



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

**Bold text is read  
by the congregation.**  
**\*Asterisk indicates when to  
rise in body or in spirit.**

**Please sign the friendship  
pad** so we may take note of  
your presence and you may  
greet your neighbors by  
name.

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

HANDBELL PEAL (11:00)

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

INTROIT (11:00)

"O COME LET US SING UNTO THE LORD"

CALLAHAN

*O Come, let us sing unto the Lord.*

*Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.*

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*

*And show ourselves glad in him with psalms.*

*Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30)**

(11:00)

REV. POWERS

JEANENE MUTCHLER

We gather here in anticipation,

**seeking an encounter with our Holy God,**

who comes among us when we least expect it,

**who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,**

who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.

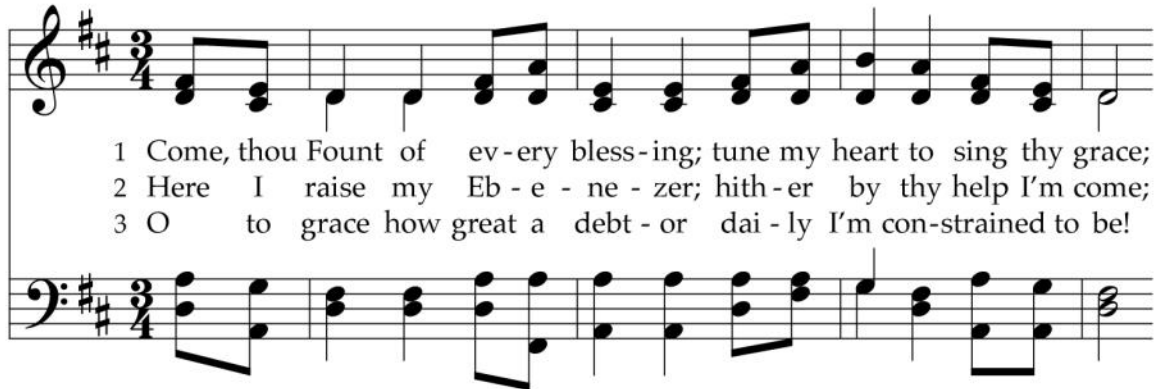
**Let us worship God together!**

**\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 475**

"COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

NETTLETON

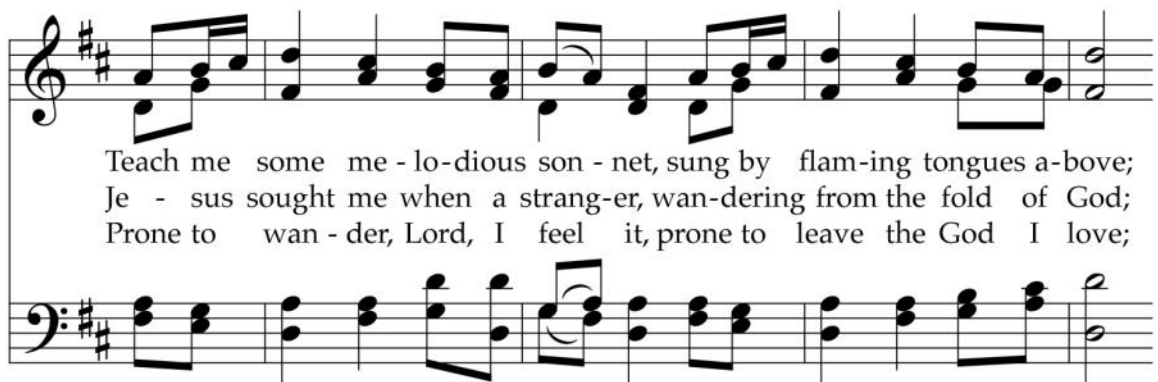
## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



