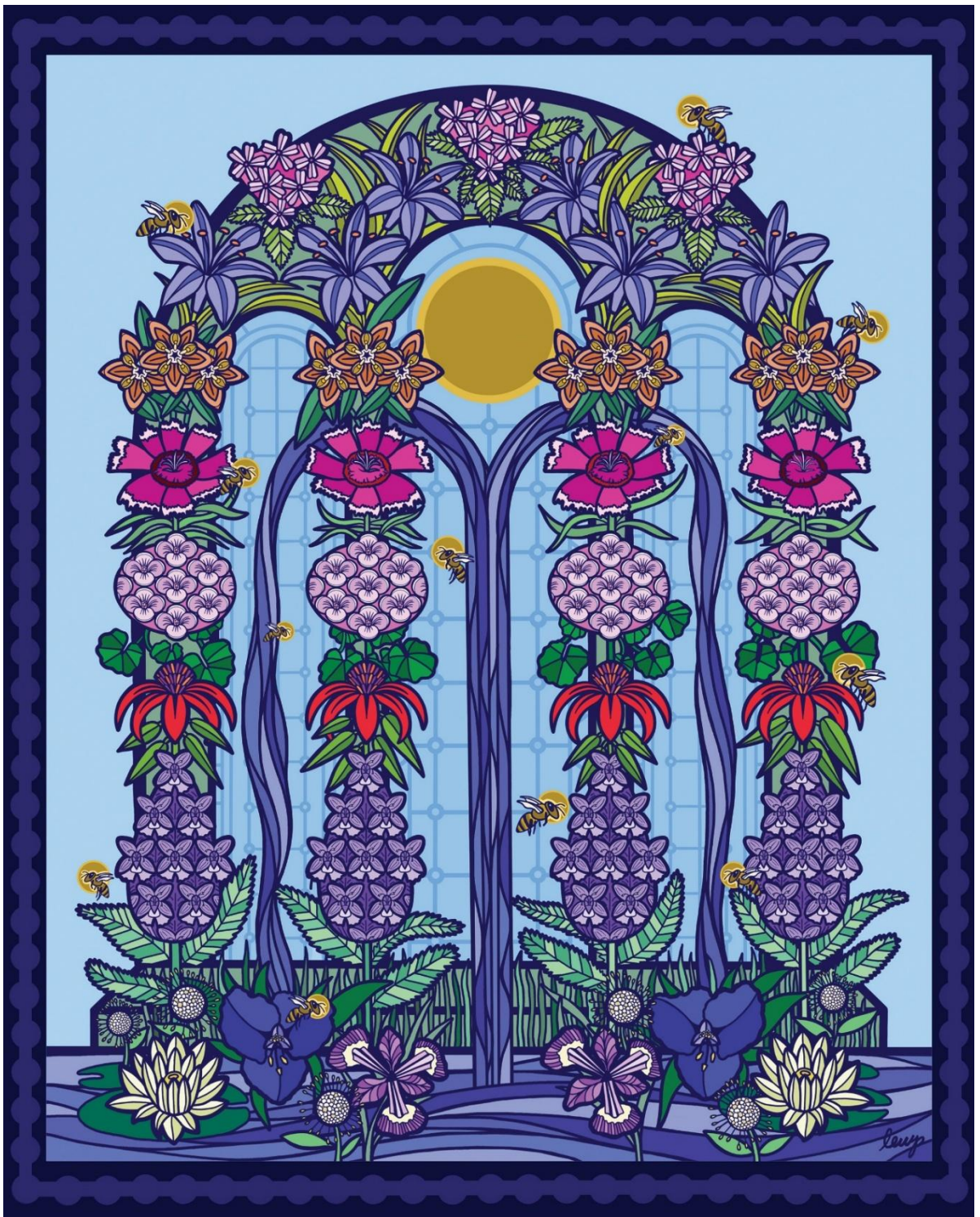




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FULL LIFE

IN THE EMPTIEST OF PLACES

September 6, 2026

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WELCOME

OUR VISION IS TO AMPLIFY A MESSAGE OF LOVE AND JUSTICE THROUGH A GROWING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FULLY ALIVE TO ITS CALLING – TRANSFORMING SAN FRANCISCO AND THE WORLD.

DEEPER CONNECTION, ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Thank you for joining us in worship at Calvary. We recognize that our community and the world suffer from disconnection, division, and a loss of meaning. We seek to respond to those challenges by cultivating a spiritual home where people grow in faith, find belonging, and engage in Christ-centered transformation that reaches beyond our walls, out into the world.

