

# August 20, 2023

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,  
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

## Order of Worship

*(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**      Meditation

T. Smith

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus said to James and John: "Come and follow me!".

**People: And they did.**

Leader: Jesus said to Peter and Andrew: "Come and follow me!".

**People: And they did too.**

Leader: Jesus speaks to us today, "Come and follow me!".

**People: And that's what we are here to do!**

### **\*Hymn #720**

Jesus Calls Us

*music page 4*

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. I invite you to join me as we confess our lives to God, praying,

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Almighty God, you call us to join your cause with a sense of urgency, for your plan is for right here and right now. Yet the Inspiration you give us sits on the shelf for weeks, months, years even. We fear doing the imperfect thing and we fear doing the new thing.**

**We need to hear you say, O God, that you care about the good, not the perfect. Tell us again that you want us to put our hand to the plow, not that you expect every harvest to be abundant.**

**Where we do not have confidence to lead in your name, remind us that your call is simply to follow your son, Jesus, who knows exactly where to go and what to do.**

## **Moment for Silent Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Faith is being certain of the goodness and mercy of God, brought to us through the ministry of Jesus Christ. As we lean into the certainty of God's gracious activity toward us, God invites us to release our own indecision and uncertainty, take a step, then another in the way of Jesus. What matters to God is not where we have wavered in the past; it's what we do now to embrace this moment faithfully. Let us give ourselves in faith to the will of God for our own good and the blessing of others.

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** Isaiah 30:19-21  
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
**Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer**  
**Passing the Peace**

**\*Hymn #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *music page 5*

**Second Scripture Lesson** Matthew 4:18-22  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

**Sermon** **"Gone Fishin': For People?"**

**Offering**

**Offertory** Be Thou My Vision J. Taylor

**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #170** You Walk Along our Shoreline *music page 6*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** I Love You Lord J. Taylor

## Worship Leaders

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Chris Kustka</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Steve Aquilina</b> <b>Andy Wolf</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b> <b>Jim Wright</b>
<b>Social Hour:</b>	<b>Libby and John Andia</b>

## Women's Fall Retreat



PW has received a generous gift and the PW Board decided to use part of the money to invite all women members to enjoy the Women's Fall Retreat at newly renovated Johnsonburg on **October 27-29**. *A Fruitful Life: Abiding in God's Grace through the Seasons* is the theme for the weekend which *begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday*.

*Registration will open sometime in August. As soon as it opens each participant must go online to register and indicate that they are from PCAS so that the payment can be made by PW and so that we can be housed together.*

For now, if you are interested in going, find a roommate and **contact Nancy Vodhanel at [nvodhanel@gmail.com](mailto:nvodhanel@gmail.com) or 732-530-7641** to let her know you are planning to go. Johnsonburg needs a list of those who are from PCAS for finances and lodging, so be sure to get your name to Nancy. There is no cost to you since this is being paid for using our generous gift.

You can check out the details of the retreat by clicking on the link at <https://www.campjburg.org/events/womens-fall-retreat/>

For any questions, please contact Nancy Vodhanel (info above).

# Jesus Calls Us

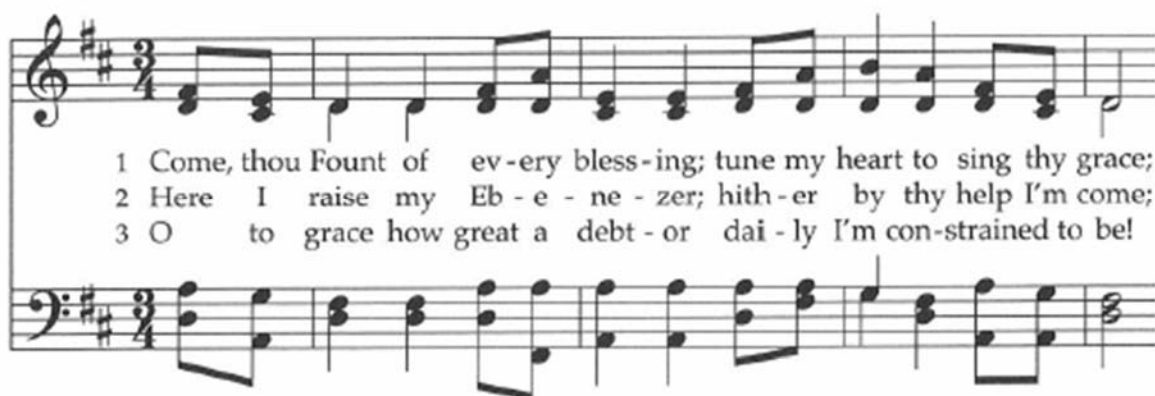
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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,


