



# Full Courage and Joy

April 19, 2020  
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
2nd Sunday of Eastertide

# Call to Worship

from Psalm 57

Leader: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;

**All: My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast!**

Leader: I will sing and make melody!

**All: Awake, my glory!**

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre!

**All: I will awake the dawn!**

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!**



1. O God be mer - ci - ful\_\_ to me.\_\_ My soul, take re - fuge  
2. My heart is fixed, my song\_\_ shall raise\_\_ im - mor - tal hon - ors  
3. Your stead - fast love is great,\_\_ O God.\_\_ I rest my hope in



in\_\_ the Lord.\_\_ I shel - ter 'neath thy spread - ing wing.\_\_  
to\_\_ thy name.\_\_ A - wake, my tongue, to sound his praise.\_\_  
thee\_\_ a - lone;\_\_ I'll spread thy sa - cred truths a - broad,\_\_

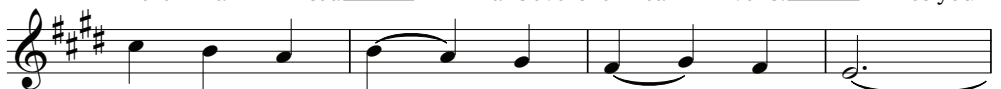


\_\_ O save\_\_ me from\_\_ the threat' - ning storm.\_\_  
\_\_ A - wake,\_\_ my soul\_\_ to lift\_\_ his name.\_\_  
\_\_ To all\_\_ man - kind\_\_ thy love\_\_ make known.\_\_

*Chorus*



Be ex - al - ted\_\_ a - bove the hea - vens!\_\_ Let your



glo - ry be o - ver all\_\_ the earth,\_\_

Psalm 57, vs. 1-2 by Isaac Watts, 1720; vs. 3 by William Wrangham, 1829; music by Paul van der Bijl, 2015

## Confession of Sin, from Ephesians 4

Leader: *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'To Thee I come a sin-ner poor And wait for mer-cy at Thy door... To Thee I come a sin-ner foul Yet grant me Lord your fa-vor now... To Thee I come a sin-ner saved For I have on-ly You to thank. In-deed, I've no-where else to flee, Oh Mer-cy through blood I make my plea Oh And where You are I long to be, Oh God be mer-ci-ful to me. To Thee I come a sin-ner God be mer-ci-ful to me. To Thee I come a sin-ner God be mer-ci-ful to me. When You re-turn Oh, Lord at weak and scarce know how to pray or speak, From fear and great and well Thou know-est all my state, Yet full for-last and there when all my sins are passed, With all the weak-ness set me free, Oh God be mer-ci-ful to me! give-ness is with Thee, Oh God be mer-ci-ful to me! saints I'll then a-gree, Oh God was mer-ci-ful to me!

*To Thee I Come, Words: Samuel Medley, 1700s, addl. txt vdbijl, 2014, Music Clint Wells, 2006*

**All: Silent time to pray and confess**

*Prayer of silent confession:*

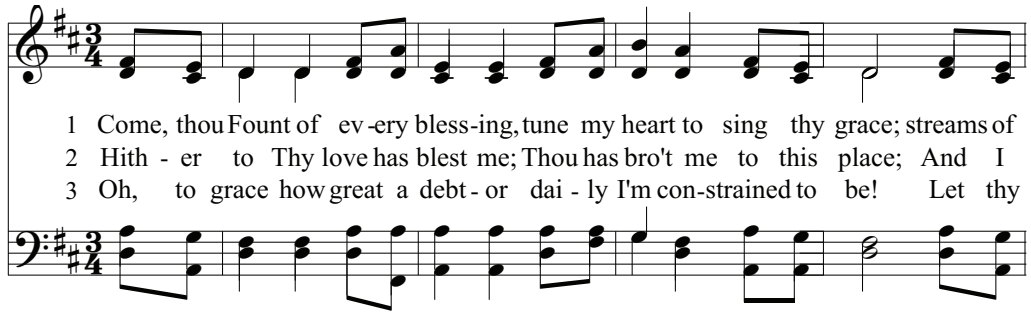
*Most merciful God,  
I confess that I have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what I have done,  
and by what I have left undone.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved my neighbor as myself.  
I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on me and forgive me;  
that I may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon,** *from Ephesians 1*