We envision a church where people

- Seek to know God and be on the lookout for awe and wonder
- Speak and live the values God has given us
- Serve and enrich the community around us
- Invite others to walk with us as we follow Jesus



It matters that you are here. Our witness to the world is strengthened when we can build community across our differences and with the unique gifts each person offers. Worship, at its root, is participatory. Your voice, in prayer and song, joins with the voices of others, as an offering to God. "Liturgy"—the words we say together in worship—means "the work of the people." Thankful for the privilege of doing the work together, building deeper connections, rooted in community.

For early and non-readers, icons are included in the left margin throughout the bulletin.



***The asterisk indicates rising in body or spirit.**

Assisted listening devices are available at the Front Desk, and **large print hymnals** are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry).



DAILY LECTIONARY: SEPTEMBER 6—SEPTEMBER 12

Sunday: Isaiah 58:9b-12

Monday: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Tuesday: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7

Wednesday: Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22

Thursday: Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16

Friday: Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16

Saturday: Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15

If you could use a new study Bible, we have some for sale. This is the updated version of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) that we have in the pews. Please inquire at the Front Desk.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer boxes are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry) and at the Front Desk. The Deacons and Pastors honor confidentiality and pray for each request.

Calvary Deacons

Prayer, Essential Errands, Spiritual Support

Terry Milby, Deacon Co-Moderator

Jared Waterman, Deacon Co-Moderator

Rev. Victor Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care



Notice of Filming: Most of Calvary's worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page. While most of the footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

♪ **PRELUDE** "Peace Like a River" VILLE DU HAVRE, by Philip Bliss, arr. Lani Smith

♪ **HYMN 664** "Morning Has Broken" (verses 1 & 3) BUNESSAN

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Is not this the worship God chooses:

**to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the oppressed go free.**

If we offer our bread to the hungry,

**then our light shall rise in the darkness,
and our gloom be like the noonday.**

Let us worship God.

♪ ***HYMN** "Praise to Our God, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🙏 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we have carried the yoke of inequity
and we have laid it on others.**

We have pointed our fingers instead of opening our hands.

We have spoken contempt where we could have spoken love.

**We have let scarcity convince us there isn't enough grace, or room,
or enough of our very selves to share.**

We have not perceived the ruins around us,

nor the breach that, with your guidance, we will repair.

Break this yoke in us, and help us begin again. Amen.

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

♪ ***GLORIA: HYMN 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (verse 1) ST. DENIO

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

🙏 ***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace.

Following The Peace, children aged infant to 5th grade are invited to walk with their parents down to the Lower Level Sunday Studio and Childcare space. Children may also remain in worship with their families.

🙏 **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy Spirit, our bones are dry and our imaginations thirsty. Slake our souls, that this ancient Word
might find the ruins worth rebuilding. Renew us, and make us ready for repair. Amen.**

📖 **SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 58:9b-12 (page 601)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

♪ **HYMN 77** "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old" SAMANTHRA

👂 **SERMON** "Full Life in the Emptiest of Places"



OFFERING

The ushers will be walking down the aisles with offering plates if you'd like to pass your contribution toward either aisle as they walk by. You may also place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY: HYMN 840 "When Peace Like a River" (verses 1 & 4)

VILLE DU HAVRE



SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS: HYMN 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (verses 1-2)

NICEA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

At Calvary, all are welcome at the Communion Table. Ushers will invite you to the Communion stations. Please exit your pew from the right, proceed to the station as instructed, receive Communion, and return to your pews. Those who are unable to come forward will be served in their pews by a pastor. Please indicate your desire to be served as the usher approaches. The Communion elements are gluten-free and nut-free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Following Communion, Youth (grades 6th-12th) may meet in the 2nd floor lounge area, called The S.P.O.T. (Spiritual, Passionate, Open-minded, Transformative).



*HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON



*BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE, by William Croft, arr. Gaspard & Hayes

Cover artist statement

"Full Life in the Emptiest of Places" © 2024 | Inspired by Isaiah 58:9b-12

After repeated readings of this text, I began to see a garden bursting out of a spring. I imagined the flowers working together to build a beautiful arched structure in a parched place. For me, the structure came to represent the rebuilt ruins in the text which create a safe space for restored communities to thrive. I began creating the piece by finding both drought-resistant and water emergent plants to create the structure. I have a difficult time considering an image complete without a person as the focal point. As I worked on this piece, the flowers and structure alone felt insufficient to represent the fullness of life I was hoping for, so I decided to add bees floating and fluttering throughout this restored flower sanctuary. The community garden shelter provides nourishment for the twelve bees, which in turn provide for the whole ecosystem. When we do the good that is ours to do, our work in discipleship raises up the foundations of many generations. The whole community is uplifted when we lean into God's will in our life and share that goodness with others. ~Lauren Wright Pittman

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Rev. Victor H. Floyd	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	<i>Assisting</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Assisting</i>
Michael Conley	<i>Conductor</i>
Natalie Ter Agapova	<i>Soloist</i>
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	<i>Soloist</i>
Joachim Luis	<i>Soloist</i>
Jefferson Packer	<i>Soloist</i>
Ben Pattison	<i>Soloist</i>
Michael Villarreal	<i>Soloist</i>
Calvary Chancel Choir	

John Walko is away, returning September 8.

