



Isaiah 6:1-8



***Ebensburg Presbyterian
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GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Father, we invite your searching gaze into our hearts this morning.
Examine us thoroughly as we offer you praises and worship you through
hymns and songs. Help us to return to you and to your glorious way of life
as we respond to your calling and help us join you in the joyful work of
your loving kingdom. Amen.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Psalm 29:3

The voice of the Lord rings out over the waters.

The love of the Holy God washes over the world.

Let us worship the God whose voice flashes fire

and whose love cannot be bound.

*HYMN #540 The Lone, Wild Fowl in Lofty Flight (*The Hymnbook—red hymnal*)

*CALL TO CONFESSION: Romans 3:23

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs.
Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions.
You have called us to tend your sheep:
to care for your people around the world,
to share what we have, and to reflect your love.
Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow,
when our love for our neighbors is empty,
and when our love for ourselves is hard to find.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short,
and by your forgiveness, free us to try again. Amen (*Silence prayer*)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God,
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven renewed and sent!

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (responsively)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also, with you.

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

**God of mercy, open the eye of our inmost beings, speak to our hearts,
bless our souls, and help us run to you and encourage us with your living
Word this morning. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1–8 Pg. 553

SECOND READING: Mark 6:30–34, 53–56 Pg. 817

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: THE INDISPENSABLE OBLIGATION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This table is for all of us,
near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south.
This table is for all of us, but it is not our table.
It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace.
So come and take your place at the table.
You are welcome, you are invited, you are called:
come, let us share this meal together.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
From generation to generation, you have been our shepherd.
You are the restorer of souls, leading your people in right paths,
Even in the midst of deep darkness you are our guide and comforter.
Therefore, we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the
heavenly choir, singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of
your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:
Like a shepherd, Jesus had compassion on those who were lost
and guided them into the way of peace with his healing grace.
In villages, cities, and farms all who came to him were healed by his touch.
Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

By your Spirit, fill our hearts with peace
and shape us into the one new humanity in Christ,
so that reconciliation and love may abound in our world.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory,
now and forever.

And we pray in the name of the One who prays for us and first taught us to pray,
saying:

**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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he
who believes in me will never thirst."

Jesus said: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Cut off from me you can do
nothing. Remain in me, as I also remain in you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*in unison*)

**Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.
Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.
God our mother, you have fed with your grace.
Now send us out into your beloved world
to share your life, your love, your grace with all.
Blessing and honor and glory to you,
holy, Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(in Colver hymnal)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION (*responsively*) Isaiah 6:3

May the blessing of the Trinity—
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹ Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. ¹² In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. ¹⁸ Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

A Temple for the Lord ¹⁹ So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰ Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²² Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

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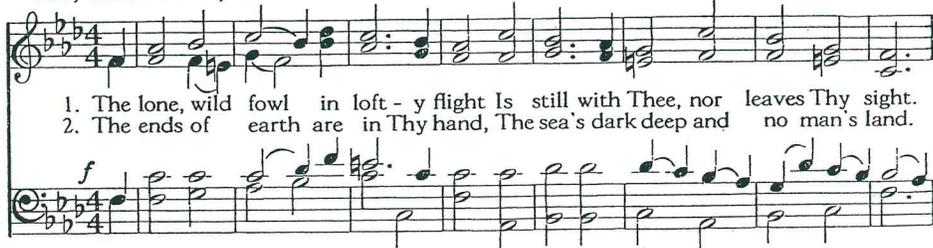
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540 The Lone, Wild Fowl in Lofty Flight

Henry Richard McFadyen, 1925

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Philip James, 1927



1. The lone, wild fowl in loft - y flight Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.
2. The ends of earth are in Thy hand, The sea's dark deep and no man's land.



And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spir-it, come, and rest in me. A-MEN.

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SERVICE MUSIC: CHORAL PRAYERS

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



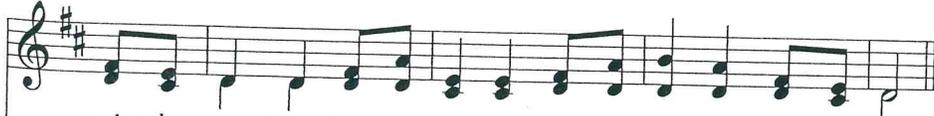
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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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