

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Baptism of the Lord (observed)

January 10, 2021

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)



Today, we are observing the baptism of the Lord and remembering our baptisms. Before worship begins, we ask that you have a bowl of water nearby. During worship you will be asked to sprinkle water or dip your fingers into water and mark your forehead as a reminder of your own baptism.

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>"Studies" op 56, no. 2 in A Minor</i> Robert Parkins, organist	Robert Schumann
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mindy Douglas
PRELUDE	<i>"...the heavens were opened..."</i> <i>(Baptismal Dance)</i>	Dan Locklair
CALL TO WORSHIP		Susan Dunlap
Leader:	In the beginning God created the world, and God blessed it:	
All:	"It is good."	
Leader:	In the beginning God created light, and God blessed it:	
All:	"It is good."	
Leader:	In the beginning God created life, and God blessed it:	
All:	"It is good."	
Leader:	Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,	
All:	calling us closer to all that is good.	
HYMN No. 484	<i>Out of Deep, Unordered Water</i>	<i>Rustington</i>
	<i>Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land,</i>	
	<i>world of bird and beast and, later, in God's image, woman, man.</i>	
	<i>There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.</i>	
	<i>Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.</i>	
	<i>Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,</i>	
	<i>is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.</i>	
	<i>There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.</i>	
	<i>Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.</i>	
	<i>Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore.</i>	
	<i>Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.</i>	
	<i>There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.</i>	
	<i>Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.</i>	

CONFESSION OF SIN

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God whose spirit moved over the waters,
you have washed us in your mercy,
claimed us as your own, bound us in community,
and called us to lives of baptismal grace.**

**Forgive us, O God,
for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people.**

We stumble over our opportunities for forgiveness.

We prioritize our own self-interests.

**We are slow to disrupt the status quo,
even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness,
lead us back to your waters of transformation.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Luke and Ellie Everett

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Send down your Holy Spirit, O God –
tear open the veil of heaven
and speak to us as beloved children
so that we may hear and believe
the good news of your Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

Ellie Everett

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER LESSON (read responsively)

Psalms 29

Luke Everett

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

All: **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

All: **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

All: **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forest bare.

All: **And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forevermore.

All: **O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"When the World Turns Upside Down"

Mindy Douglas

HYMN No. 480

Take Me to the Water

African American Spiritual

Take me to the water. Take me to the water.

Take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus. I love Jesus.

I love Jesus, yes, I do.

He's my Savior. He's my Savior.

He's my Savior, yes, he is.

Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah.

Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (Responsive)

Susan Dunlap

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints**

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Susan Dunlap

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Weicher

. . . 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.

HYMN No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

*Come, thou Fount of every 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, wandering 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 wandering 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.*

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

Trinity's Shield

Dan Locklair

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On January 3, 2021, 97 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

The **flowers** in our worship space today are given to the glory of God by **Alice Raney** in loving memory of her grandmother, **Ethel Carr Lipscomb** and her mother, **Ethel Lipscomb Girvin**. Additional worship space flowers are given to the glory of God by **Caroline Rourk and her family** in loving memory of **Jane Rourk**.

We are grateful to **Gordon Campbell** for serving as interim music director while **Kathy Parkins** recovers from shoulder and bicep surgery.

Music Notes:

Robert Parkins is the University Organist at Duke University. The Gathering Music this morning is from his recording "German Romantic Organ Music," recorded on the Flentrop organ at Duke University Chapel.

Dan Locklair is Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University. His compositions for orchestra, organ, choral groups and chamber music have won international acclaim. Both the prelude and the postlude this morning are from his series "Windows of Comfort," written to celebrate ten stained glass windows by Louis Comfort Tiffany in First Presbyterian Church of Topeka, Kansas.

The Prelude, a frenetic baptismal dance followed by a meditative aria, commemorates the window showing the baptism of Jesus. The quiet, second part refers to the spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting upon him (Matthew 3:16).

The Postlude commemorates the window showing the Shield of the Blessed Trinity, and is based on only three pitches, E-flat, A-flat and B-flat.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images accompanying our online worship services.

Portions of **today's worship text** are taken from *Call to Worship: Lectionary Aids for 2020-2021, Year B*, Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted from *Glory to God* under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

~ Our Condolences and Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Caroline Rourk and family** on the death of her mother and FPC member, **Jane Davis Rourk** (obituary [here](#)). Jane died January 3, 2021 at Duke Hospital following an extended illness. A family service was held on January 9.

