

THE HYMN

“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”

**1. Come, thou fount of every blessing, rune 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. 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.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 18: 23-35

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’

“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

“In his anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE ANTHEM

“LEAD ME, LORD”

WESLEY

THE SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 5: 3-10

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.”

THE SERMON

“LIVING FAITHFULLY IN A FALLEN WORLD: MERCY”

REV. TIM STARNES

THE HYMN

“O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING”

**1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**2. Then, hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still;
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“RONDEAU IN D MAJOR”

MOURET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session will meet this afternoon at 4:30.

Ben Ratliff will be preaching tonight at 6:00PM from 1 John 4:13-21. The service will be live-streamed.

Rally Day will be September 13, between the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Parents, help your children finish their Memory Work.