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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord and All Merciful Judge, we are prone to wander from your peace and grace. We mistake our own road for the right way. We value our own opinions, judgements, and “wisdom” over Your teachings. We choose to listen to our own thoughts and the approval of others more than we choose to live for You and Your kingdom. Yet, in You all sinners find their rest and redemption. You alone could judge us, but you have saved us and wiped our slate clean. Our sin might be great, but your mercy is deeper. Evil might be strong around us, but you are stronger. Lord, you are already healing us but help us to see it. Make us a part of it. Help us to watch over ourselves and to pay attention to the thoughts that we think. Guard our hearts and lead us down your path of peace. Be our guide and turn us away from the spirit of jealousy, pride, anger, and judgement and turn us toward the spirit of unity, humility, patience, and forgiveness. Help us to value Your opinion and Word over us before all else. Increase our faith and our remembrance of your mercy and love. Teach us to learn to live for you and to put your kingdom first. Lord, right now, shower our hearts with the dew of your grace and keep our hearts in Your love, always and forevermore. Amen.

Declaration of God’s Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends. Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new. Let us live as God’s forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!

(Exchange signs of Christ’s peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say “Peace be with you,” or respond, “And also with you.”)

Response GTG #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3X)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(Sung twice)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 98

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 10:44-48

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith** (from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.

We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ,

opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God. Jesus is Lord. Amen.

Service of Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

Statement on Ordination

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer For Ordination and the Laying on of the Hands

Declaration of Ordination

***Hymn GTG #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give your thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Blessing of the Elements
Sharing of the Elements
Closing Prayer

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory Sing Halleluja, Praise the Lord arr. Karoly Kôpe
Chancel Choir

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn AAHH #137** God Will Take Care of You

*Benediction

Postlude Final Gerald Bales

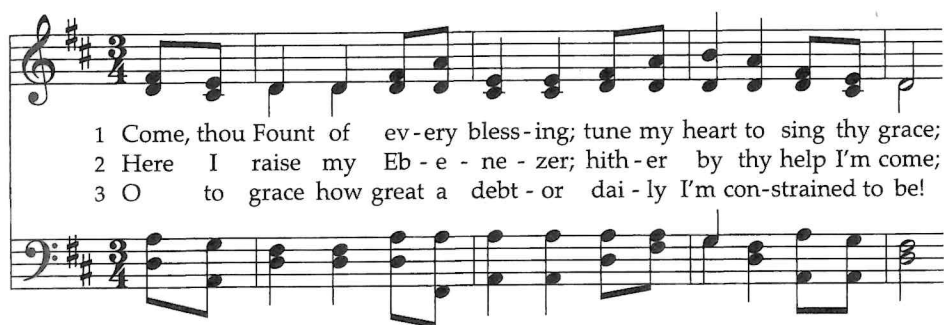
The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

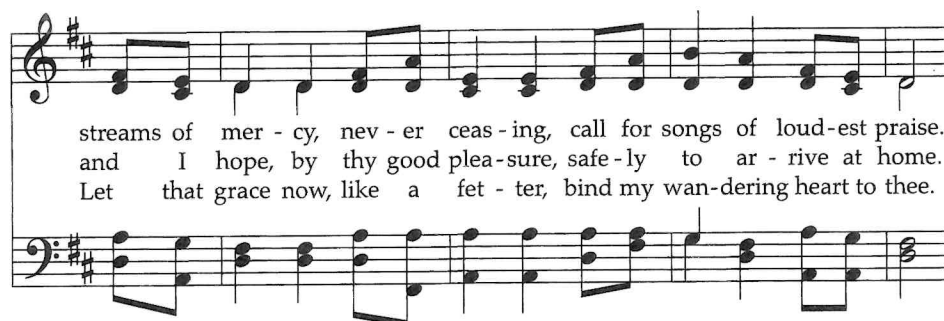
The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Ishmael Taylor, Liturgist

* Please stand as you are able.