We also extend condolences to **Jody and Julie Maxwell and family** on the death of Jody's brother's partner Nancy Amdahl in California, and to **Karen Romines/Connel Fullenkamp and family** on the death of Connel's father, Robert "Bob" Fullenkamp (obituary [here](#)), on January 3. The Romines/Fullenkamp family traveled to South Dakota to be with relatives for the service.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Concerns:

Tom Bloom

Phillip Herndon

Kerry Holbrook

David Parkins, diagnosed with COVID-19 virus

Kathy Parkins

Carol Wills

The many households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Our nation during this season of unrest

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Everlyn Bass, aunt of Valerie McMillian

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Linda Capers, friend of Li-Chen Chin

David and Tina Cotto, brother and sister-in-law of Miriam Morey

Daniel Cheney, brother of Johanna Bernhardt

Maureen Darcey, friend of Brianna Bennett

Phil Goss, friend of the congregation

Candee Herndon, friend of Kathy Krahenbuhl

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Ade and Sowande, sons of Tolokun Omokunde, pastor of Timothy Darling PC in Oxford

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

Robert Reaves, husband of Floalice Reaves, active friend of the congregation

Joe Rudigier, brother of Jeanne Hervey

Church Staff Schedule

The church staff are working from home as the pandemic continues. The pastors and administrators are reachable by mobile phones /texts. Their church voicemail and email are being monitored, so feel free to reach out to them if you have a need or concern.

Study and Devotional Materials Available

Presbyterian Women Study books for 2020-2021 are still available at the church (in the Volunteer's office). Contact church staff if you need a copy. Contact [Linn Lopez](mailto:Linn.Lopez@church.org) (919-596-5707) for ways to connect with Presbyterian Women in 2021.

These Days devotional books for the first quarter of 2021 have now arrived at the church. Regular and large print copies are available. You may call the church office (919-682-5511) to arrange a pickup time or request that a copy be mailed to you.

Help Us Create a New Pictorial Directory . . .

Need help remembering what people look like without masks? Longing for a church picture directory? You know, the kind where the corners get crinkled and you write notes in the margins. Help us make it happen! If you haven't already uploaded a picture to our online directory now's your chance and here are directions! The instructions to install the ChurchLife app for smart devices is [here](#). We'll use photos from the online directory to create our print version so we need your help. We want to see your smiling faces, so please take a moment and upload those photos!

First Presbyterian Adult Faith Formation



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Rabbi Greyber from Beth El Synagogue & FPC's Jerry Postema will discuss Genesis 22:1-19 and Aaron Koller's Unbinding Isaac. Join us of a deep dive into God, suffering and more.

Unbinding Isaac: A Jewish & Presbyterian Conversation about Public Life, Faith & Difficult Texts

Sundays, January 24 & 31, 4-5:15 pm - Zoom link to follow.

Love in the Heart of Durham

The zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87187441461>

All are welcome to join this conversation!

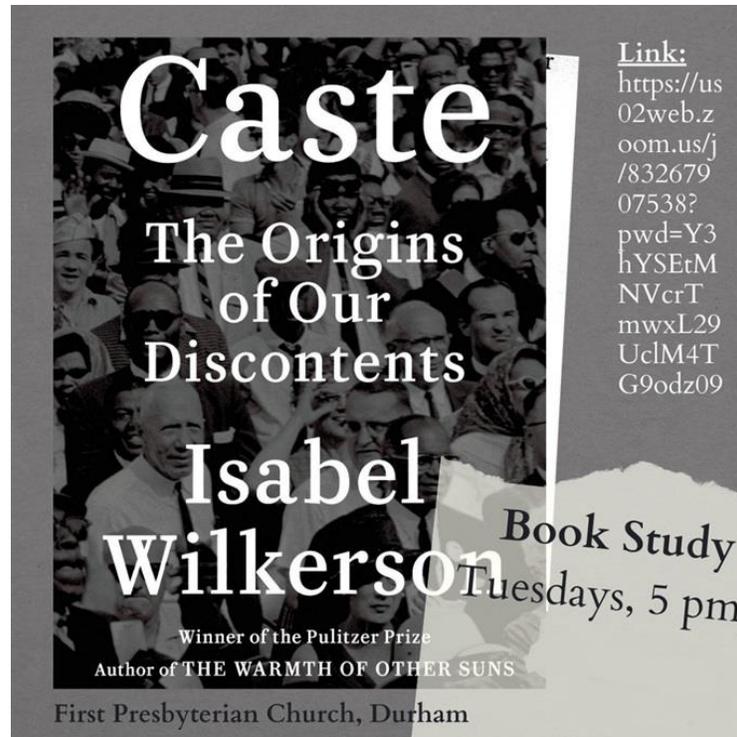


ORDER BY MONDAY noon (January 11) FOR MONDAY (January 25) DISTRIBUTION. Or sooner!