life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

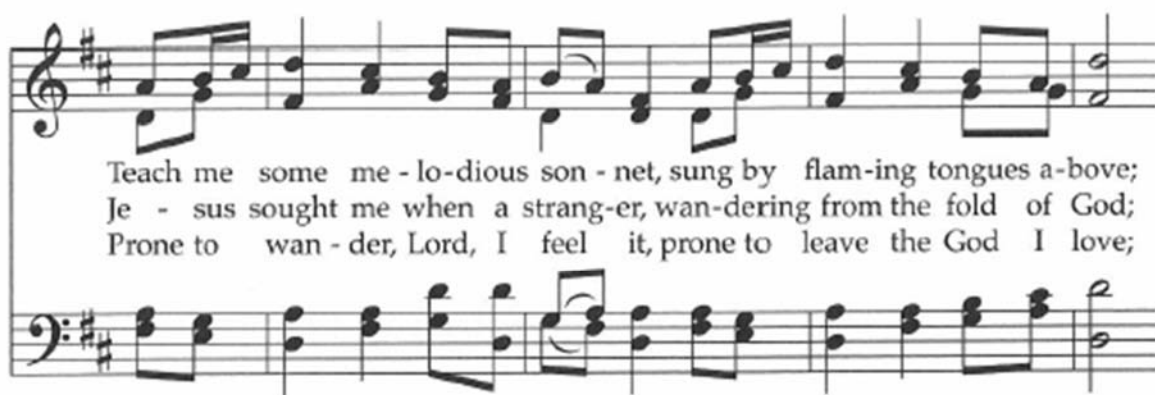
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



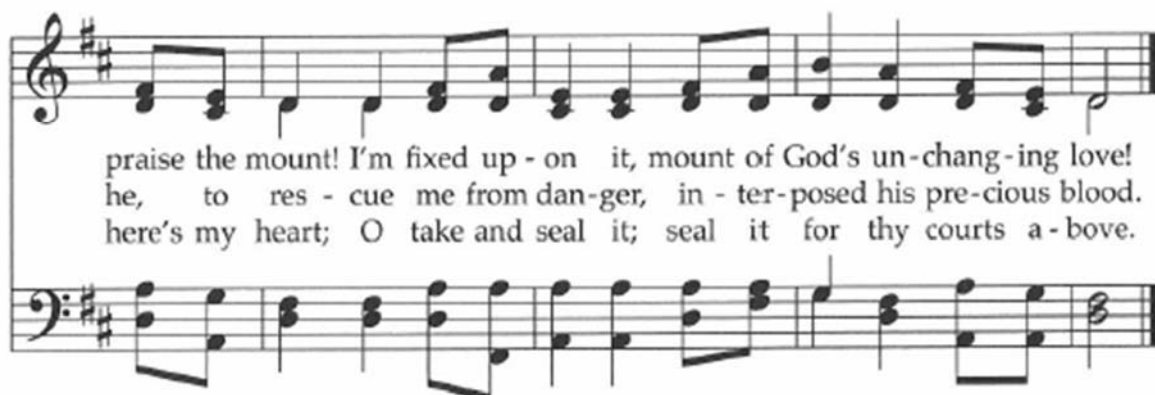
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

# You Walk along Our Shoreline 170

1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.  
2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.  
3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.  
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,  
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,  
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."  
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

## Meeting Schedule Week of August 21st

21 AUG, MON

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- 22 AUG, TUE ● 10:30 – 11:30am Church & Society (O)  
● 11am – 12pm Overeaters Anonymous (TR)  
● 5 – 7pm Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
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23 AUG, WED ● 9:15 – 10:15am Yoga Small Group - (FH)

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26 AUG, SAT ● 7:30 – 9pm AA (TR and FH)

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- 27 AUG, SUN ● 10 – 11am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)  
● 11am – 12pm Coffee Hour (SR)  
● 3 – 5pm Deacon Meeting (offsite)  
● 3:30 – 4:30pm AA (TR)  
● 5 – 6pm AA (TR)