

# July 26, 2015 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## We Come Together as God's People

**Prelude** *Fantasia in f minor* Johann Ludwig Krebs  
Leonid Sirotkin, oboe (1713-1780)  
Dr. John Allegar, organ

**Introit** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Thomas Tallis  
Summer Choir (1505-1585)  
Michensey Hamlin, Intern and Conductor

\* **Call to Worship** Rev. Joyce E. Hunn (9:30)  
Rev. Brian S. Shivers (11:00)

**Leader:** Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

**People:** We come in search of hope and grace.

**Leader:** Come, you who know grief or pain.

**People:** We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

**Leader:** Come, you who are in need of good news.

**People:** We come to hear words of truth and love.

**Leader:** Come and worship the living God!

**People:** With wonder and joy, let us praise God together!

\* **Prayer of Adoration**

\*+Hymn #356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

### Call to Confession

#### Silent Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Leader:** God of grace and truth, we come believing in our emptiness.

**People:** We confess that rather than trusting in your abundance, we believe that we will never have enough and that what we have is unworthy. Afraid of sharing, we live our lives in worry, fearful of losing our grasp on security and fearful of knowing the pain of others.

In deep waters, we allow fear to overwhelm us and we lose sight of your faith in us. Even with your promises, our faith sometimes feels too shallow and our sins feel too heavy. Forgive us, O God. Remind us again that you are with us and fill us with your peace. Gather us into your love and pick up the pieces of our lives, so that we will be made whole. In Christ we pray, Amen.



**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.

### INTROIT

#### *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one;  
lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
till traveling days are done.

### HYMN #356

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** was written by Robert Robinson at the age of twenty-three years old. According to hymnologist Kenneth Osbeck, throughout his teen years Robinson "was associated with a notorious gang of hoodlums and lived a debauched life." But at the age of 17 he encountered the preaching of evangelist George Whitefield and was converted to Christ. He began his ministry as a Methodist preacher, but eventually left the denomination to become a Baptist pastor. The hymn reflects Robinson's spiritual journey as it focuses on God's divine grace and providence. The term "Ebenezer" in stanza 2 refers to the passage I Samuel 7:12: "Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, 'Hitherto hath the lord helped us'" (KJV). Ebenezer is Hebrew for "Stone of Help."

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

**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.

**HYMN #383**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* was written by Ray Palmer, a teacher at a private girls' school in New York. He had experienced a difficult year of illness and loneliness and was inspired to write this text one night after meditating on a German poem depicting a sinner kneeling before the cross of Christ. A hymn of prayer, the text asks for forgiveness in stanza 1 and for purity of love in stanza 2. The third stanza seeks divine guidance and alludes to the difficulties of Palmer's preceding year. The hymn concludes with a hope for a safe homecoming into the eternal presence of God.

**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 nursery (age 2 and under) or to Children's Chapel Sunday School (ages 3 – 2nd grade). 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 ages 3rd grade and older remain in worship with their families. Worship Bags and Children's Bulletins are available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

Infant Nursery (240)  
Toddlers, 2s and 3s (233)  
Children's Chapel Sunday School (206)



**News Within the Church Family**

The Chancel flowers today  
are given to the glory of God  
in memory of  
Ralph K. Bedwell  
from Family of Ralph Bedwell

**Welcome:**

Halle Claire Ciesiolka, daughter of  
Charlie and Meredith Ciesiolka  
Birthdate: June 30, 2015

**Deaths:**

Joel Gauthier,  
Jack Mansell

**Assurance of Pardon**

\* **Response of Praise** *Gloria Patri* (See sidebar)

\* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*+Hymn #383 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

**Ritual of Friendship  
and the Concerns of the Church** Dr. John R. Koppitch

**We Experience God's Word**

**Time with the Children (11:00)**

**Prayer of Illumination** Deacon Paul Reis (9:30)  
Deacon Eric SerVaas (11:00)

**First Lesson** John 6:1-21 (p. 971)

**Anthem** *Total Praise* Richard Smallwood  
Jillian Nicholson-Dicks, Intern and Conductor (b. 1948)

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help is coming from you.  
Your peace, you give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength;  
you are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in total praise to you.  
Amen.

**Second Lesson** 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (p. 281)

**Response**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon

Rev. Karen L. Lang

## “Deep Waters”

*“David wrote: ‘Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.’”*

(2 SAMUEL 11:15)

## We Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Discipleship

\* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal p. 16)

Offertory *Cantilena* H.F. Matthison-Hansen  
Leonid Sirotkin, oboe (1868-1933)

\* **Doxology and the Prayer of Thanksgiving** (See sidebar)

## We Go Forth to Serve

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

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Postlude** *Praeludium in C, BWV 531* J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

### 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 #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.

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND WHOLENESS

10:35 a.m. in Milner Chapel  
Rev. Robert L. Hunter