



WELCOME
LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION
CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

William Fenstermacher

Our God is the Father of orphans and the protector of widows.
God gives the desolate a home to live in and leads out the prisoners to prosperity.
Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praises to the Lord.
Awesome is God in God's sanctuary, who gives power and strength to God's people.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you. As your perfect love casts out fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

What Is This Place | No. 404

*What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.*

What Is This Place
TEXT: Huub Oosterhuis, 1968
MUSIC: Neder-landsch Gedenk-Clank, 1626
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*Words from afar, stars that are falling. Sparks that are sown in us like seed:
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders Sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard:*

God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at his table, broken and shared, a living sign.

Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.

This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase:

God's justice and God's peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor to your name. We are rebellious. We seek our own glory. We worship idols. We ignore the strangers you place in our path. Forgive us. Restore us. Strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

POURING OF THE WATER

Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, the Spirit of God rests upon you to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord | No. 390

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord
TEXT: Cameroon Song
MUSIC: Cameroon melody; arr. Ralph M. Johnson, 1994
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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Grace Choir
Arranged by Joe Cox

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | No. 475

*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 God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm 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, interposed his precious blood.*

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, 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.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
TEXT: Robert Robertson, 1758
MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON

"Ebenezer" | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948*

Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial and religious groups, and shall further the activities of the maintenance of peace.

Everyone has the right to freely participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.

Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interest resulting from any scientific, literary, or artistic production of which they are the author.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God | pg. 35

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

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we do may further your kingdom. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God | No 853

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God;

we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God;

we are dancing in the light of, the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God;

we are praying in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God;

we are praying in the light of, the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God;

we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God;

we are singing in the light of, the light of God.

[Zulu/Xhosa]

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-, khanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba/We Are Marching in the Light of God
TEXT: South African
MUSIC: South African; arr *Freedom is Coming*, 1984
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*CHARGE & BLESSING

Remember you are a child of God:

And God loves God's children.

MAY 17 - 24

Events & Celebrations

SUN 17	MON 18	TUE 19	WED 20
Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM B&G, 11:30AM Gilbert & Sullivan, 2:30PM NA of EP, 3:00PM	Yoga, 2:00PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM G&S, 7:00PM BIRTHDAY Sarah deJongh	Scouts, 6:30PM
THU 21	FRI 22	SAT 23	SUN 24
Gilbert & Sullivan, 7:00PM	BIRTHDAY Maribel Wongwui	BIRTHDAY Leslie Jones	PENTECOST SUNDAY Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM Gilbert & Sullivan, 2:30PM NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Mary & Mark Dunn	Pete McMillan	Mike McMinn	Pat Bryant	Bob Hedicke
Zoomer Roberts	Susan Carr		Mary Province	Mildred Helm

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor—Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
 Music Director—Brittney Williams
 Additional Accompaniment—Bill Rose

Liturgist—William Fenstermacher
 Accompanist/Pianist—Patricia Ann Provencio
 Technology—Angel Martinez, Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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