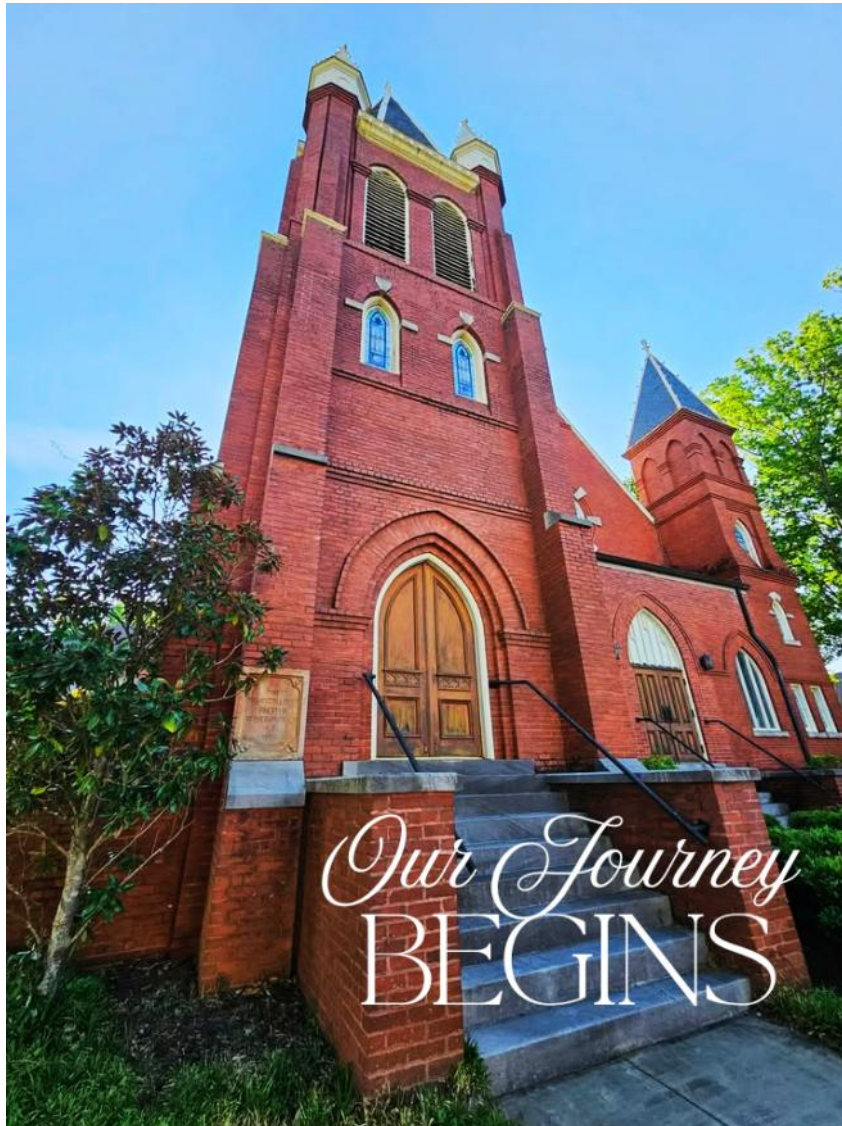


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Inspired by Scripture, guided by Spirit, and nourished by our life together, we seek to be a reflection of God's radical grace. We believe God's love models a world without walls; therefore, we provide a safe and affirming home where you are welcomed exactly as you are. No matter the color or your skin, who you love, your gender, or the unique ways your mind and body work, you have a place here. Following the way of Jesus and empowering one another to grow in faith, we commit to feeding the hungry, caring for those in need, and working for justice and peace in our community and the world—living out our confidence in the promises of God.

May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *Little Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* J. S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen!

Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed!**

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT *Lord, I trust thee* G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people.

Congregation: **Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**

Leader: Come to the One who is the living stone, chosen and precious.

Congregation: **Like living stones, let us be built into a spiritual house.**

Leader: Let us proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us out of darkness.

Congregation: **We gather to begin the journey in God's marvelous light!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, the ground of our being, you have anchored this household of faith since our journey began in 1826. We thank you for the "living stones" who came before us, grounding this congregation in your grace. As we celebrate our history, open our hearts to the new paths you are laying. Guide us to speak the truth in love and to live as citizens of your Kin-dom, today and always. Amen.

