

Peace UCC
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Prelude "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" setting by Paul Manz
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Welcome

Opening Words Worship Ways

You, O God, know our hearts. Guide our hearts, O God.
You, O God, see our ways. Shape our ways, O God.
You, O God, call our spirits. Call us now, O God, as we call on you.

Opening Response "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Lanny Wolfe



Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place;



I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace.



I can hear the brush of an-gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face;



Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.



Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

Prayer of Invocation Worship Ways

**Ever living God, instill in us, we pray,
the trust and self-giving that your Word imparts to us.
Teach us again during this time together
that you are always with us.
Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you
and is meant to be shared.
The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us**

**to live beyond our own desires.
So, send your Holy Spirit, we pray,
that we might be overcome
with its liberating courage and sustenance.**

The Witness of Music Chancel Choir
"God's Peace" Marva J. Dawn & B. F. White/ arr. C. J. Adams
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God' Peace

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace,

In the pasture of God's goodness we lie down and rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them, he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace.

Readings:

Psalm 16 interpreted by Nan C. Merrill
Remain ever before me, O Living Presence,
for in You am I safe.
You are my Beloved; in You I can do all things.

I look to those who are at one with You and
learn from them of your ways;
My delight increases each time I sense your presence within me!
Songs of praise well up from my heart !

Love is my chosen food, my cup, holding me in its power.
Where I have come from,
Where'er I shall go,
Love is my birthright, my true estate.

I bless the Counselor who guides my way;
in the night also does my heart instruct me.
I walk beside the Spirit of Truth;
I celebrate the Light.

Thus my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
I shall not be afraid, nor fall into the pit of despair;
In Love's presence there is fullness of joy.

You are my Beloved; in You will I live!

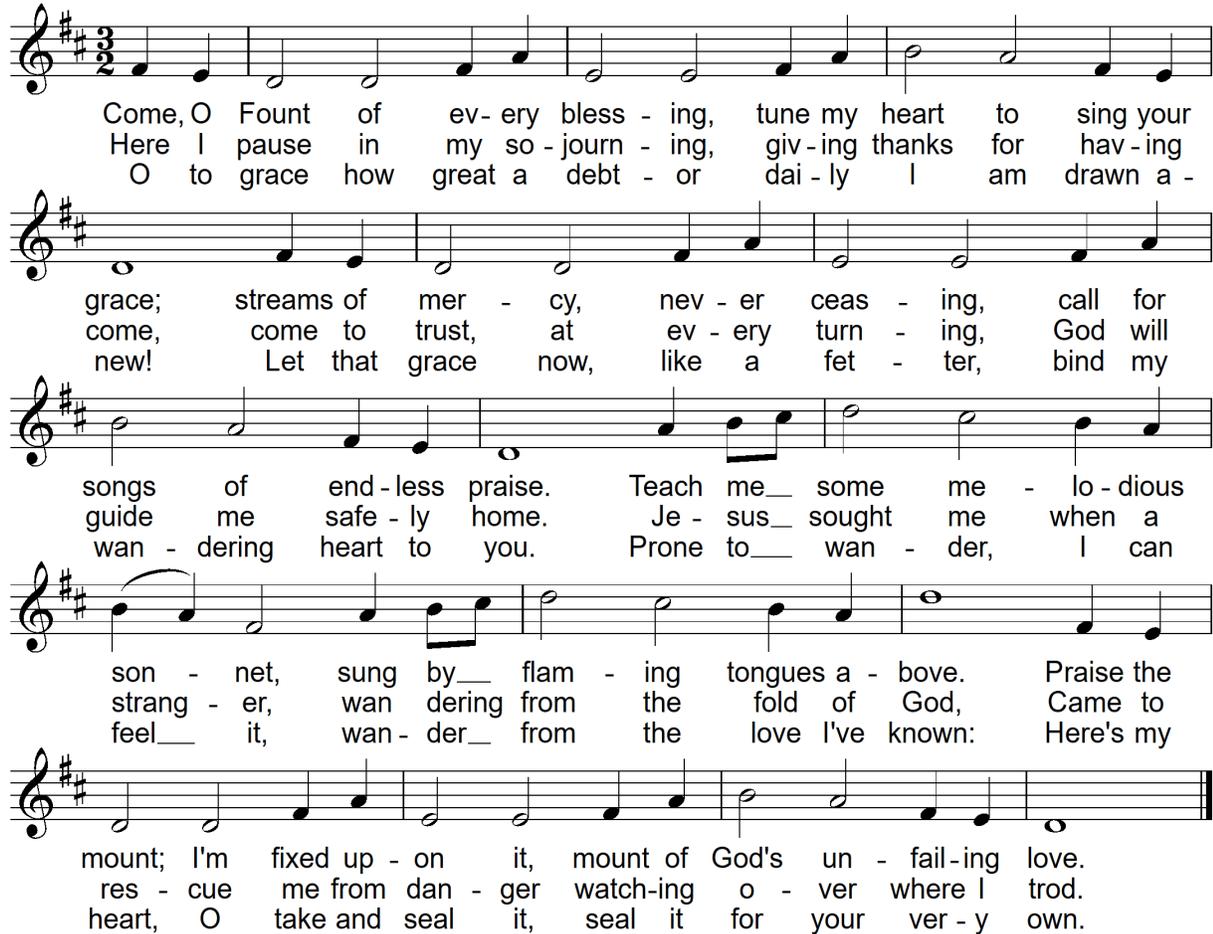
Wisdom from Howard Thurman

“Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"



Come, O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing your
Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing thanks for hav - ing
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a -
grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come, come to trust, at ev - ery turn - ing, God will
new! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my
songs of end - less praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
guide me safe - ly home. Je - sus_ sought me when a
wan - dering heart to you. Prone to_ wan - der, I can
son - net, sung by_ flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God, Came to
feel_ it, wan - der_ from the love I've known: Here's my
mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger watch - ing o - ver where I trod.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Benediction

Postlude "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Rick Founds/arr. Mark Hayes
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