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 13 AT 10AM HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: *The Covenant*

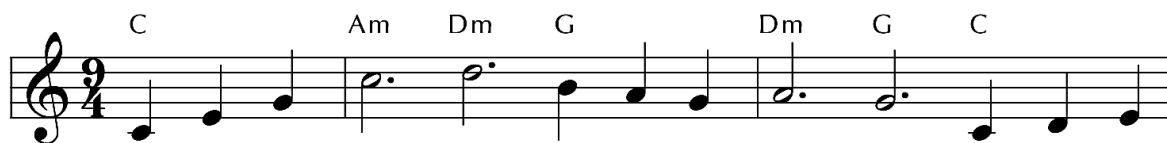
Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Our story from Genesis is an ancient story, seeking to make sense of human evil and divine presence in the midst of us. Out of the destruction of the flood, God offers a rainbow as a promise, as a reminder of the covenant. What does it mean to be people in covenant relation with God? With each other?

Memorial Service

A memorial service for
Robin Aladeen will be held
September 11 at 12:30pm
at Skylawn Memorial Park,
Half Moon Bay.

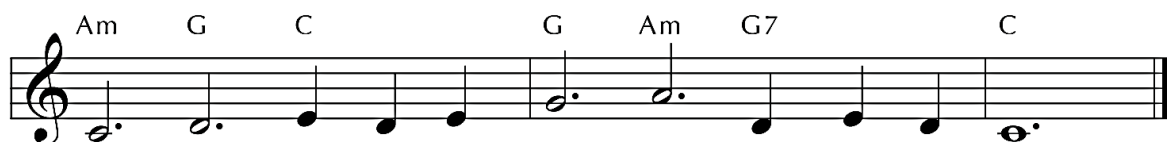




1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

Praise to our God, the al-might-y, who ru-leth cre-a-tion!
 Praise to our God, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth,
 Praise to our God, let this peo-ple con-vey a-do-ra-tion!

O my soul, wor-ship, for God is thy health and sal-va-tion!
 shel-ters thee un-der soft wings, yea, so gent-ly sus-tain-eth!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with bold ac-cla-ma-tion!

All ye who hear, now to the tem-ple draw near;
 Hast thou not seen how thy de-sires e'er have been gain;
 Let the a-men sound from God's peo-ple a-gain;

join-ing in glad a-dor-a-tion!
 grant-ed in what God or-dain-eth?
 glad-ly with all God's cre-a-tion.

1 I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world, and

God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree, the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the briar and the thorn tree grow wild. God,

moun - tains and hills shall burst forth in - to song, the
bring to fru - i - tion your will for the earth, that

peo - ples be led forth in peace, for the earth shall be filled
no one shall hurt or de - stroy, that wis - dom and jus -

with the knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
tice shall reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

This 20th-century paraphrase of Isaiah 11:6-9 and 55:11-13 was created specifically for this anonymous shape note tune (whose name is Hebrew for "listener"). The movement from near rhymes in stanza one to exact rhymes in stanza two reinforces the theme of fulfilled prophecy.

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.

cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;