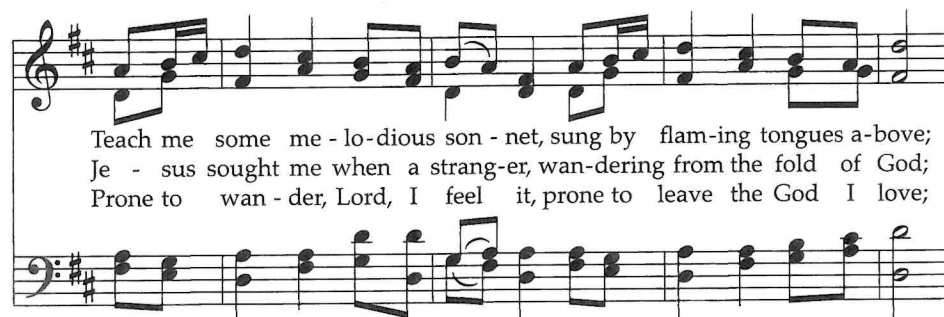
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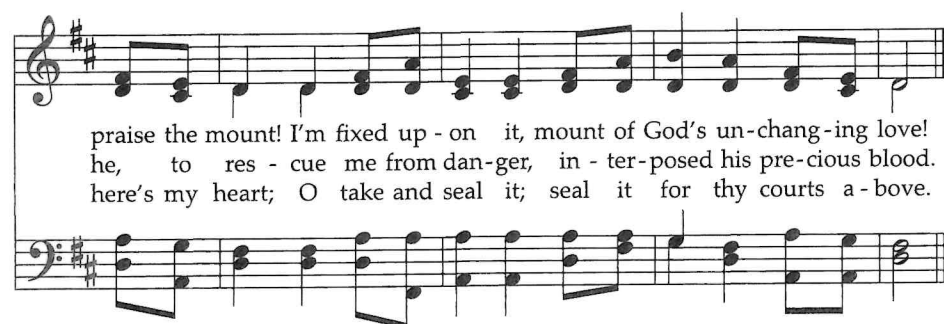
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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;

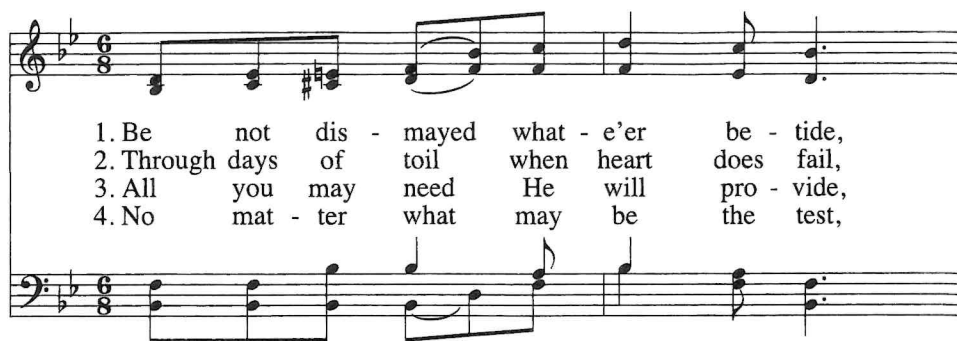


praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

137 GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7



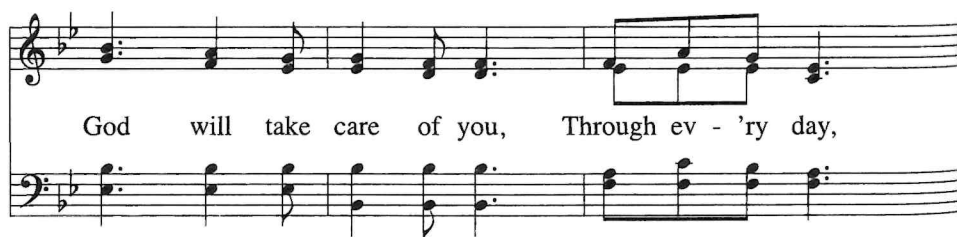
1. Be not dis - mayed what - e'er be - tide,
 2. Through days of toil when heart does fail,
 3. All you may need He will pro - vide,
 4. No mat - ter what may be the test,



God will take care of you; Be - neath His wings of
 God will take care of you; When dan - gers fierce your
 God will take care of you; Noth - ing you ask will
 God will take care of you; Lean, wea - ry one, up -



love a - bide, God will take care of you.
 path as - sail, God will take care of you.
 be de - nied, God will take care of you.
 on His breast, God will take care of you.



God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day,

O'er all the way; He will take care of you,

This system contains the first two staves of a musical score. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note A4. The second measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The third measure contains a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The fourth measure contains a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of two flats. It begins with a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The second measure contains a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, and a quarter note B1. The third measure contains a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, and a quarter note F1. The fourth measure contains a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1, and a quarter note C1. Both staves end with a double bar line.

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God will take care take care of you.
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This system contains the next two staves of the musical score. The top staff continues from the previous system. It begins with a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note A4. The second measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The third measure contains a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The fourth measure contains a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The bottom staff continues from the previous system. It begins with a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The second measure contains a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, and a quarter note B1. The third measure contains a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, and a quarter note F1. The fourth measure contains a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1, and a quarter note C1. Both staves end with a double bar line.