



Faith United  
Presbyterian  
Church  
in Farmers Branch

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and  
meet the needs of our neighbors.*



*Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14*

## GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Minuet in G minor*

George Frideric Händel/Wilhelm Kempff

#### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.**

Leader: Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.

People: **O Living God, let your work be revealed to your servants.**

Jeanne Haben, Lay Liturgist

#### ◆OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

GTG 475

NETTLETON

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness seasoned in humility, so that we may receive mercy and find grace. Let us confess our sin.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Holy God, you heap your love upon us, embracing every human being with tenderness, compassion, and mercy. Forgive us when, like spoiled children, we treat your generosity as our right, or hug it possessively to ourselves. Fashion in us enough trust to live secure in your steadfast love and to share it freely with others in open-handed confidence that your grace will never run out, through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Do not fear says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

**God is doing a new thing; now it springs up! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

#### ◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

# HEARING THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### ANTHEM

*As You Think in Your Heart*

Words by Pamela Stewart based on Proverbs 4:23

Music by John Purifoy

Pianist: Katia Dinas

*Guard your heart. It is a fountain from which your life and being flow.  
Clear and clean, its waters nourish, but left to ruin nothing grows.*

*Guard your heart against the darkness. Protect it from despair and fear.  
Let it flow with light and courage, a stream of home, and preserve.*

*A wellspring, a river that restores and renews, the source of your living, of all you say and do.  
Preserve and protect it. Secure and guard your heart with thoughts that are worthy. As you think, so you are.*

*Guard your heart with truth and kindness. Preserve it from deceit and hate.  
Let it flow with peace and mercy against oppression's cruel fate.*

*Guard your heart from threat and danger. Be unafraid to stay the course.  
It will lead the thirsty traveler to drink the water from its Source.*

*A wellspring, a river that restores and renews, the source of your living, of all you say and do.  
Preserve and protect it. Secure and guard your heart with thoughts that are worthy. As you think, so you are,  
As you think in your heart, as you think in your heart.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

#### SECOND READING

Mark 10:17-31

#### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"The Fear of Falling Short"

## RESPONDING

#### ◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Shorter Catechism, 7.045-046*

Q. 45. Which is the First Commandment?

**A. The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."<sup>1</sup>**

Q. 46. What is required in the First Commandment?

**A. The First Commandment requires us<sup>1</sup> to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God;<sup>2</sup> and to worship and glorify him accordingly.<sup>3</sup>**

#### ◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

GTG 724

ANGEL'S STORY

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

#### OFFERING

Offertory

*A Prayer of Need*

by Penny Rodriguez

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

GTG 606

Prayer of Dedication

**O God of life, send your Spirit that we might seek good and not evil,  
that justice would be established throughout our communities, as we walk with  
Jesus in mission and ministry, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

# SENDING

## ◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

GTG 722

CANONBURY

## ◆ CHARGE

**We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.**

## ◆ BENEDICTION

*Choral Amen*

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG – Glory to God Hymnal

We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smartphone or go to our website and click the “Give Now” button. [www.FaithUnited-pc.com](http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com) You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Special Offerings throughout the year. ***You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.***

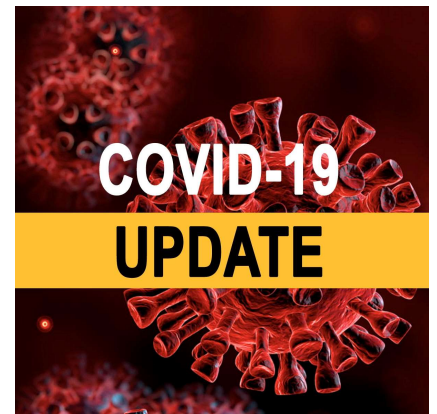


### COVID Protocol Reminder

Everyone is tired of COVID and the resultant restrictions and limitations. However, it is important for us stay the course as we are confronted by the very dangerous Delta variant. So, a friendly reminder:

- Masks must be worn at all times while in the building by everyone.
- Everyone is asked to maintain social distancing while inside the building.
- Everyone is encouraged to use no-contact forms of greeting while inside the building.
- Remember the service is live-streamed on Facebook for those uncomfortable attending in-person and those who are not feeling well.

Thank you for your assistance, patience and cooperation as we work together to keep everyone safe! If you have any questions or questions, please contact Pastor Ken or any Session member.



### Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, Pianist

#### Soprano

Caroline Busselberg  
Shanae Kemp  
Sarah Knoy  
Mary Marxer  
Rachel Moes  
Natasha Wroblewski

#### Alto

Patti Sloey  
Jessica Stottlmyer

#### Tenor

Kyle Feather  
Jeremy Rohwer

#### Bass

Kurt Booth  
Rich Lewis  
Malcolm Payne  
Zachary Rohwer

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 10

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. FUPC Worship  
11:00 a.m. Iglesia Emmanuel, Fellowship Hall  
1:00 p.m. FUPC Session

### Monday, October 11

7:00 p.m. GA Room #2

### Tuesday, October 12

7:30 p.m. OA, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, October 13

9:30 a.m. LTCDS, Fellowship Hall

### Friday, October 15

9:00 a.m. LTCDS, Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, October 16

9:00 a.m. GA, Room #2  
11:00 a.m. OA, Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, October 17

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. FUPC Worship  
11:00 a.m. Iglesia Emmanuel, Fellowship Hall

#### PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz	Roger Jones
Dennis Van Deventer	Mike Jones
Kathie Heffler	David Duell
George & Mozelle Mills	John Marxer

**Homebound or Recovering:** Freddie Simmons,  
Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

## PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

The mid-week devotional offered by Pastor Ken this fall is on the Lord's Prayer, as we consider how to allow this prayer given by Jesus to form and shape our prayer life. Each week a different phrase within the prayer is discussed. The devotional is posted on the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel mid-week. This week's offering: Thy Kingdom Come.