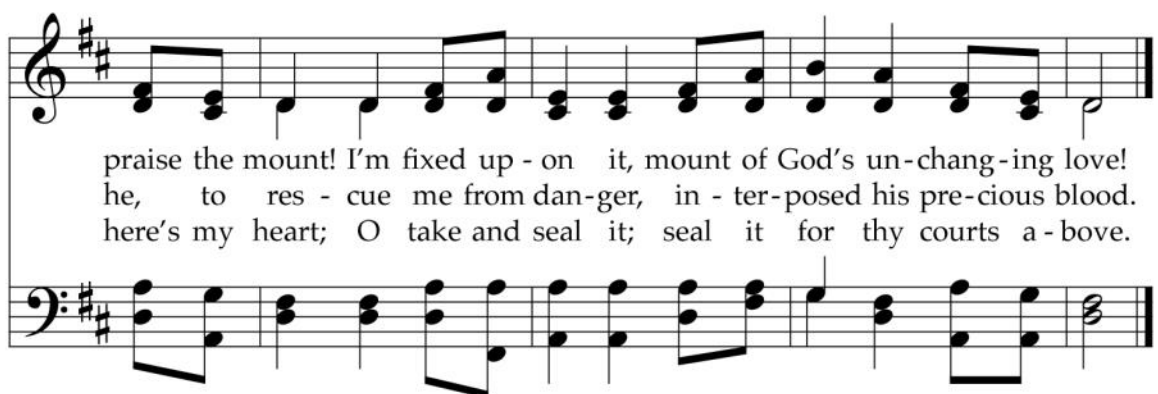
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.



**Passing of the Peace** is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

**As children come forward during the gathering hymn,** you are invited to pass your quarters to the center aisle for the children to collect for their offering. Quarters are sent to the Dougbe Presbyterian River School in Liberia.

**At this time,** three-year-olds to kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to the hallway with an adult and sign into Worship and Wonder.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (8:30)  
(11:00)

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY  
THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Merciful God, you willingly enter into the messiness of our human struggles; into fractured relationships, family differences, and unreconciled situations.

Yet we confess that too often we hold on because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires.

Often we fear that our very lives will be dislocated by your kingdom values of justice, mercy, and peace.

Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires, and pressures that confront us. Unclench our hands and open us to the transforming power of your Spirit.

(Silent Confession)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

GLORIA PATRI

“GLORIA PATRI”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (8:30)  
(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY  
WALT LOGAN

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you!

**HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 487** (11:00)

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“THESE TREASURED CHILDREN”

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH** (11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

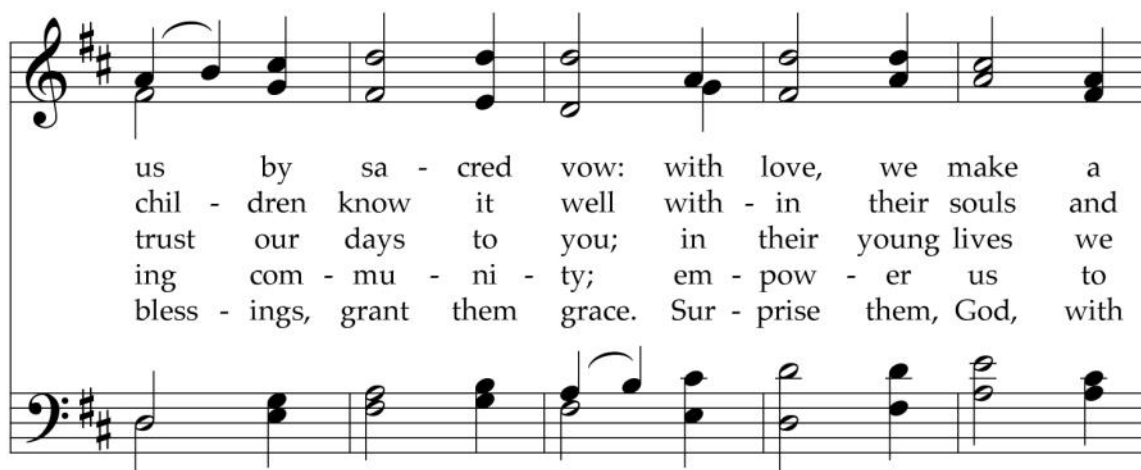
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## These Treasured Children


487



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to  
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our  
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -  
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -  
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a  
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and  
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we  
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to  
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.  
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.  
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.  
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.  
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshiping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.



