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WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Galatians 3:27-28)

The Rev. Louisa W. Umphres

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek,

There is no longer slave or free,

There is no longer male or female,

For all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

***HYMN #475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus
Christ, but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.**

**In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name,
but we foster division in the church.**

**We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love
before the world.**

**In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died;
but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor.**

We take bread from the hungry and will not listen to cries for justice.

**In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us,
but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction.**

**We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world. Lord,
have mercy on us.**

**Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism,
forgive our sinful ways, and heal our brokenness.**

**Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ,
that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the
world. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #581

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Please note that children who come forward may be visible to our online audiences.)

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Voluntary on The Old 100th

Henry Purcell

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

(O.T. p.672)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(N.T. p.60)

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

...Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help. With the whole church, let us stand and confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of God and will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

AMEN

Hymn #599

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN #481

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go forth into God's world in peace. Be of good courage.

Hold fast to what is good. Return to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*OUR BLESSING TO EACH OTHER

AR HYD Y NOS

May the Lord, our gracious Father, bless you this day;

Give you peace and hope and courage, along your way.

May you stay within God's keeping, in your waking, in your sleeping.

In your joy and in your weeping: God be with you.

POSTLUDE

Grand plein Jeu

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

**Those who are able, please stand*



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News

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.

I Believe in God the Father 481

1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,
 2 Un - der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith - ful to his fi - nal breath.
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;

mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor - ship and a - dore;
 He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de - scend - ed in - to death.
 saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;

and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,
 From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;
 flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.

by the Ho - ly Spir - it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir - gin.
 now en - throned with God in heav - en, he will judge the dead and liv - ing.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

This text is a 21st-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed (in the manner of Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter (see also no. 87).