

September 12, 2021

10:30 AM

GOD CALLS US

***Gathering Song** *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing (TH #457)*
Nettleton

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Psalm 95:6-7

LEADER: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel
before the LORD, our Maker!

PEOPLE: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

***Prayer of Invocation**

(concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

ALL: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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***Corporate Prayer of Confession**

adapted from

The Valley of Vision, "The Prayer of Love," p. 149

ALL: Gracious LORD, thy name is love, in love receive our prayer. Our sins are more than the wide sea's sand, but where sin abounds, there is grace more abundant. Look to the cross of thy beloved Son, and view the preciousness of his atoning blood; listen to his never-failing intercession, and whisper to my heart, 'Thy sins are forgiven, be of good cheer, lie down in peace.'

LEADER: Let the words of our mouths,

PEOPLE: **and the meditations of our hearts**

LEADER: be acceptable in your sight, O LORD,

ALL: **our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

***Silent Confession of Sin**

***Song of Confession**

Vaughan Williams

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down, and drink, and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto Me; your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.

***Assurance of Pardon**

John 8:12

LEADER: Jesus said “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows
me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of
life.”

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Through Giving

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Trad., arr. Greg Howlett; Christopher Aitken, piano

Online giving: text any dollar amount to 84321

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Matthew 6:5-13; 7:7-11 Rev. Joe Mullen

Praying in Jesus' Name: Knowing God as Father

⁵“When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. ⁷ “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. ⁹ “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ ‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ ‘Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]’]

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

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LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Communion Song (CUP)

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Rodgers/Wyse, arr. Barker/Maddux

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
who would have thought that a Lamb could
rescue the souls of men?
oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain:

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost the way.
oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Refrain

Almighty, infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Refrain

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*God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing