

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 26, 2023

I was hungry. You gave me food.
I was thirsty. You gave me drink.
I was naked. You clothed me.
I was sick. You nursed me.
I was foreign. You welcomed me.
I was imprisoned. You visited me.

Matthew 25:35-36

Thank You

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

When the Morning Stars Together

arr. Powell

Call to Worship

Isaiah 44:1-5

*Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: O God, how shall we show up today? What offering do we bring?

All: Make a joyful noise, all the earth.

Worship with gladness; come into my house with singing.

One: God, who are we that you should welcome us into your presence?

All: Remember and believe that I am God.

I made you, and you are mine;

you are my people, and the sheep of my pasture.

One: I fall on my knees and bow my head in humble submission.

**All: Or... Enter my gates with thanksgiving,
and my courts with joyful shouts of praise!**

One: My heart lifts, as though a great burden has been removed.

My soul is glad that I came to the Mountain of the Holy One.

**All: Remember and believe that your God good;
my steadfast love endures forever,
and my faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Choir Anthem

Let Music Fill This Place

Martin

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Blessing

Message for All Ages

Children leave for Faith Workshop & Youth for Youth Group

Sermon "Remembering Abundance"

*Hymn *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

Prayers of the People

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.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Nettleton* *Callahan*

Doxology *Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *God, We Thank You for Our People*

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* *Pachelbel*

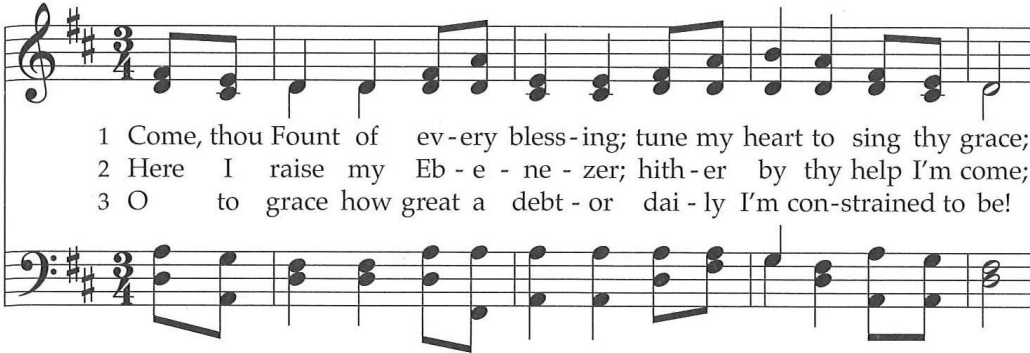


Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

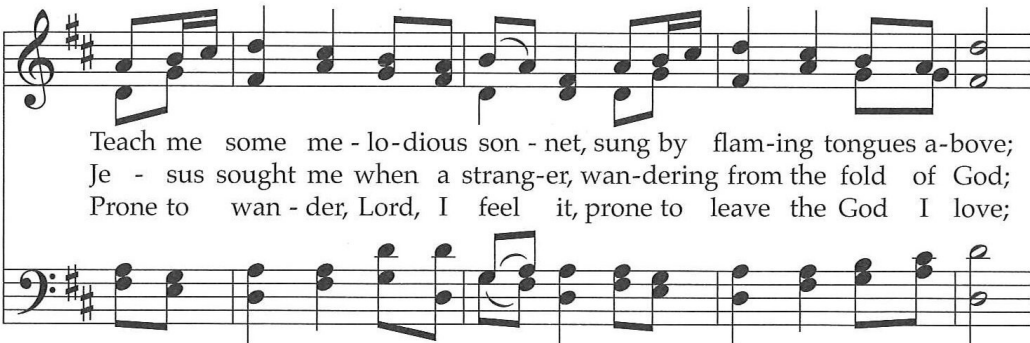
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



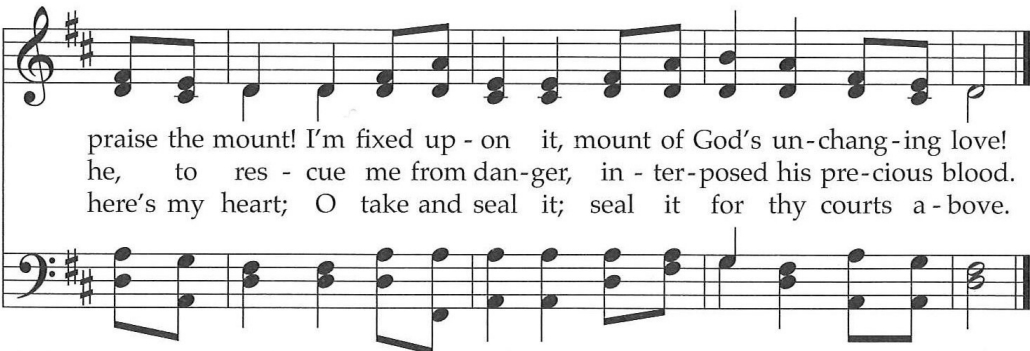
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,

The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

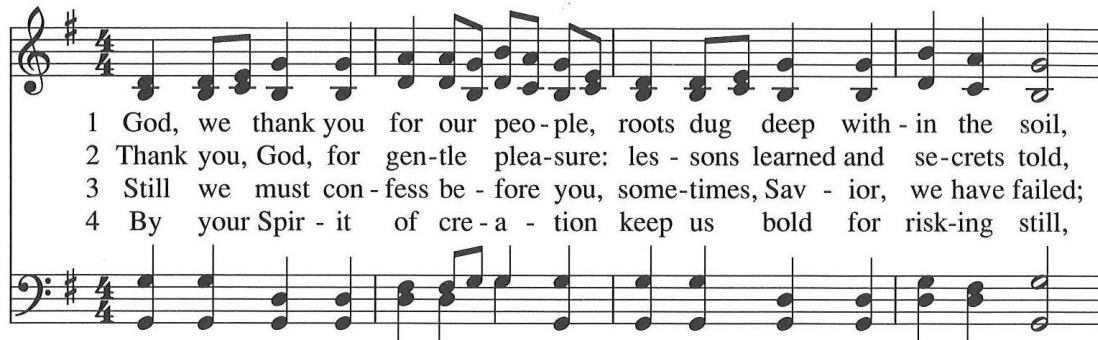
An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nügeli (c. 1768-1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

God, We Thank You for Our People

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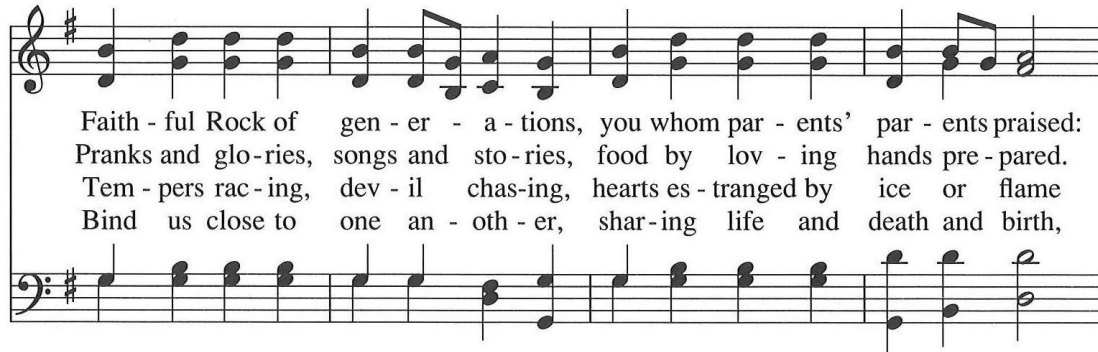
Ruth Duck, 1986



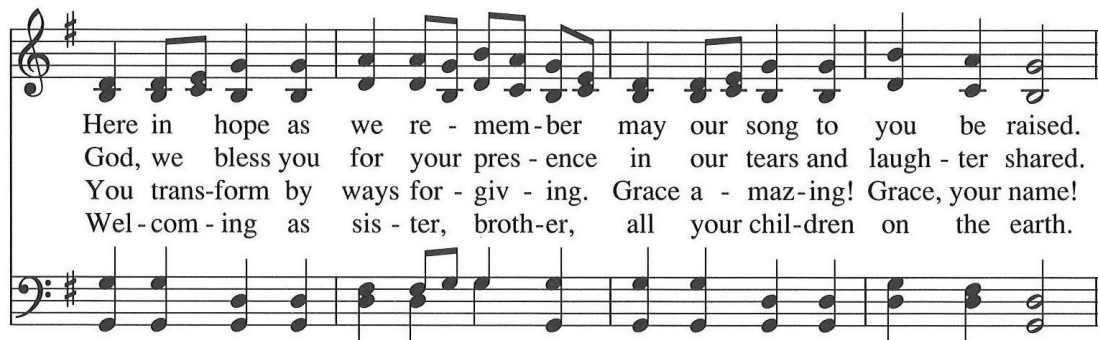
1 God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,
2 Thank you, God, for gen-tle plea-sure: les - sons learned and se-crets told,
3 Still we must con-fess be - fore you, some-times, Sav - ior, we have failed;
4 By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold for risk-ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.
hopes and mem-ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,
though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some - times love has not pre-ailed.
ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:
Pranks and glo-ries, songs and sto-ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.
Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame
Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.
God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.
You trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!
Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

Ruth Duck created this text at the request of Harold (Hal) McSwain, Jr., for a family reunion. She found her inspiration in the stories of Harold, Sr., and in her own family heritage. The hymn speaks to any community that has shared life together for a long time.

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.
William Moore, 1825

Bulletin Reminders

After worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let Music Fill This Place

Martin

Alleluia! Come and worship!
Alleluia, praise the Lord!
Come, lift your voice,
with a jubilant noise praise the Lord!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let music fill this place;
let praise sound all around us.
Let ev'ry voice be raised;
proclaim the Lord in song.

Let worship fill our hearts,
let hope and joy surround us.
Declare the gift of grace;
praise God with voices strong!

With hearts in one accord
let us worship Christ our Lord!
Alleluia! Let music fill this place.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
Let the music of our living
be an anthem clear and strong,
Ev'ry note an alleluia to the Giver of the Song.



PRAYER DISCUSSION GROUP

We'll start exploring the ins and outs of *The Lord's Prayer* at our next meeting, on **December 3**. We'll meet in the Parlor, about 20 minutes after the service. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

December 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Keefe Tech, 750 Winter Street, Framingham
Sponsored by the *Framingham Rotary Club*, the Keefe Tech Christmas Craft Fair boast 117 crafters, offering everything from Christmas fudge to fancy shawls, plus a Christmas raffle. Free to the public.

PLEDGE DRIVE 2024

We have received **68** pledges so far, totalling **\$235,057**. Last year, 80 households pledged \$284,000. Thank you to every family who makes the Church a priority in their giving. Every gift and every pledge is a blessing.

LUNCH AFTER CHURCH

Hosted by Tea and Greg

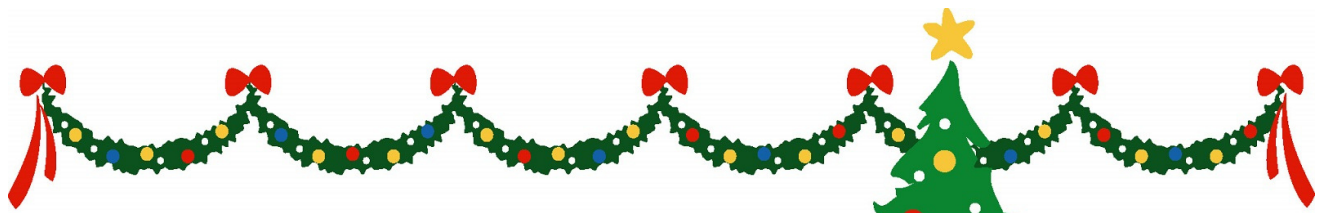
We wish to offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the love and generosity shown to us by the church! We plan to host a lunch of Cambodian food after the Christmas Pageant, on Sunday, **December 17**, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

THE MITTEN TREE

Coming soon! The Mitten Tree will be going up soon. This annual drive supports students in the Framingham Public Schools. Take a wish slip hanging from the boughs, purchase the item on the list, and place it underneath the tree. Items will be delivered to school nurses in January.

DECEMBER COFFEE KLATCH

The December Klatch leaders are Leona Dalton and Al Rapoza. See your Wednesday Email for the December roster.



DECORATE the Church

Let's Deck the Halls for Christmas!

December 2, at 9:00 a.m.

The time has come once again to do our magic and make our Sanctuary and Hall look beautiful for the Christmas Holiday. Volunteer elves are needed on Saturday, **December 2**, at 9:00 a.m., to help raise the big tree, place wreaths and candles, and set up the tree in the Parish Hall. If you can join in the holiday fun, please let Carole Blackman know, either by email (blackmancarole@gmail.com) or see her at church any Sunday.

Tear along dotted line.

My 2024 Pledge

This promise is made with gratitude:

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- Provide Weekly Envelopes. Contact me about electronic payment options.
 Will set up auto payment with my bank. Will contact the Treasurer about other options.