John Fricks is taking orders for 1-lb bags of Café Justo (www.justcoffee.org). The beans will be roasted in Agua Prieta NEXT week (Thursday or Friday) and be at John's house by Monday January 25. The beans are roasted on Wednesday or Thursday, and shipped by Friday, and delivered the following Thursday or Friday. During the pandemic, we've encounter some delays, with delivery a full two weeks after ordering. Just send an email to [John Fricks](mailto:John.Fricks) or call him to place your order: 919-490-0601.

HOPE - A Community Town Hall on the COVID-19 Vaccination

With vaccination efforts underway for the COVID-19 pandemic, the NC Justice Center wants to make sure you have all of the answers you need during these trying times. Join us this **Monday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.** for a virtual town hall with Dr. Richard Watkins, a virologist and immunologist who can answer questions about everything COVID, from how the vaccines are different to vaccination roll-out and the emerging variants of COVID-19. The registration link is [here](#), and you can submit questions before Monday using the hashtag #AskDrWatkins on Twitter, or email your questions to: rebecca@ncjustice.org with Ask Dr. Watkins in the subject line.



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The Origins of Our Discontents
Isabel Wilkerson
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize
Author of THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS
Book Study
Tuesdays, 5 pm
First Presbyterian Church, Durham

Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83267907538?pwd=Y3hYSErMNVcrTmwXL29UclM4TG9odz09>

Study is led by Mindy Douglas
[Click here](#) for ways to access the class.



TIME OUT RADIO SHOW

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
Listen live at FM103.5 (Chapel Hill/ Carrboro area) or online at wcomfm.org.

Bill Hendrickson will feature *Beth Brockman* on his "Time Out" radio show on January 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Beth, as a Spiritual Director, helps to guide folks on their spiritual journey through meditation, contemplative practices, and prayers. As an activist, she is deeply involved in seeing that individuals who have been wrongly accused are either not imprisoned, or if sentenced and committed, should be released.

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EVENING PRAYERS



THURSDAYS, 8 PM

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The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m.** [Marcia Lorimer](#) will be sending the link prior to the meeting. If you are new to this group, contact Marcia and she will email you the link. **Marila Cordeiro-Stone** will be leading a discussion of *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea. Join in even if you haven't finished the book.

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet each Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m., for now on zoom. Those who attend need to have both audio and video available. Each meeting begins with a short presentation about a part of the grief journey, and then we break into small groups for sharing and conversation. Here are our speakers for January:

January 12: Pastor Scott Anderson, topic to be announced

January 19: Bill Dahl, Talismans, Relics and Souvenirs

January 26: Margaret Albert and Tracy Lamar of Duke Homecare & Hospice, "Community Bereavement Services offered by Duke Hospice Bereavement Services." This gives us a chance to learn about the resources available to the community from DHBS, including counseling, support groups, workshops, remembrance services and children's grief support. Explore the specific needs you and your family have in your grief process and resources that are available.

If you are interested in attending these meetings, please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org for registration information.

