

August 3, 2014 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We Come Together as God's People



Prelude

We Gather Together; A Mighty Fortress
Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps
Roman Blenski, Director

Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out one of the "welcome" cards in the pew rack so we may greet you and respond to any questions you might have.

* **Call to Worship**

Ministerial Candidate Nancy Frick

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

People: **For the Lord is good;**
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

We welcome the brass section of the Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps as they provide music in our worship services this morning. Their selections are excerpted from their field show, "JOY".

* **Prayer of Adoration**

*+ **Hymn #261** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* O QUANTA QUALIA

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

HYMN #261

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

expresses trust and confidence that the God who created and sustains the universe cares for and guides us as well. This merciful God not only created us but has sought out and reclaimed us whenever we have strayed.

The hymn was written by John Moment for the *Presbyterian Hymnal* of 1933. Moment was a pastor in the Presbyterian Church serving the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, New Jersey.

Assurance of Pardon

* **Gloria Patri**

(Hymn #579)

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* Those who are able may stand. + Latecomers may be seated.

HYMN #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing was written by Robert Robinson when he was only twenty-three. After a debaucherous youthful life, Robinson heard the dynamic Methodist evangelist George Whitefield and was converted to Christ and entered the ministry. The text is traditionally sung to the tune "NETTLETON", named after the noted eighteenth century American evangelist, Rev. Asahel Nettleton. The hymn first appeared in the composer John Wyeth's 1813 hymnal, *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Songs*.

PARENTS: TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following Time with the Children, Children's Ministry staff will meet children up through 2nd grade at the pulpit door to escort them to the second floor. Before sending your child forward for the Time with Children, please fill out a name tag (in the pew racks) place half on your child's back and bring the other half when you pick up your child.

Children in 3rd grade and older will remain in worship with their families. Worship Bags and Children's Bulletins are available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

Infant Nursery (240)
2s and 3s (233)
4s to 2nd grade (208)

HYMN #280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, is one of the best loved and most often sung hymns in North America. The text expresses John Newton's personal experience of conversion from sin as an act of God's grace. At the end of his life, Newton said, "There are two things I'll never forget: that I was a great sinner, and that Jesus Christ is a greater Savior? The hymn is Newton's spiritual autobiography, but the truth it affirms – that we are saved by grace alone – is one that all Christians may confess with joy and gratitude.

News Within the Church Family

Welcome:

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Birth: __, 2014

Hospitalized:

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Deaths:

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*+Hymn #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

+ **Ritual of Friendship
and Concerns of the Church**

Dr. David A. Chaddock

We Experience God's Word

Time with the Children (11:00)

Prayer of Illumination

Elder Rob Baker (9:30)

Elder Bob Everitt (11:00)

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4

(p. 9)

Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

(p. 1064)

Sermon

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

"The Riches of God's Grace"

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

(EPHESIANS 2:8)

Sermon Response #280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

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We Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

- * **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) (Hymnal p. 14)
- Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (Hymnal p. 16)
- Offertory** *Irish Tune from County Derry*
- * **Doxology and the Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Hymn #592)

We Go Forth to Serve

- * **Closing Hymn #379** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK
- * **Charge and Benediction**
- * **Postlude** *Alleluia; When the Saints Go Marching In*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

DOXOLOGY

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.

HYMN #379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, by Edward Mote, was originally entitled *The Immutable Basis of a Sinner's Hope*. In the hymn, Mote suggests a baseline for our faith: trust in the unchanging grace of God. Whether life finds us in an overwhelming flood or a desert's sinking sand, we find firm footing in God's law and spiritual nourishment in God's grace.

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND WHOLENESS

10:35 a.m. in Milner Chapel
Rev. David A. Berry