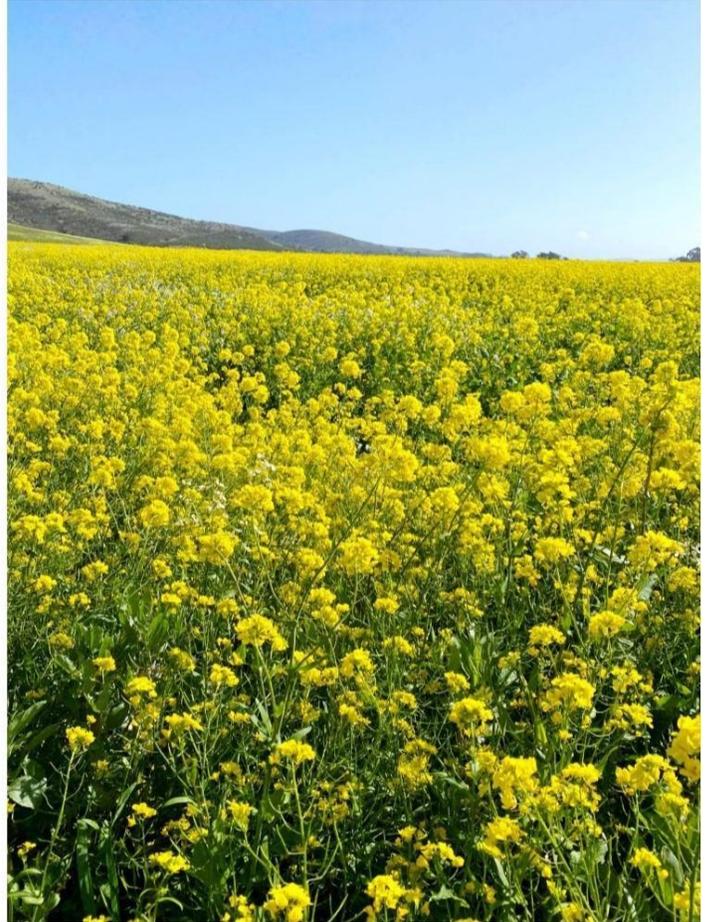




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Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021

GATHERING

*The pastors and assisting minister will read the normal print.
Congregation responds with bold print.*

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

arr. John Carter

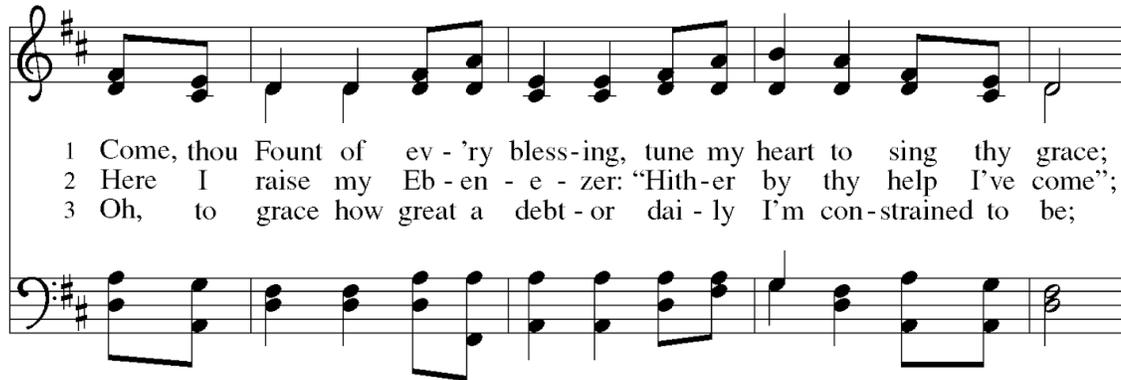
WELCOME

MISSION **M**OMENT

Compassion Camp

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



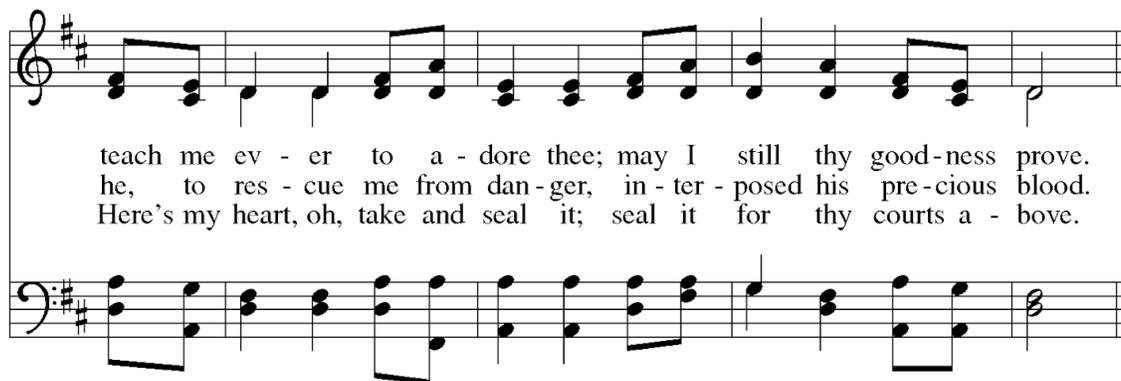
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



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-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

GREETING

May grace, mercy, and peace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

God speaks to us in many ways.

You reach out to us in your spoken word.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Gathering Song

This Little Light

This little light of mine.