*HYMN 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always walked the path of love. We have been tossed to and fro by the winds of our own pride and the desire for "more." We have built walls of exclusion rather than houses of hospitality. We have claimed your truth as our own possession, forgetting that we are but "resident aliens" in your world. Forgive us for the times we have made your Gospel a stumbling block instead of a foundation. By your grace, reshape us into living stones that fit together in peace. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *On thy loving grace relying* G.F. Handel

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: God's mercy is the cornerstone that never fails.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin the journey anew.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Creator,
and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end!
Amen, amen.***

**At this time young children may depart for the nursery.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

Sing Praise to God, Our Strength of Old

Franz Joseph Haydn

***Sing praise to God, our strength of old, and ages count on ages roll'd: with
lasting joy thy servant's eyes shall see his children's children rise.
Safe in thy presence let us stand, and share the blessings of thy hand; our
dwelling let thy truth defend, thy mercy on our steps attend.
So shall thy love awake our song, thy name the willing note prolong, while
warm'd with zeal, our vows we pay, and bless thee to our latest day.***

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 4:14-16

NT 194

1 Peter 2:2-10

NT 233

SERMON

The Household of God

***HYMN 30**

O God, in a Mysterious Way

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR HISTORY

ANNIVERSARY PLAYLET

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO OFFERING



You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



OFFERTORY

Christ is Our Corner-Stone

George Th. Miles

***DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power
uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

SEALING THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, Holy, Holy

552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)

F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)

C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)

B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

Great is the mystery of faith....

SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)

F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)

B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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LAND OF REST

WORSHIP with us

Join us in-person or online
on [Facebook Live](#) every week.

9:45 AM Sunday School Class (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), doing an intensive study of the Book of Jeremiah. Please contact Joel Burns joeldburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

Sunday: 9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class (meets in small room next to office at end of hall), studying *Questions of Faith: A Practical Guide to Christian Faith* by Nicky Gumbel.

Sunday: 10:15AM Children's Sunday School Class, singing, crafts and stories, (meeting in the Craft Room upstairs)

Sunday: 12:00PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study- we are studying *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted V. Foote and P. Alex Thornburg, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Food pantry collection is today. Place your donations in the baskets during the first hymn.
- Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after service for the full anniversary playlet performance. Lunch prepared by the fellowship team.
- The hymns we are singing today may have been sung in worship by the founding members of First Presbyterian Church.
- **Love to sing?** Join the Choir for our **Bicentennial Sunday Series**—no long-term commitment required. Rehearsals are welcoming and supportive, with flexible participation encouraged. **Sunday warm-up at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise announced.** Additional rehearsals: **Thu May 7 (6:30 p.m.), Sat May 23 (7:00 p.m.), Thu June 4 (6:30 p.m.).** **Speak to or email Jennifer (jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu) for more info.**
- Bicentennial posters are available in the church office. Come take a couple to put up at your office, nearby park, or friendly businesses around town.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: May 3-10

Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	1:00	PFLAG Family Potluck
Monday	7:00	PATH/ORC All Recovery
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	10:00	Have a Mug with Mari
	6:30	Potluck and Study
Thursday	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service

Greeters

May 3: Bradleys & Susan McGill
May 10: Charles Burrell & Margaret Ivester

Nursery Volunteers

May 3: Margaret Ivester/Gloria Burns
May 10: Anne Smart/Nancy Miller

Liturgists

May 3: Glory Nwankonta
May 10: Cecelia Odihe

Communion

May 3: Andrew Allen, Bill Werts, Anne Smart, Charles Burrell



MORE LIGHT
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OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



CONDOLENCES:

Sunda Coleman on the loss of her son, Chris Pearson

CHURCH FAMILY:

Min Lindsay, recovering from surgery

Eleanor Naber-Allen, daughter of Andrew and Elise, at home

Sherry Henry, recovering in Atlanta

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns

Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

Ellen Thompson, waiting on two hip replacements

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Destiny Akins, community member, healing

Murray Nelson, homelessness, financial struggles, better relationship with Jesus

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues

Kathie Bishop, Mari Turner's mother, in memory care

Bob Bishop, Mari Turner's father, in rehab hospital

Kandace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Ivester, heart attack

Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer

Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns

Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns

Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, health issues—at Carlyle House in Macon

John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation

Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, at home with health concerns

Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis

Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns

Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments

Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care

Wayne Woodward, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING:

Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Laura King, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive

Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

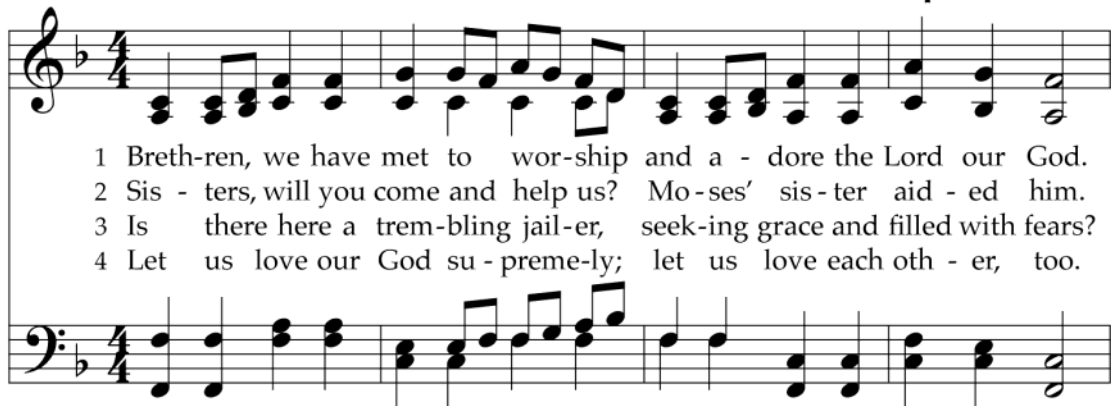
Runette Pounds, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive

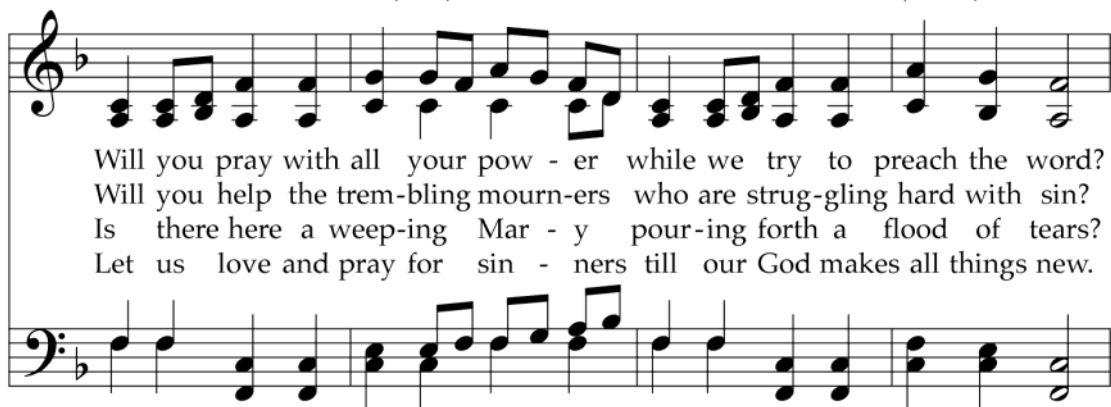
Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210

Frankie Holder, Pruitt Health-Marietta, 50 Saine Dr. SW-Rm 215, Marietta, GA 30008

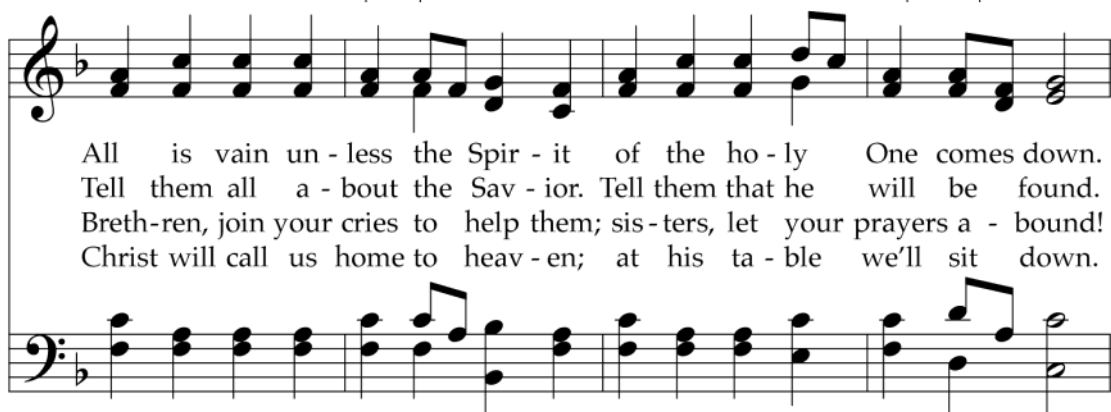
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