**Before we can know God,**  
*God knows us. Baptism is  
 one of the two sacraments  
 of the Presbyterian Church  
 (USA) in response to the  
 grace of God, who calls us to  
 be the people of God. We  
 welcome children and adults  
 into the fellowship of faith.  
 The congregation promises  
 to guide, nurture, and love  
 the baptized person.*



**The sermon is a reflection**  
*on the day's scriptures,  
 suggesting implications for  
 our faith and life.*

**Today's Affirmation of Faith**  
*is from The Iona Community  
 Creed.*



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

REV. POWERS

HARRIS SUMMITT MCLEOD

Son of Katie & Scott McLeod

Brother of Ann Louise and Caroline McLeod

### BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of blessing, child of promise,	Child of God, your loving Parent,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,	Learn to listen for God's call.
With this water God has sealed you	Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Unto love and grace divine.	Trust and love God more than all.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

GENESIS 32:22-30

### SERMON

WRESTLING IS REAL

### SILENT REFLECTION

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)  
 (11:00)

REV. VEAZEY

REV. GALE

We believe that God is present  
 in the darkness before dawn;

**in the waiting and uncertainty  
 where fear and courage join hands,**

conflict and caring link arms,  
 and the sun rises over barbed wire.

**We believe in a with-us God  
 who sits down in our midst  
 to share our humanity.**

We affirm a faith  
 that takes us beyond a safe place:  
 into action, into vulnerability,  
 and onto the streets.

**We commit ourselves to work for change  
 and put ourselves on the line;  
 to bear responsibility, take risks,  
 live powerfully,  
 and face humiliation;  
 to stand with those on the edge;  
 to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
 for God's new community of hope.**



**During this time,** we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm or through the mail. Those in the sanctuary may place their offering in the plate as it is passed.



**Doxology literally means** “words of glory.” Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. We honor and thank God “from whom all blessings flow.”

**Hymn No. 546** This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.



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## MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

VICKI COX

CAFE - CHILDREN AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT AT IDLEWILD

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. GALE

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

REV. VEAZEY

## OFFERTORY (8:30)

“MY HOPE IS BUILT”

ARR. TOM TRENNEY

(11:00) “SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE”

CALVIN FULLER

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory.*

*What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye never sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! All is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.*

*Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God and He alone:  
to God all praise and glory. Sing praise to God!*

## \*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. VEAZEY

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. VEAZEY

## \*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 546

SICILIAN MARINERS

“LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING”

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

## POSTLUDE

“FESTIVAL VOLUNTARY”

FLOR PEETERS

## MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Ministers: All the members of Idlewild Presbyterian Church

For staff phone numbers and emails visit [www.idlewildchurch.org](http://www.idlewildchurch.org) or call the church.

**David J. Powers**  
Pastor and Head of Staff  
**Courtney Veazey**  
Designated Associate Pastor  
for Outreach & Nurture  
**Mary Newberg Gale**  
Transitional Associate Pastor for  
Adult Formation & Care

**Joshua H. Narcisse**  
Parish Associate  
**Landry J. Duvall**  
Director of Music Ministries  
**Stephen R. Haynes**  
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**Jeanene Mutchler**  
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**Corinne Nienhuis**  
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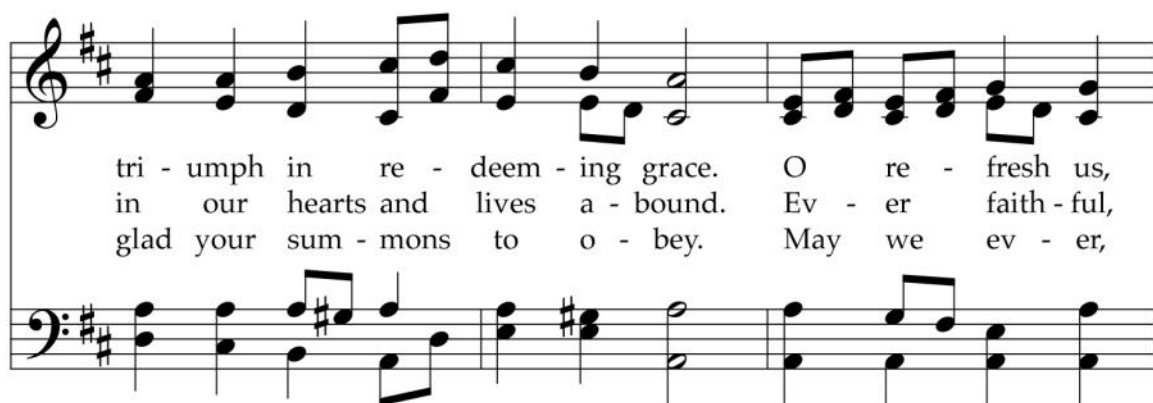
## 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing




1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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## ♦ *this week in print* ♦

### Outreach Ministry

**Volunteer musicians** are needed at More Than A Meal chapel services (Thursdays, 4:00). If you are interested in sharing your talents in this way, please contact Rev. Courtney Veazey, [courtney@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:courtney@idlewildchurch.org)

### Nurture Ministry

**NaCoMe all-church retreat** (Oct. 13-15): *Registration closes today* for this much-loved tradition in Pleasantville, TN. Cost is \$250 per private room or \$65 per person in a gender-specific shared room. Also, the meal package is \$60 per adult and \$40 per child (ages 3-12).

**Blessing of the Animals** (Sunday, Oct. 8, 5:00 pm): Bring your loved pets to the Sanctuary for this new special offering. Please leash/contain pets as needed, and be mindful of your animal's level of sociability.

**Basketball registration** (Sept. 18–Oct. 20): Teams for boys and girls, 1<sup>st</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grades, will fill quickly. Season begins January 6. If you would like to coach a team, please contact [jpierce@idlewild.com](mailto:jpierce@idlewild.com).

### Adult & Young Adult Ministry

**Woven Wednesdays** (each Wednesday, 5:30–7:30): Dinner begins at 5:30. Afterwards we will share reflection and study on what it means to be God's beloved community. Register for dinner in Realm.

**Sunday formation offerings** (9:40–10:40 each week): Several classes for adults are available, serving various age and interest groups. Classes are open to guests and drop-ins. More information about each class is in the Fall Programming Guide and also in Realm.

### Children's Ministry

**Sunday School** (each week, 9:40–10:40): Sign your 3yo–5<sup>th</sup> grade kids in at 9:35 on the third floor, Jones Bldg. for play and learning. Parents can head to the Christian Parenting: Children Sunday School class for community and discussion.

### Youth Ministry

**Youth Moving Party tonight** (6:00–7:30): Youth groups are moving into the CAFE house at 28 S Evergreen! Help personalize the house tonight as we settle in. Follow the sidewalk arrows.



Registration links, sign ups, and zoom links are located on our church calendar. Find the calendar by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar).



**WELCOME NOTICES**

**Welcome to Idlewild!** We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to Idlewild, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At Idlewild, it is our hope that all who enter find a home.

**Children are always welcome in worship.** In addition, childcare for children newborns—3 years is available in the Jones Building in Room 153. During the 11:00 service there is a special Time with the Younger Church, after which children ages 3 years— kindergarten may go to Worship and Wonder located in the Old Library on the second level. Parents pick up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship. Children of all ages are invited to pick up a worship packet in the main hallway that can be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

**New members are received by the Session.** If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call (901)726-4681 during the week.

**Prayer requests** are prayed daily by the Community Prayer Ministry Team and the Confidential Prayer Partners. If your prayers are confidential, you may call (901-487-6062) or submit them by email to [confidentialprayers@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:confidentialprayers@idlewildchurch.org). Otherwise, you can fill out a Community Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or fill out the Community Prayer Request form on the church website.

**If you have a personal emergency,** hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call or text (901) 654-6872. The Pastor on Call will respond as soon as possible. You can also email [pastor@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:pastor@idlewildchurch.org). The Pastor on Call for the week of September 24 is Courtney Veazey.

**WORSHIP NOTICES**

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Barbara Wyatt Valentine with love from Elizabeth Valentine Bennett, Steve and Chalmers Valentine, Jan Valentine Wiygul, Michael and Madeline Valentine and each of her grands and greats.

**Sanctuary flowers** are given in honor, celebration, or in appreciation of those we love. We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Sunday services. If you are interested in donating, find the registration page at [idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication](http://idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication).

**The 11:00 service** is live at [livestream.com/idlewild](http://livestream.com/idlewild) (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices). As always, worship is available by way of the radio on AM560, 96.1FM, or 98.5FM **Music is printed** under Onelicense.net A-702280.