

“Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God’s praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.”- Psalm 66:8-9



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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come to worship, people of God,
with praises on your lips.

**Many: Even when we are feeling isolated and fearful, we can glorify the
One who holds our hands in our loneliness.**

One: Come into the presence of the One who makes holy every place, every
space.

Many: Even as we continue to stay safe in our homes, the doors of grace are flung open for us.

One: Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

Many: In living rooms, on laptops, phones, and devices, we will sing our songs and tell those tales of the peace and of the hope which is ours.

Hymn *"Come Thou Fount"*

1 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!

2 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.

3 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.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness: God who knows us better than we think, we must tell you how easy it is to put our trust in those who offer simple fixes, quick cures, and false hope in these days. It is easier to believe the glib words of politicians, the conspiracies of all the theorists, rather than rational and reasoned experts. All too easily, we can buy into the notion

that the economy is more important than the lives of the most vulnerable, that our individualistic desires supersede the importance of being a community of compassion and grace. Forgive us, God of mercy. You are not found in political rhetoric, but in the child who holds our hand. You are not a rash retort, but the Word that can transform our very lives. You are not a disembodied, constantly recalculating voice, but the One who calls us to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response *"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"*

1 I want Jesus to walk with me; (2X)
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Conversation with Children of God

You are a beloved child of God.
With you God is well pleased.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 66:8-20

8Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, 9who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. 10For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. 11You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; 12you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. 13I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, 14those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. 15I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah 16Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. 17I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. 18If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

19But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
20Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

John 14:15-21

15"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Sermon

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Affirmation of Faith from Heidelberg Catechism