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant



Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

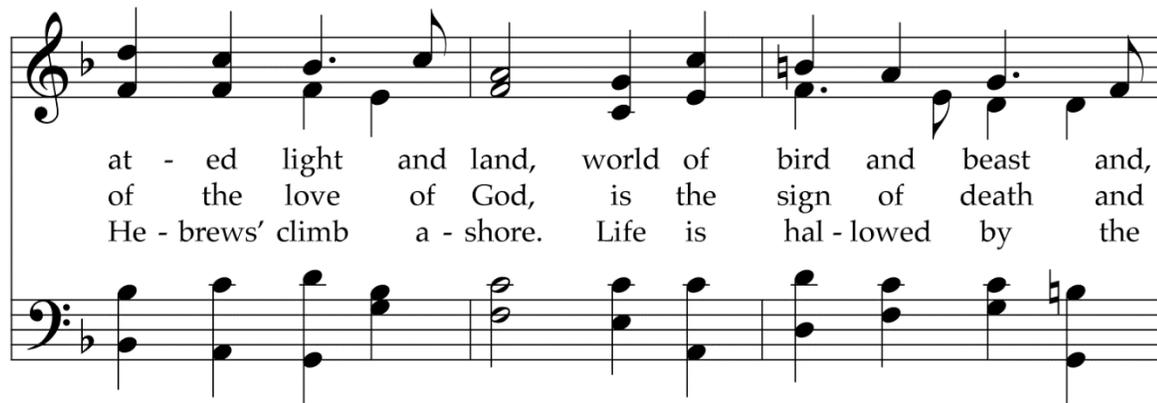
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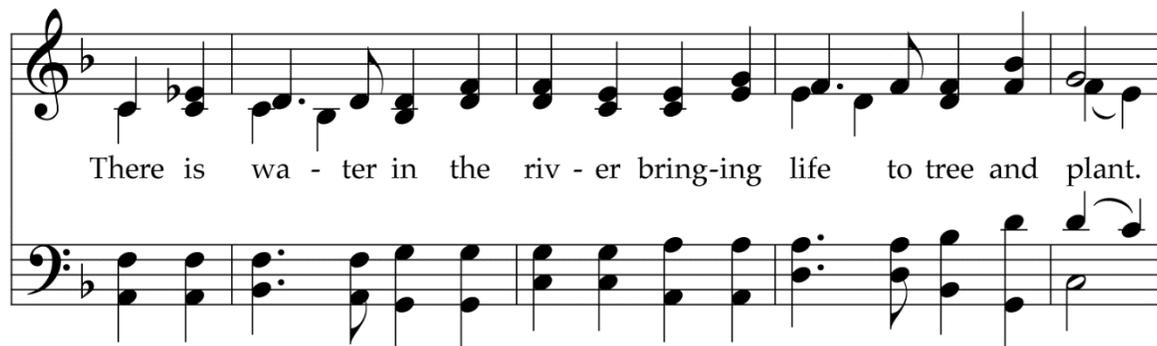
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2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark
3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the



at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
of the love of God, is the sign of death and
He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the



lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.
ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.



There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant.



Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

480 Take Me to the Water

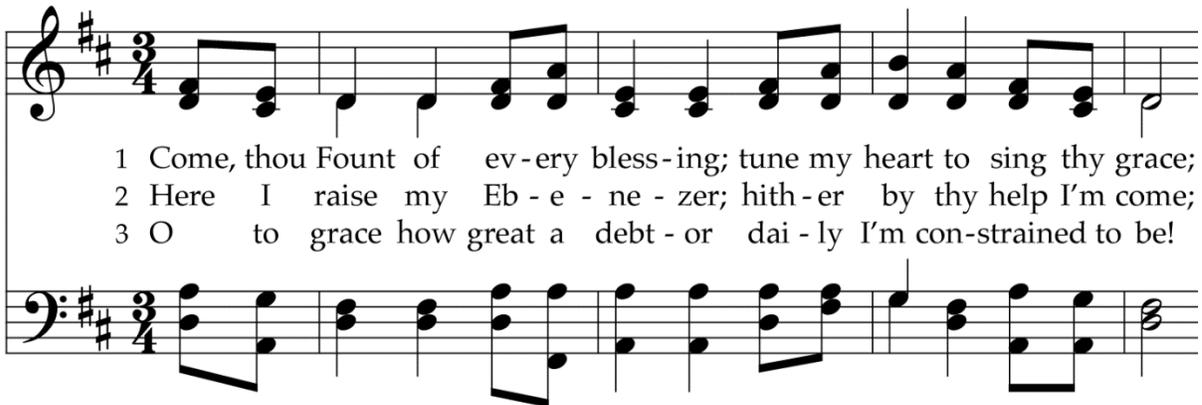


1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
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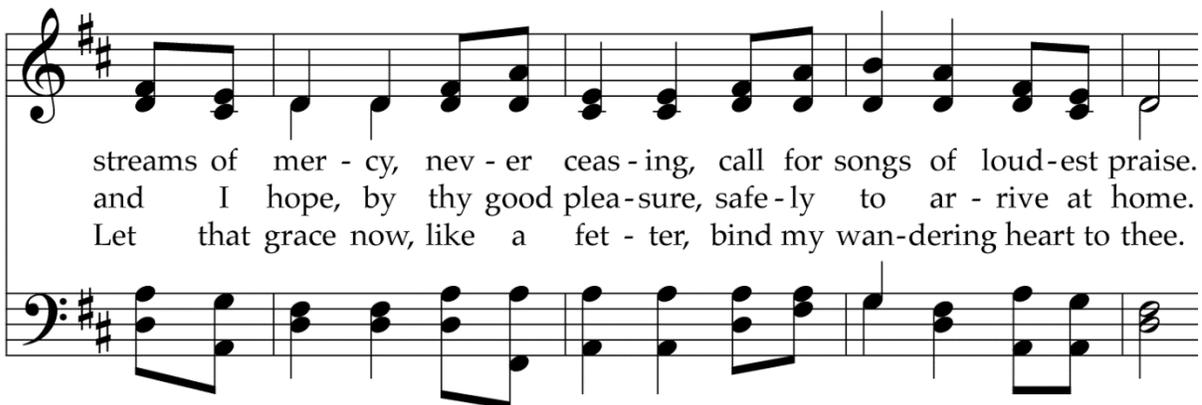


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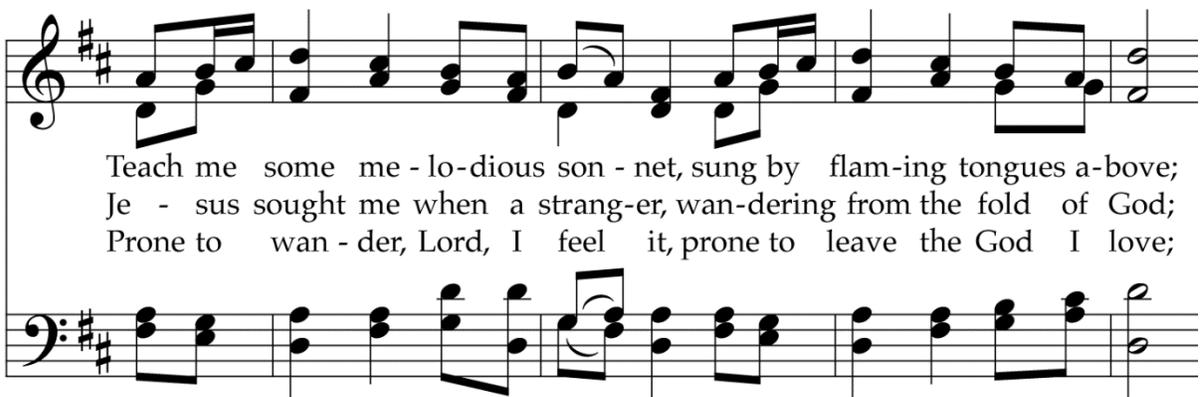
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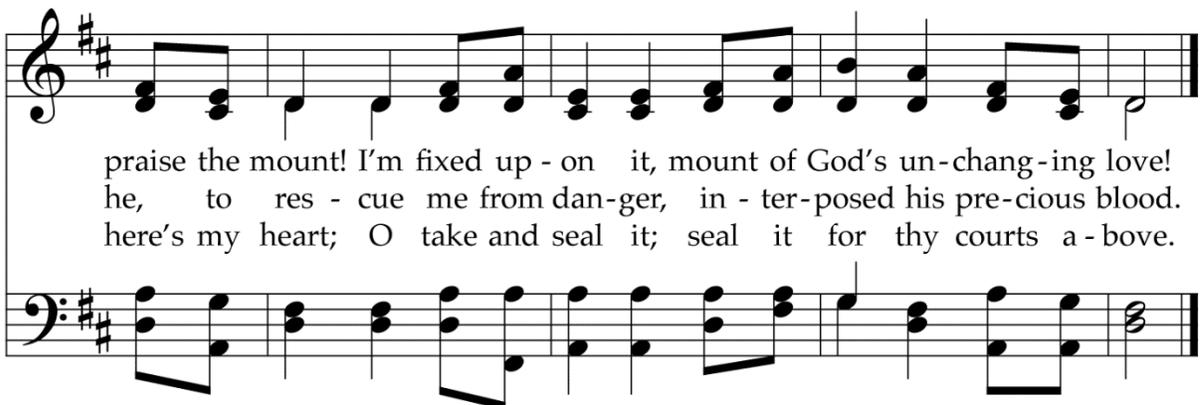
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



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.