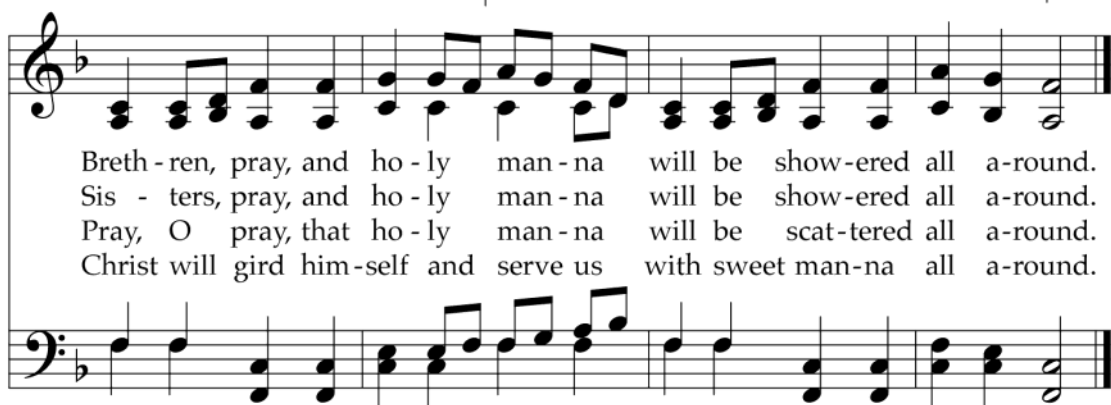
1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



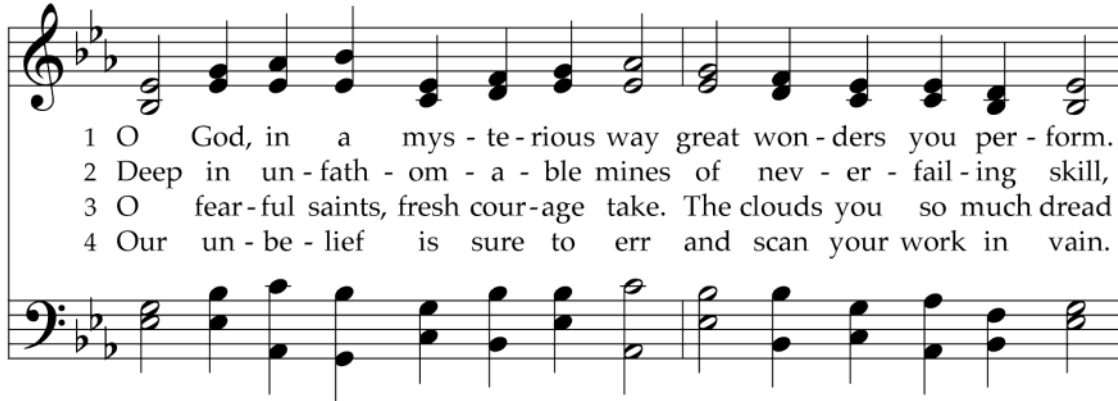
All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



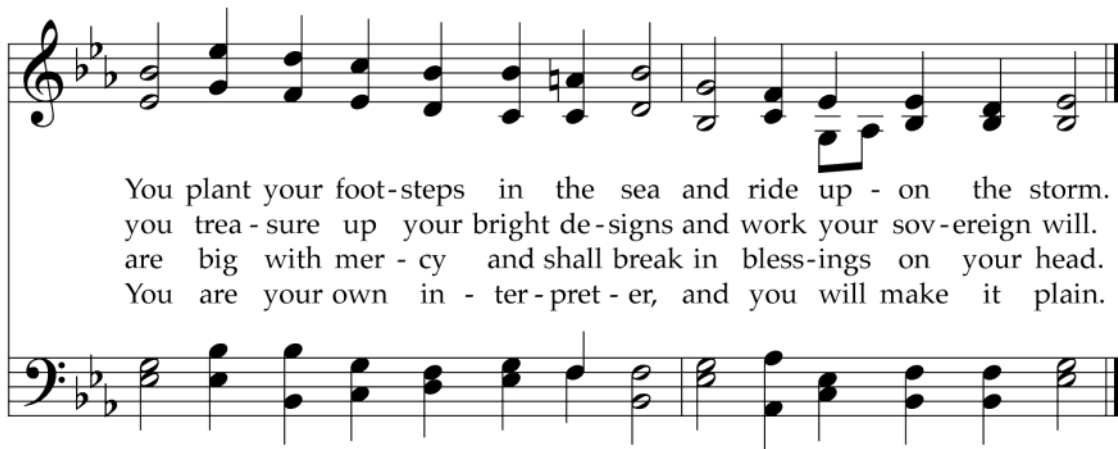
Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