### The FUPC Staff have returned to working from home!

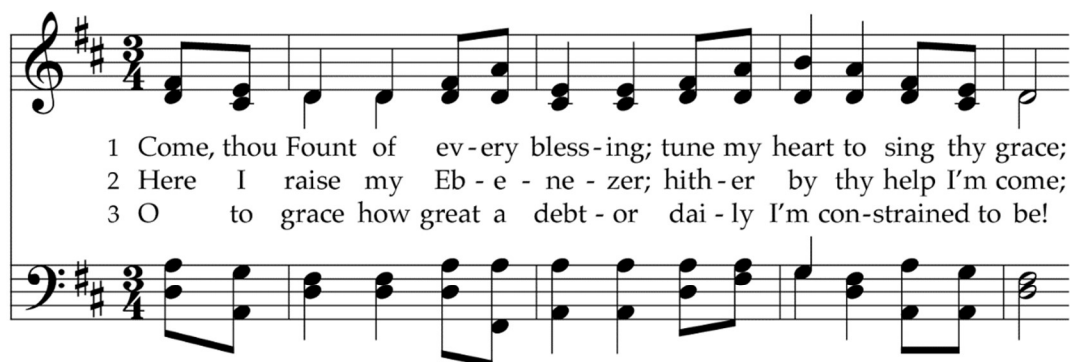
Due to the uptick in Covid-19 Delta variant cases in north Texas, Pastor Ken, and Brenda Swindle have returned to working from home. They continue to check mail, emails, and messages daily. They are happy to receive your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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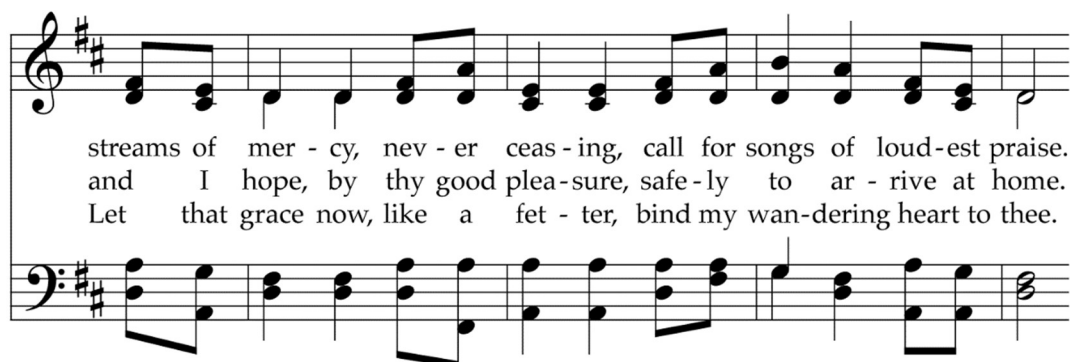
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# OPENING Hymn

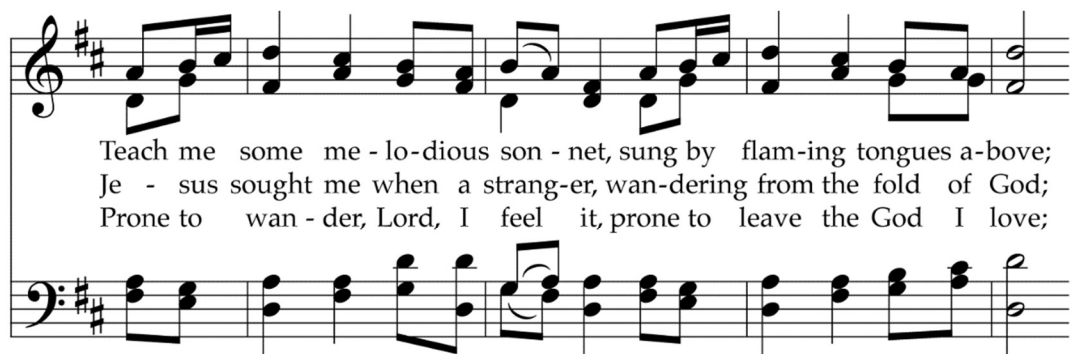
## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



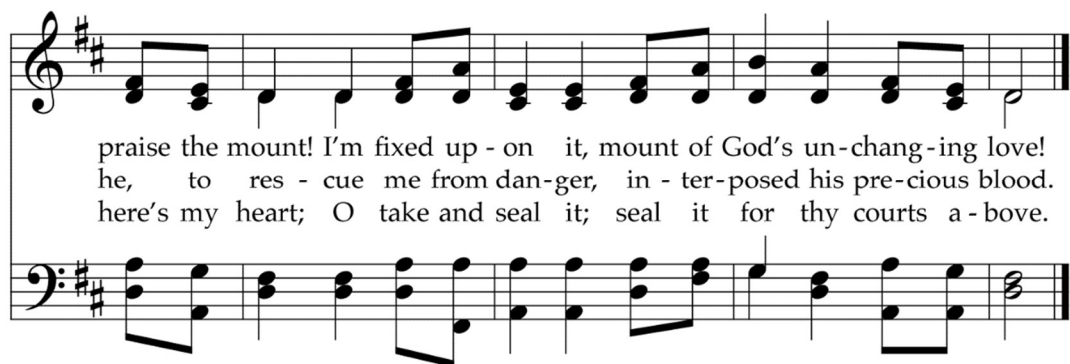
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

# HYMN of MEDITATION

## 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

# HYMN of DEDICATION

## 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.



## **The Session**

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## **Standing Committees of the Session**

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W&M = Worship & Music

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## **CHOSEN TO SERVE**

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