

**Order for the Worship of God  
July 12, 2020  
6th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,

**People: You have given us hearts to love you,**

Leader: And you have gifted us life to sing your praise.

**People: Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

**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!**

**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.**

**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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Heavenly Father, As your children, you long for us to grow in faith, hope and love. We confess that the concern for what others might say, the consuming cares of this world, and the constant desire for more have hardened our fickle hearts to your love and grace. In our most honest moments, we know that growing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus has not been what it could have been. Loving God, forgive us we pray. In your great mercy, continue to till the soil of our hearts so that we may grow more and more in the love and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

“And the Father Will Dance”

Mark Hayes

*And the Father will dance over you with joy! He will take delight in whom He loves.  
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?  
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over you in song!*

*My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries.  
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.  
Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!*

*Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored!  
Put on the garment of praise, as on a festival day.  
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.*

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 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

CANTERBURY

**Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

**Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine,  
Kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.**

**Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;  
Grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.**

--text by Samuel Longfellow, 1864

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

“The Heart of the Matter”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #729

*(stanzas 1,2)*

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“How Firm a Foundation”

Jason D. Payne

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director