I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

Children's Message

Deacon Linda Bobbitt

Children's Church

Children may follow the children's church leader to the Fellowship Hall. They will return during the Hymn of the Day.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4: 26-34

The Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Deacon Linda Bobbitt

HYMN OF THE DAY
Healer of Our Every Ill

Proclaim
Marty Haugen

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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BLESSING OF THE CAMPERS

Those campers attending Intro to Bible Camp:

Aubriella Barlow, August Fauvelle*, Abigail Folkerts*, Tervor Harder*, Ara Harris*,
Jovie Harris*, Hannah Holman*, Anna Jacobson*, Clair Pallas*, Sacha Voigt**

Those campers attending Junior Camp:

Emma Dittmer, Evelyn Gryboski, Magnus Holman, Benjamin Pallas, Katherine Seitz,
Cora Sevier, Caroline Sugioka*, Austin Varnado, Eloise Flowers*

****First Time Campers***

Those campers attending Confirmation Camp:

*Lillia Barlow, Trevor Barlow, Reed Borgman, Amelia Crowley, Caroline Crowley, Zoe
Dunning, Alexander Fauvelle, Kaylee Hoskins, Sarah Jacobson, Abraham Paddock,
Lauren Paddock, Jensyn Pitz, Nelson Pitz, Lyndsey Ross, Nora Roth, Ian Seitz, Griffin
Sevier, Hailey Voigt*

Those campers attending High School Camp:

*Ava Borgman, Alexander Brown, Ian Elvington, Lauren Elvington, Sarah Hoskins,
Phoebe Seitz, Carter Seitz, Mackenzie Ross, Kirsten Ross*

Those campers attending Open Compass Points

Kaden Armstrong, Colin Gillogly

Summer Camp Counselors

*Annie Dietz, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
Julia Thompson, Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp*

Adult Volunteers:

Pastor Kathy will be attending Intro / Junior Camp

*Laura Anderson, Director of Youth Ministry, will be attending Confirmation & Senior
High Camp*

We invite ALL the campers and their parents to please come forward

A reading from Psalm 119:76: *“I serve you, Lord. Comfort me with your love, just as you have promised.”* In baptism, God claims us as God’s own and we become part of God’s forever family. As Psalm 119 states, God comforts us as God has promised. It is a promise given to us before we are even born. Today we help share the comfort and encouragement that God gives to us.

Our campers come before you as children ready for a journey, an adventure at camp. Bible camp, as part of our outdoor ministries, is an important part in the faith lives of children. Children and youth are able to experience the love of Christ and the comfort of God through their camp counselors, the camp staff, other campers, their pastors and congregational leaders, and the support of their parents, and this congregation. It is an experience that stays with them always.

It’s not always easy to go away to camp. For some, the first time away from home is an exciting adventure, a new journey; for others, it is an uneasy time. To show our love and support for these children as they venture off on their first camp experience, we are presenting a blanket to each of our first time campers. The blanket represents comfort: the comfort given to them by their parents, and other family members; the comfort given by their congregation; and the comfort of God. All of this, journeys with them from home to camp and back home again.

Blankets are presented to the parents of first time campers.

Those returning to camp will receive these bandanas to hold on to or to wear, and as you do so, remember the people praying for you while you are away.

Bandana are presented to returning campers.

The children cannot do it alone. So I ask you parents will you strive to support and comfort your child through all journeys of life? Is so answer, *“Yes, with the help, comfort, and promise of God.”*

Parents: Yes, with the help, comfort, and promise of God.

And will you, the congregation strive to support and comfort our children and youth as they experience new journeys of faith? If so answer, *“Yes, with the help, comfort and promise of God.”*

Congregation: *Yes, with the help, comfort and promise of God.*

Parents, place the blankets over the shoulders of these campers and we invite all parents to lay your hands on your child’s shoulders. Let us pray together:

All: O God of all comfort, we ask you today to be with these children and their parents as they receive these gifts and as they feel their parent’s loving hands on them as a reminder that you are always with them, just as you promised when you adopted them as your children. We praise you, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is merciful and who always give us comfort. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The sign of Peace is not the same as saying “hello” to our neighbors. Rather, the Peace of Christ is a sign of forgiveness and love we receive in Holy Communion and our hope to be able to share that with each other in this community.

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

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OFFERTORY MUSIC
My Soul Forever Sings

Proclaim
Andrew Halladay

Holy Lord, pour our your spirit on us,
And fix our fickle hearts to the love of Jesus.
Make burning bright Your inward light,
My fervent tongue professes:

"Hallelujah, hallelu,
O LORD, My God and King,
Hallelujah, hallelu,"
My soul forever sings.
Spirit, guide us to divine compassion,
And advocate for peace in Godly fashion,
Reveal in us our true purpose.
We offer thanks with passion:

O come and live through me
Your holy ministry:
The Great Commission.
With my volition,
I serve You willingly.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of Life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body of the life of the world.
Amen.

THE GREAT 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 God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those

Who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

And the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. Please form two lines in the aisle as you come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray of communion glasses for those who desire it; and gluten-free wafers are available from those serving. Pre-packaged communion is available up front for those who desire that option. If you need Communion brought to you, please tell an usher. Children and adults who would like a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Simple Gifts

arr. John Carter

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
in your name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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SENDING

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Trophy

Francois Couperin, arr. E. Power Biggs

LEADERSHIP

9:00 AM WORSHIP

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Ushers
Greeter
Council

Paula Burky

Lisa Dietz

Altar Guild
Children's Church

Amy Pallas

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Laura Anderson

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