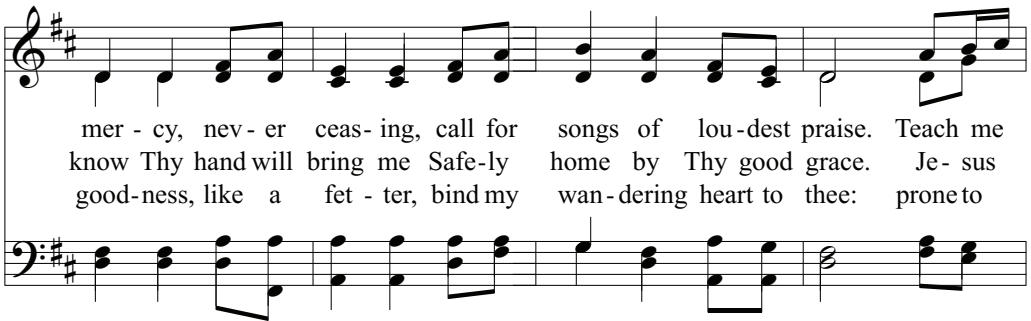
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Leader: *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace.*

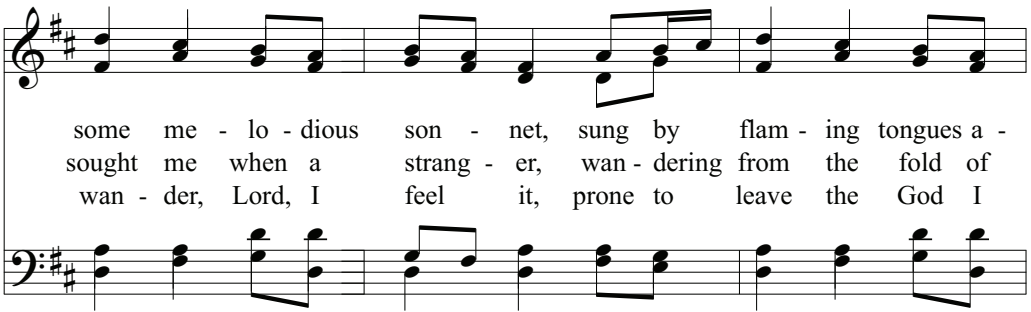
## Sing to Assure



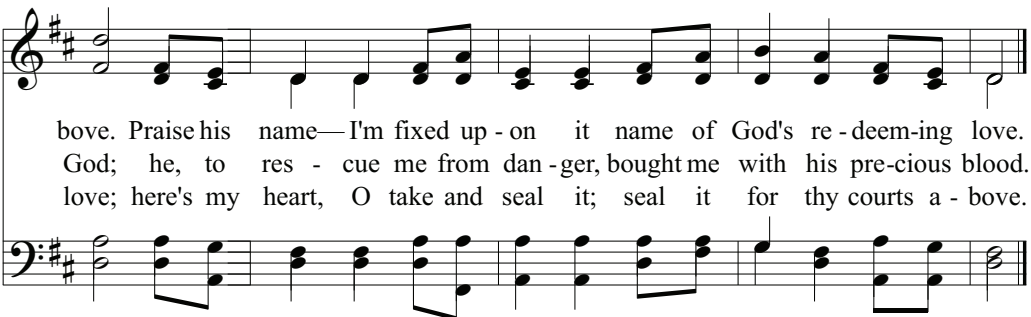
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of  
2 Hith - er to Thy love has blest me; Thou has bro't me to this place; And I  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! Let thy



mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of lou - dest praise. Teach me  
know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace. Je - sus  
good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee: prone to



some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of  
wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



bove. Praise his name—I'm fixed up - on it name of God's re - deem - ing love.  
God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.  
love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*Come Thou Fount, Words: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: Traditional American melody*

## Lessons from the Word *read by Brad Lewis*

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Old Testament Lesson -  
Gospel Lesson -

Proverbs 3.13-18  
Matthew 22.34-40

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### The Word

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Pastor Aaron Baker  
A Prayer for Love, Philippians 1.1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## **Prayers of the People** *led by Kara Shroyer*

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*Prayers for our community, our city, and our world*

Leader: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our 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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen**



The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her\_ Lord,  
E - lect from eve - ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the\_ earth;  
Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her\_ war,  
Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.\_\_\_\_  
Her chart - ter of sal - va - tion, one faith, one birth;\_\_\_\_  
She waits the con - su - ma - tion, of peace for - ev - er more.\_\_\_\_  
And my - stic sweet co - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.\_\_\_\_



From heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly Name she bless - es par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly, Lord give us grace that we



With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued.  
And the great church vic - to - rious, shall be the church at rest.  
like them the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

*The Church's One Foundation, words: Samuel Stone, 1866; music: Brian Moss, 1996*

### **Announcements in our community**



## Go With Joy

1. Re - jice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2. Je - sus, the Sa - vior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4. Re - jice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come

Re - jice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph e - ver - more. Lift  
When He has purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove; Lift  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n: Lift  
to ga - ther all his saints to their e - ter - nal home: Lift

up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - jice!  
up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - jice!  
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*Rejoice the Lord is King, Words: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music, John Darwall, 1770*

Leader:

## Benediction

*Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*