

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INVOCATION & THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

C: If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.

P: But if we walk in the light as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C: and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

(Silence for meditation and self-examinations)

P: Almighty God,

C: You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence, for our hearts are darkened, our minds beclouded; we have loved darkness rather than the light; we call for night to cover our deeds. The darkness of death awaits.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: For his sake we beg forgiveness.

P: For his sake God hears your prayer. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in your hearts, to give you the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: We have seen the Lord's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.

P: Walk, then as children of light...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN – “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God,
mercifully receive the prayers of your people.
Help us to see and understand
the things we ought to do,
and give us grace and power to do them;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “Amazing Grace”

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED (not spoken on Saturday evening)

LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:

**CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of
the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION


Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

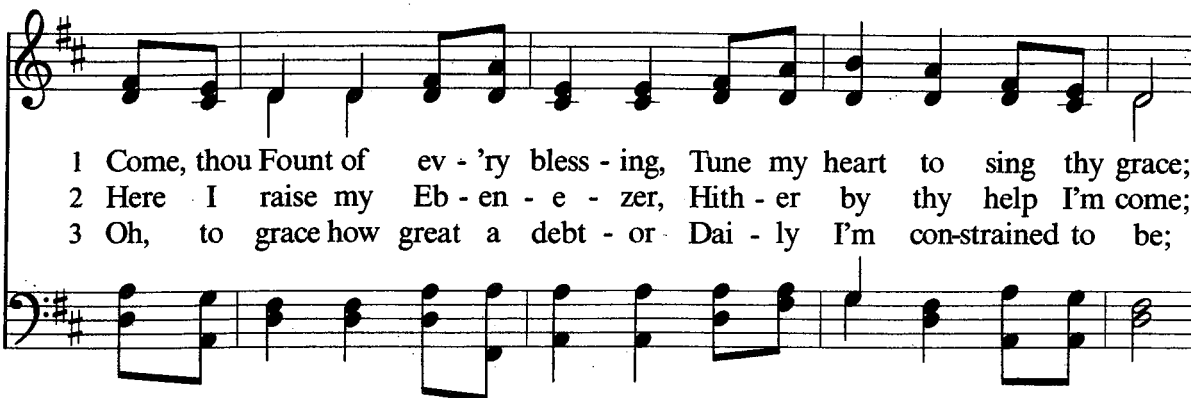
THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “Beloved”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

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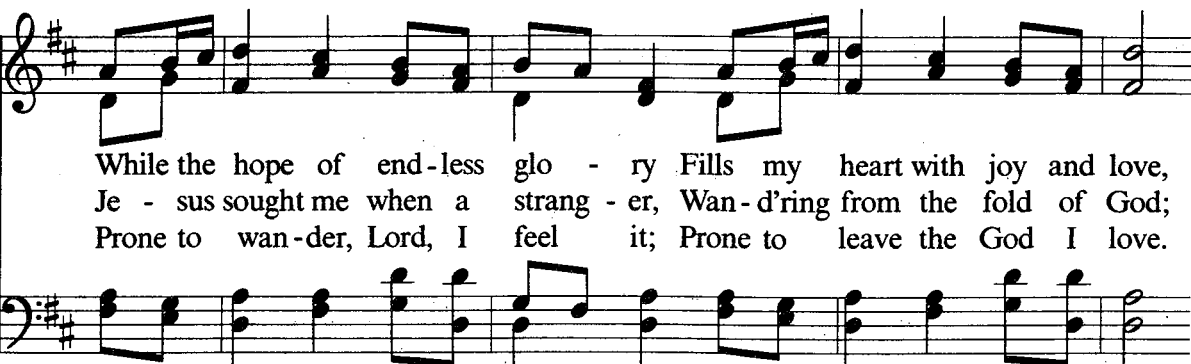
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



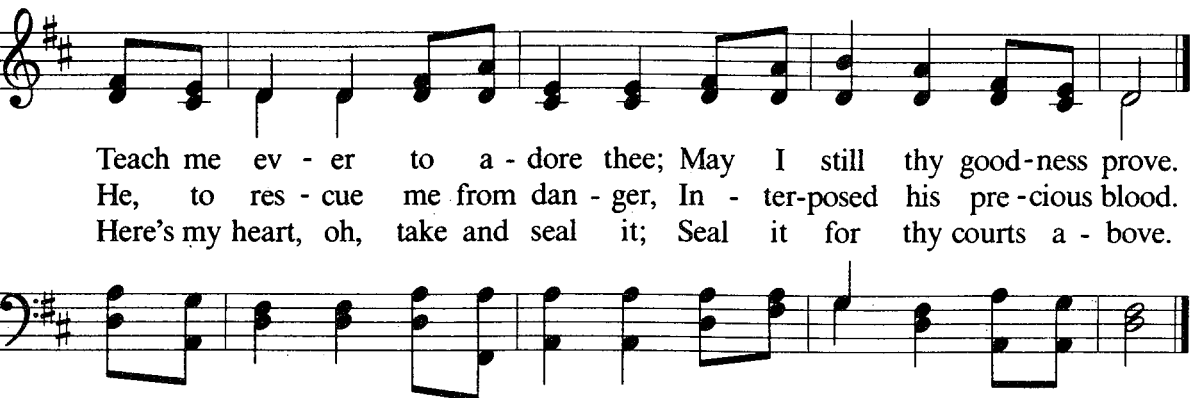
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



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 - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.



Teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; May I still thy good - ness prove.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

American melody

From Carrell & Clayton's *Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-

JOHN NEWTON, 1725-1807

1. A - maz - ing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Thru man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

FREDERICK W. FABER, 1814-1863

LIZZIE S. TOURJÉE, 1858-1913
Arr. by Jon Drevits, 1928-

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner And more grac-es for the good;
3. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure of man's mind,
4. If our love were but more sim-ple, We should take Him at His word,



There's a kind - ness in His jus-tice Which is more than lib - er - ty.
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in His blood.
 And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord.



Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN, 1839-1929

ANTHONY J. SHOWALTER, 1858-1924

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, Lean-ing on the ev-er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, Lean-ing on the ev-er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing on the ev-er -

last - ing arms; What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

REFRAIN

Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, Safe and se-cure from all a-larms; Lean -
 lean-ing on Je - sus, Lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus,

BELOVED

**Beloved,
Let us love one another,
For love is of God,
And ev'ry-one that loveth is born of God,
And knoweth God.
He that loveth not
Knoweth not God,
For God is love.**

**Beloved,
Let us love one another
First John four: seven and eight.**

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