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Mid-week Lenten Service

March 12, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

PRELUDE

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises.

P: Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;

L: where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;

P: where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;

L: where we have been dead, grant us your life.

ALL: Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

*HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

R250/Insert

OPENING PRAYER

L: O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

P: Save us, Lord.

L: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

P: Save us, Lord.

L: O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

P: Save us, Lord.

L: O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints:

P: Save us, Lord.

L: Jesus, Lamb of God,

P: have mercy on us.

L: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

P: have mercy on us.

L: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

P: grant us peace. [SILENT REFLECTION]

L: God of love, as in Jesus Christ, you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the

way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. **ALL: Amen.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Timothy: 1:1-17; 3:16; 6:15-16

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: God of creation, just as when you spoke to a formless world and gave it beauty from chaos, we ask that your life-giving Spirit would flutter upon the dark waters of our hearts, that we may hear your voice through these scriptures and be made new. **ALL: Amen.**

MEDITATION: “Timothy’s Commission and Paul’s Poems” Rev. Kevin Mundell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin.

ALL: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus’ name, your sin is forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” R237/Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of death all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

L: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

***Postlude**

1 Timothy: 1:1-17; 3:16; 6:15-16

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach any different doctrine, and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training that is known by faith. But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions.

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it legitimately. This means understanding that the law is laid down not for the innocent but for the lawless and disobedient, for the godless and sinful, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, fornicators, sodomites, slave traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

3:16 Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:

He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels,
proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.

6:15-16 which he will bring about at the right time—

he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.

*American Folk Tune**John Wyeth, 1812**Robert Robinson, 1758*

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

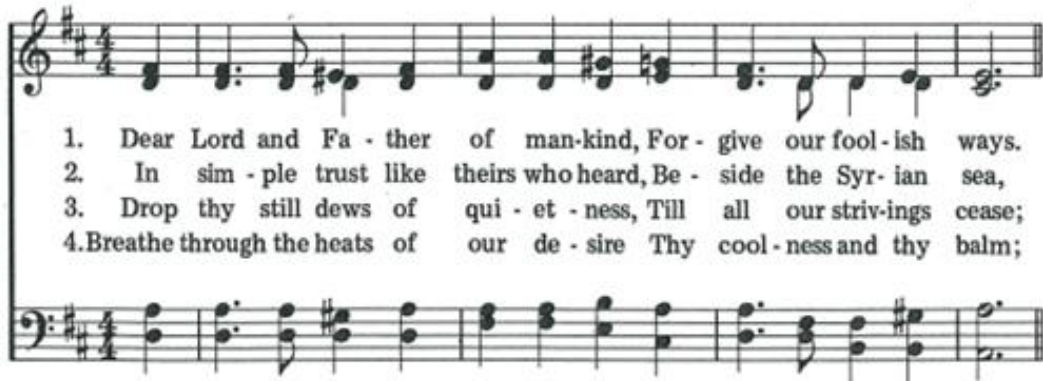
Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
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 thy re - deem - ing love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

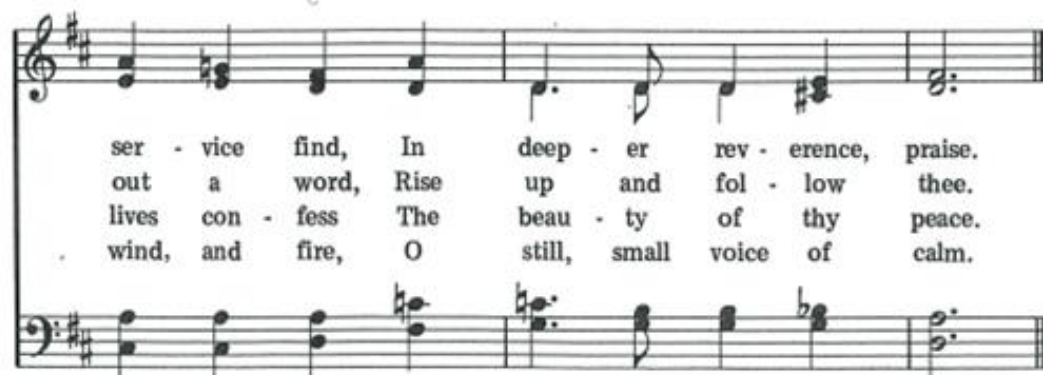
Second Tune

*John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872*REST 8.6.8.8.6.
Frederick C. Maker, 1887


1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, For - give our fool - ish ways.
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian sea,
3. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, Till all our striv - ings cease;
4. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire Thy cool - ness and thy balm;



Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; In pur - er lives thy
The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like them, with -
Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our or - dered
Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire: Speak through the earth-quake,



ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.
out a word, Rise up and fol - low thee.
lives con - fess The beau - ty of thy peace.
wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.