moment

Invitation for Support – [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Offertory Music – “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” from Southern Harmony, Mark Hayes

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ all creatures here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.  
One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn – “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (see lyrics below)

Canticle – Psalm 86: 1-10 (adapted from The Message)

One: God is all mercy and grace—not quick to anger, but rich in love.

**Many: God is good to one and all; everything God does is abounding with grace.**

One: Creation and all the creatures applaud you, God; your holy people bless you.

**Many: They speak of the glories of your rule, exclaim over your splendor,**

One: Letting the world know of God’s power for good, the lavish splendor of God’s kin-dom.

**Many: Your kin-dom is eternal; you’ll never get voted out of office.**

One: God always does what God says and is gracious in everything God does.

**Many: God gives a hand to those down on their luck, gives a fresh start to those ready to quit.**

One: Everything God does is right—the trademark on all God’s works is love.

**Many: God’s there, listening for all who pray for all who pray and mean it.**

One: God does what’s best for those who are in awe of God—

**Many: God hears them call out, and God saves them.**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Most holy and merciful God, in your presence we must face the sinfulness in our lives, the errors of our ways, intended or accidental. You alone know how often we have failed by wandering from your paths, wasting your gifts, and fleeing the call of your love. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we have broken your requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with your truth and raise us by your grace that we may more nearly be the people of Christ and the witnesses of your Spirit. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God’s People, Silent Prayers & Our Lord’s Prayer

Special Music – “Valse Petit Dejuener/Far Away” by Lequerre/Jung arr. Bergmann  
played by *Lisa Susner*

Scriptures – Epistle – Romans 7: 15-25a

Gospel – Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Sermon – “Come, all that are weary, and I will give you rest.” *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “Near to the Heart of God” (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Postlude – “Prelude in F major” J.S. Bach

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# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

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

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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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).



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## Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God;  
2. There is a place of com-fort sweet, near to the heart of God;  
3. There is a place of full re-lease, near to the heart of God;

a place where sin can - not mo-lest, near to the heart of God.  
a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.  
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain*

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait be - fore thee near to the heart of God.