



Service for the Lord's Day
Presbyterian Triennium Sunday

August 11, 2019

Worship on the Farm

4:00 p.m.

Please SILENCE ALL Personal Electronic Devices Before Worship.

We Gather as God's People



The theme of the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium gets right to the heart of the matter. Drawing from the words of the hymn, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, “Here’s My Heart” expresses our deepest desire to be part of something bigger and more beautiful than the tiny flicker of our own candles. It speaks of passion and identity. It speaks of purpose and action.

Interestingly enough it started with shenanigans! The story behind this beloved song by Robert Robinson begins with a group of teenagers showing up at an evangelistic meeting with the sole purpose of heckling the preacher. But a greater purpose and force was at work, and God’s calling haunted Robert until he was able to one day proclaim, “Here’s my heart.”

We invite young people and their adult leaders to come experience God’s love in a way so powerful and compelling that they, too, are moved to say, “Here’s my heart”. And together we will learn what it means to serve Christ with our intelligence, energy, imagination and love.

Hymn *PH* # 356 (verse 1)..... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.**

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Come out of sadness from wherever you've been, Come broken hearted let rescue begin,
Come find your mercy, Oh sinner, come kneel.

Many: **Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**

One: So, lay down your burdens, Lay down your shame, All who are broken, Lift up your
face, Oh wanderer, come home, You're not too far,

Many: **So, lay down your hurt, Lay down your heart, Come as you are.**

One: There's hope for the hopeless And all those who've strayed, Come sit at the table, Come
taste the grace, There's rest for the weary, Rest that endures.

Many: **Earth has no sorrow That Heaven can't cure.**

One: Come as you are. There's joy for the morning, Oh sinner, be still.

Many: **Earth has no sorrow That Heaven can't heal.**

***The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God you are our salvation, guiding us out of the darkness of the world.

Many: **Redeeming God, as trees stretch towards the sun, we seek your healing light.**

One: God, you are our salvation, when we hunger for direction and meaning.

Many: **Sustaining God, as branches bear fruit, your Word feeds our hungry souls.**

One: Come now, put down the burdens of your days and find rest for your weary souls.

Many: **God is our salvation. We rest in the garden of God's reconciling love. Amen.**

***Two+** (A new way to share the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20

Question: What is your favorite picnic food?

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Let us pray... O God, you draw us into your community of love with people across
the ages and around the world.

People: **By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and
ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

The Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

Readers Theatre (see below)

Narrator: Then Jesus entered and walked through Jericho. There was a man there, his
name Zacchaeus, the head tax man and quite rich. He wanted desperately to see
Jesus, but the crowd was in his way—he was a short man and couldn't see over the
crowd. So he ran on ahead and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could see
Jesus when he came by. When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up and said,

Jesus: "Zacchaeus, hurry down. Today is my day to be a guest in your home."

Narrator: Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing his good luck, delighted to take Jesus home with him. Everyone who saw the incident was indignant and grumped,

Congregation: “What business does he have getting cozy with this crook?”

Narrator: Zacchaeus just stood there, a little stunned. He stammered apologetically,

Zacchaeus: “Master, I give away half my income to the poor—and if I’m caught cheating, I pay four times the damages.”

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: “Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost.”

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

Many: We give thanks to God!

The Reflection Triennium Report by Roman Leto, Megan Meier and Pastor Scott

Day 1

TUNE MY HEART

PSALM 100

Come into God's presence!

Here you are! Tune your hearts to get

ready for all that God is going to share.

You are right where God wants you to be.

Called

Why are we here? What is God about to

do?

Day 2

JESUS SOUGHT ME

LUKE 19

Zacchaeus

We may think that we are seeking God,

but the whole while God is seeking us!

Confronted

How is God seeking us – often unaware?

Day 3

PRONE TO WANDER

LUKE 15

Lost and Found parables

We often drift or actively move away from

God and God's purposes.

Confession

What are the things that make us

wander?

Day 4

HERE'S MY HEART

MATTHEW 14

Peter stepping out of the boat

When we offer our lives to God we are

transformed. Love the Lord with all your

heart, soul, mind and strength.

Commitment

Where's your heart? What are you

passionate about?

Day 5

TAKE AND SEAL IT

ACTS 1:6-11

The Ascension

The ending is only the beginning. God

sends us out from this place to make a

difference in the world.

Commissioned

What now?

We Respond to God's Love

Hymn *PH* # 356 (verse 2)..... "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: We pray to the Lord... *People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'...*)

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.

We Depart to Do God's Will

The Song *PH* # 356 (verse 3)..... "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Oh, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***The Sending** [Responsive]

One: Don't be afraid! Jesus is coming to your house today! We can heal,

Many: **Christ has touched us.**

One: We can love,

Many: **Christ has sought us even when a stranger.**

One: You can give yourself away.

Many: **Christ has come walking near and called us.**

One: You can break the barriers from which others suffer.

Many: **Christ has visited our homes, our places of work, our places of education, our places of play and socializing.**

One: Christ is in you and around you. Christ will set you free. Amen!

Many: **Amen!**

The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ Song lyrics by David Crowder, Matt Maher and Ben Glover. Sung at PYT 2019; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Gill Le Fevre; The Sending ~ from Order for Ecumenical Worship: World Aids Day 2002 and Church of the Brethren (adapted).

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Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.

- Thank you to Sam Marrese-Wheeler for providing our special music today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- **Our secretary, Ruth, will be out of town from August 12-17. Please note the church office will be closed those days, except for when Pastor Scott is here.**

EVENTS —

- Next Sunday, August 18 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Mare Stewart
- Ushers/Greeters – Joe Leto family
- Fellowship – Bobbi & Bud Rumpf
- Nursery – Deacons