though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,

on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

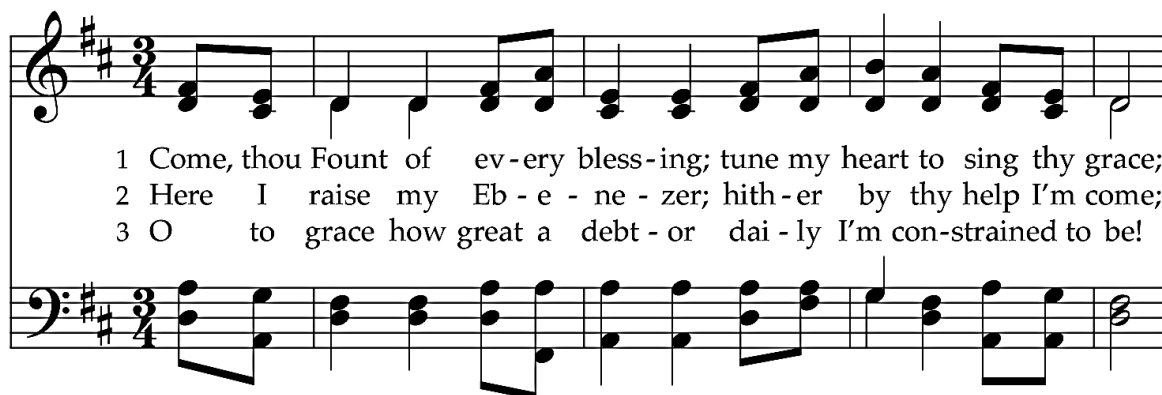
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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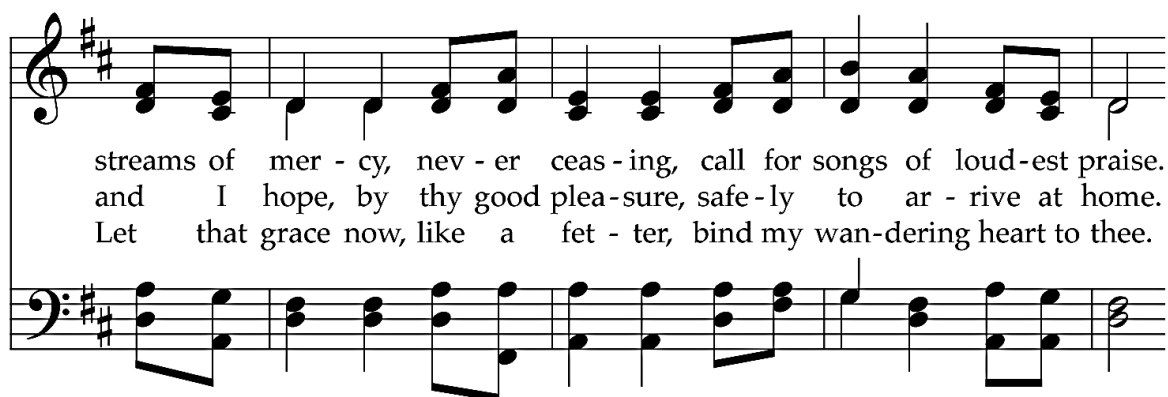
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.

per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.

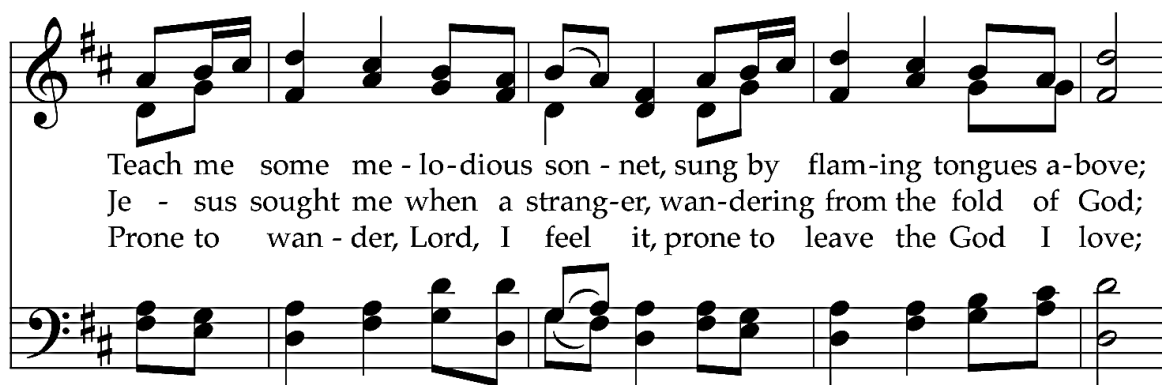
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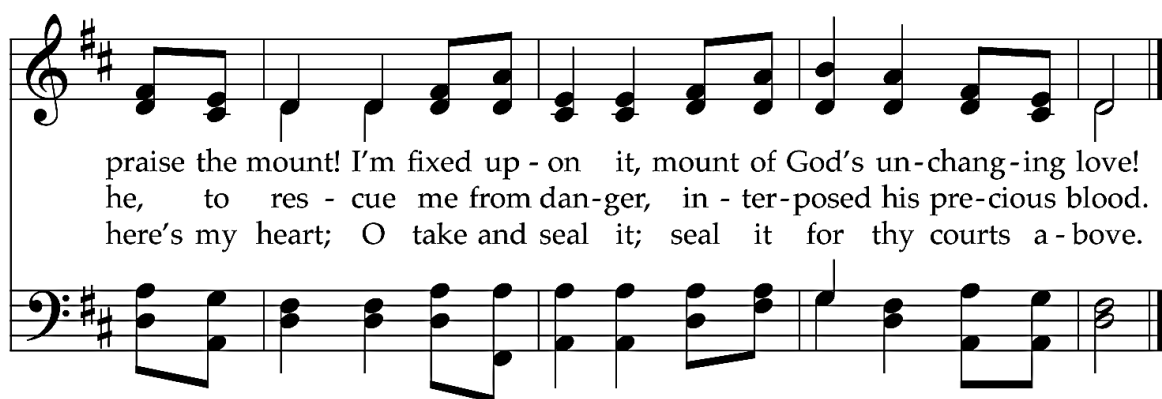
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

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