30 O God, in a Mysterious Way



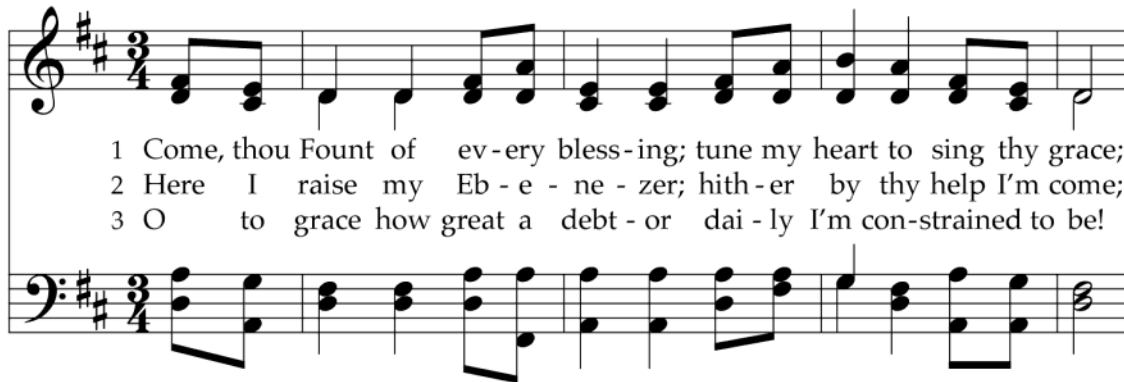
1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.
 2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
 3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread
 4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.



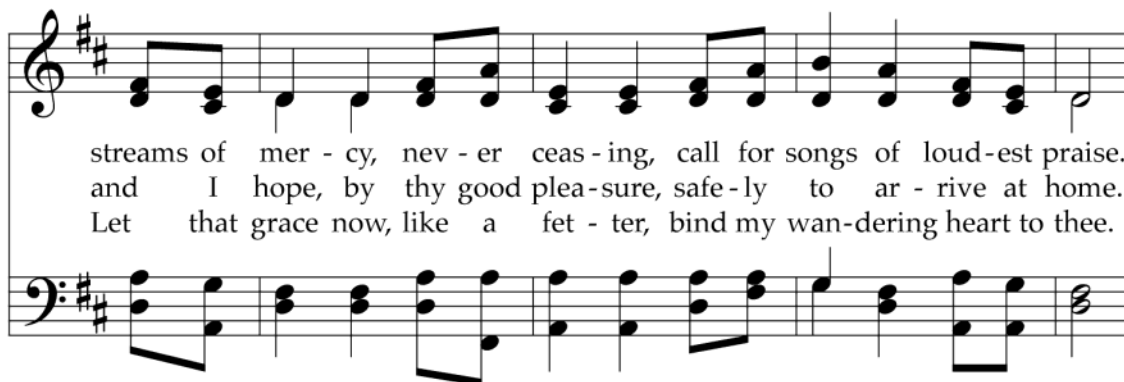
You plant your foot - steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm.
 you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.

This classic text gains renewed energy and focus from its recasting here: despite our fear and confusion, we can trust that God's providential purposes will eventually be revealed. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned to a specific hymn.

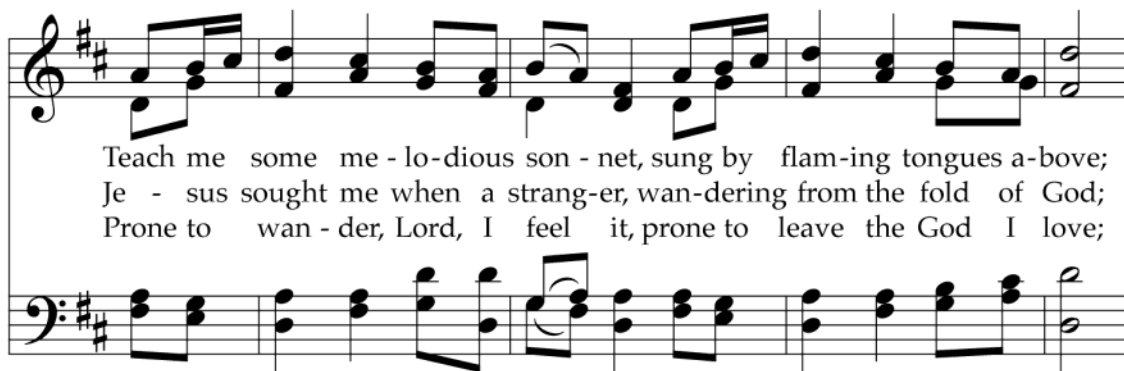
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



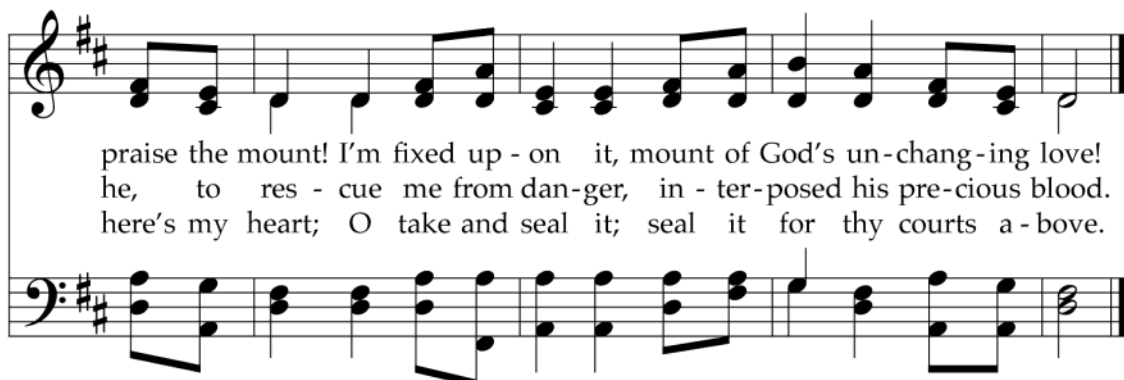
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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;



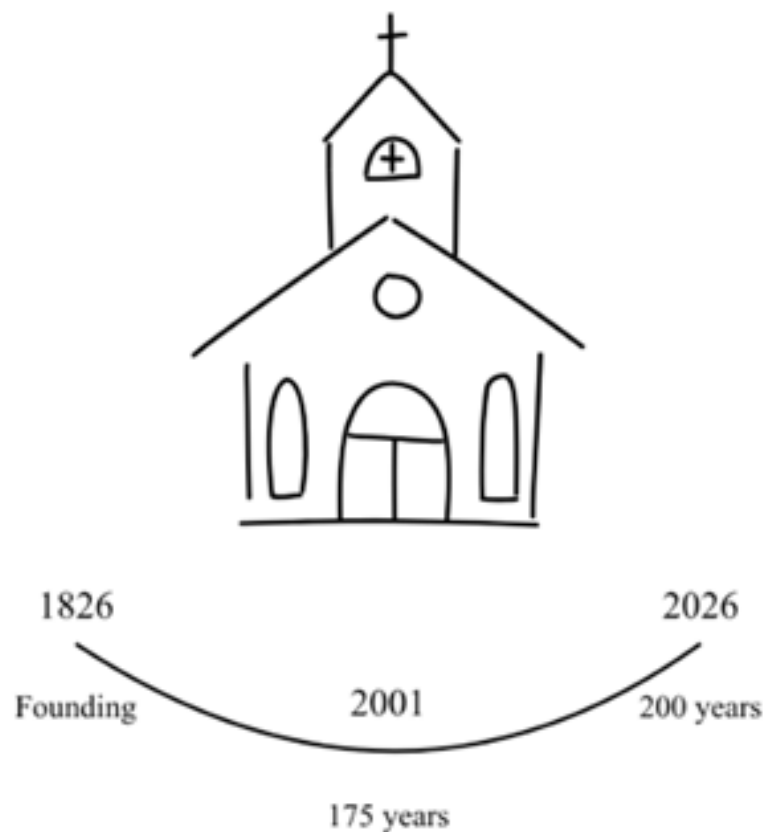
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

Join us after service for...

An Anniversary Playlet
“From These Beginnings”

Written by Libby Lounsbury



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