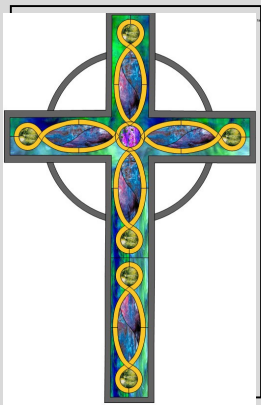
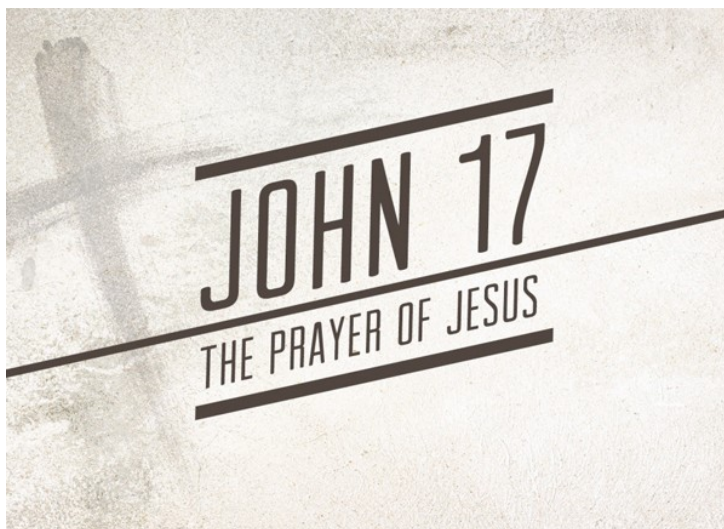


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**May 16, 2021**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

# Order of Worship

PRELUDE	<i>Voluntary I</i>	Maurice Greene
WELCOME AND GREETING		Pastor Darin
INTROIT	<i>It Is Good</i>	
CALL TO WORSHIP		Pastor Darin
Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead. <b>The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.</b> Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit, <b>we live with Christ in our hearts.</b> Clap your hands and shout to God <b>with loud songs of joy.</b> Sing praises to God, who fills the world <b>with forgiveness and grace.</b>		
OPENING PRAYER		Pastor Darin
HYMN	<i>Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show</i>	No. 33
CALL TO CONFESSION		Gene Williamson
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Gene Williamson
<b>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. Amen.</b>		
WORDS OF FORGIVENESS		Gene Williamson
In Jesus Christ we have been forgiven. <b>Thanks be to God! Amen</b>		
THE PEACE		Pastor Darin
The grace and peace of Christ be with you all. <b>And also with you.</b>		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>When We Pray</i>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Gene Williamson
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Gene Williamson
<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."		
<sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord		

Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-19

Pastor Darin

<sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Protect Them"

Rev. Darin Seaman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, ecumenical

Pastor Darin

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

BAPTISM

Laura Catherine Buchin

Parents: Rachel &  
David Buchin

HYMN

*Baptized*

OFFERTORY

Gene Williamson

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gene Williamson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

**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.**

*HYMN	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	No. 475
BENEDICTION	<i>When you know, the Presence of God</i>	Jay Beech
POSTLUDE	<i>Voluntary IV</i>	Maurice Greene

## First Presbyterian Church Happenings

### Worship Today

The food basket today is given by Don & Sue Stocker and Cabot & Kris Hedlund. The basket is in memory of Lloyd & Irene Hedlund. The flowers are given by the Buchin family, celebrating the baptism of Laura Catherine Buchin.

### Singing Today

We are singing toward the end of our service today. If you are uncomfortable singing during COVID-19, you may find an exit toward the end of our service. We ask that masks remain in place while singing.

### Serving Us Today

Thank you for sharing your ministry with us today: Don Fortner, Gene Williamson, Marcelyn Smale, Mike Karl, Natalie Matthewson, Bill & Sandy Stevens.

**Sunday School (PreK - 6th Grade)** - We welcome our young students to join us in person for a brief Sunday School gathering & lesson, following the conclusion of worship. Parents - please bring your child(ren) to the Fellowship Hall where they will be welcomed by their teachers and escorted to their classroom space. We meet today, 11:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

**Flower/Plant Certificates for sale now** (\$10 each) for Pattison Farm Greenhouse. Certificate is good for \$10 worth of product. They are now open for browsing and business! Certificates are available for purchase from the church office, 251-8277, or email Mark ie-se, [mark@fpcstcloud.org](mailto:mark@fpcstcloud.org) . Call or email your request for certificates and we'll have them ready for you. We'll even mail them to you!

### Pentecost

Pentecost (May 23) is next week. Join us as we celebrate the in-breaking of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered community.

# Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

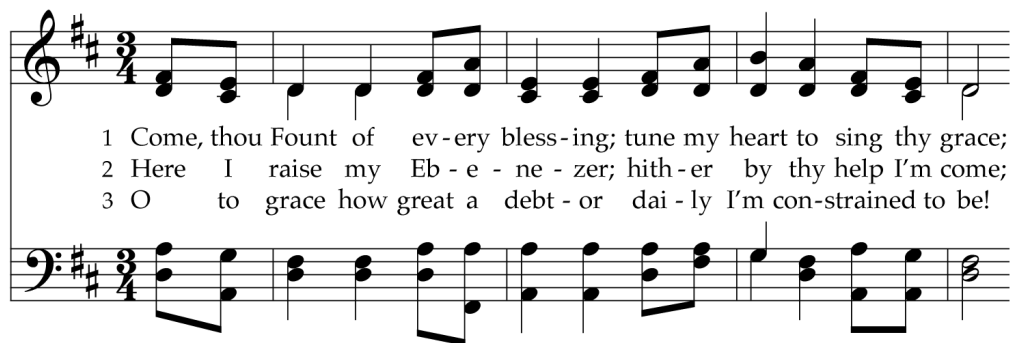
all who see and share God's love.  
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

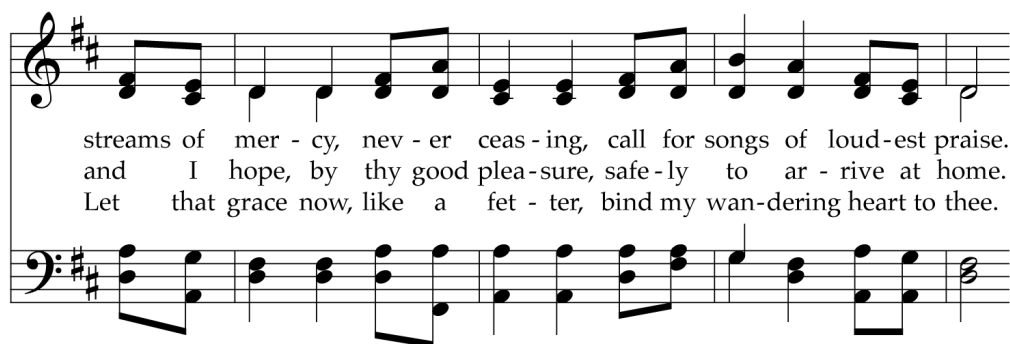
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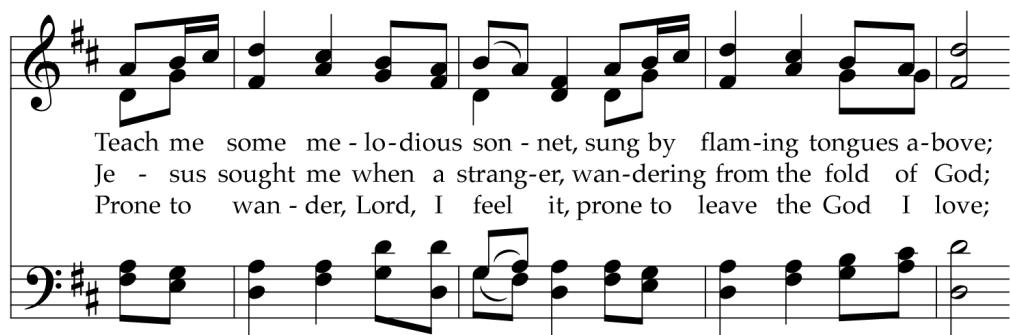
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



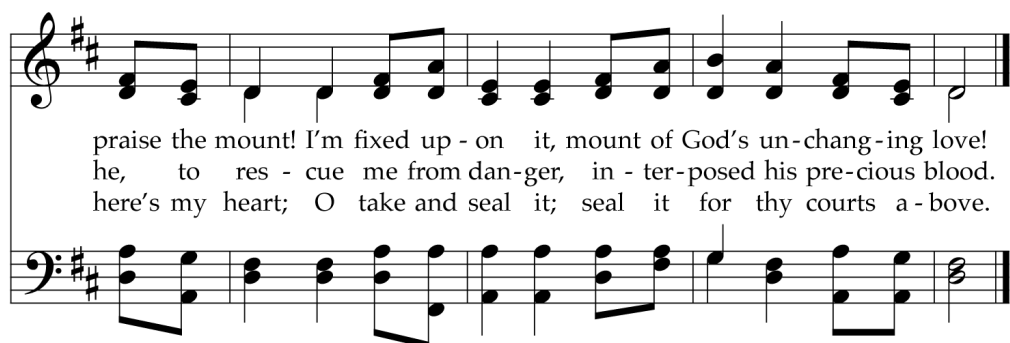
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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# BAPTIZED

Jay Beech

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F G C G Am Em F G

Bap - tized in-to the death of Christ and raised a- gain to new

C F G C G Am Em F G G7 C 4th time Fine

life. Bap - tized in-to the death of Christ and raised a- gain to new life.

G G

Down, down, down, I was sink - ing deep in sin; kill - ing me,  
Down, down, down, in the wa - ter, down I went; lift - ed up  
Sing, sing, sing, to the ones who have not heard. We've been washed

F G

kill - ing me from deep with - in. He put me to death that  
in a brand new cov - e - nant. They made a sign on my  
in the wa - ter and the Word. We'll sing with ev - er - y

Am F G Am G F G

day and the fam'ly of God stood up to say: Bap  
brow and I'll do it a- gain to re - mem - ber now. 1 - 2 - 3 Bap -  
breath. We will share his life like we've shared his death. Bap -



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