The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church USA
September 27, 2020 - 17th Sunday of Pentecost

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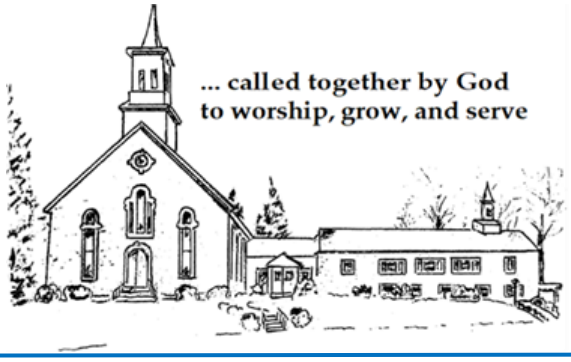
Welcome to worship in the name of Jesus.
Please take a moment to text
someone the peace of Christ.

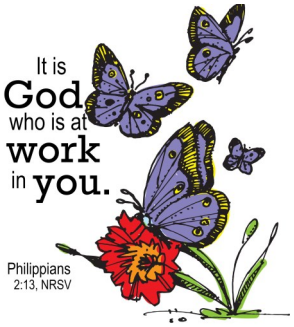


PRELUDE

WELCOME The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

OPENING PRAYER (*Feasting on the Word*)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Call to Worship*)



Listen, O people, to holy teaching;
tune your ears to hear God's word.
We gather to proclaim our sacred story,
to tell of God's wondrous deeds.

Come, O people, into holy space
to worship the Lord, our sustainer and guide.
Let us turn to God in prayer and praise.

GATHERING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Glory to God #475, Blue hymnal #356 or page 3.

LESSON Philippians 2:1-13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from *Call to Worship* and *Feasting on the Word*)

Loving Lord, you desire that we have
the same mind as Christ
and imitate his compassionate service.

But our minds are fixed on attitudes and ambitions
that draw us away from you.

We labor for ourselves
and attend to the needs of a precious few
before considering how our time and talents
could bless the world.

We lie to ourselves about our own motivations and priorities
and are unwilling to heed Christ's call for repentance.

Transform us, we pray.

By your grace, give us the same mind
and the same love
as our Lord Jesus Christ,
and work within us
until our actions bear witness
to the faith our tongues confess.
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Silence *Breathe in and pray*…Lord Jesus Christ
Breathe out and pray…have mercy on me.

Assurance of God's Mercy

A Time With Children Exodus 17, "God Provides Again"

Prayer for Illumination (*Feasting on the Word*)

Lesson Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon "Prioities Laid Bare" by Rev. Kimberley Wadlington

Special Music "Not Where I Belong" by Christy Powers, Sung by Dave Powers

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and 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!

Words for the Week

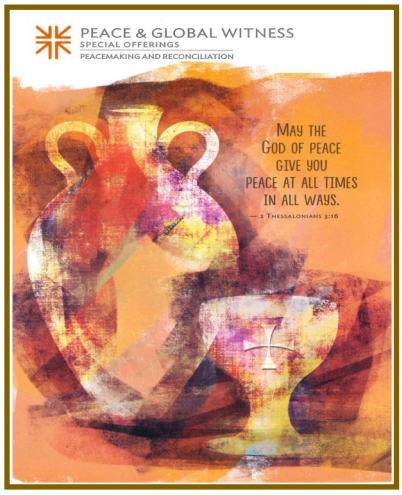
Sending Hymn "O God, Who Gives Us Life" Glory to God #53 or page 4.

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

This Sunday's church flowers are given by Jean Wenger in memory of Bill Wenger.

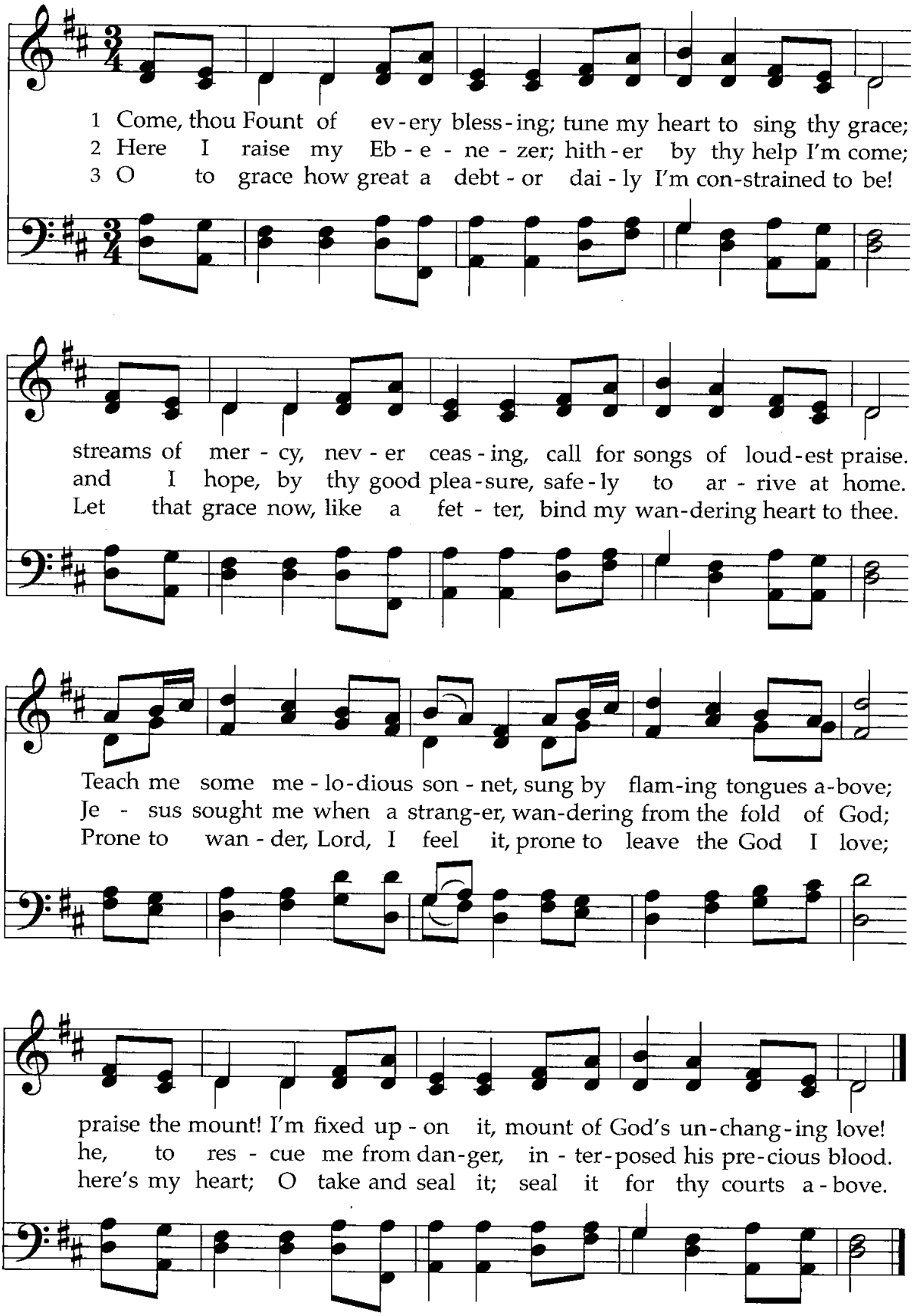
This week you are invited to pray for the Big Spring Presbyterian Church in Newville in our Presbytery cycle of prayer, Shippensburg Community Church in local churches and Luz v Vidal Presbyterian Church in Ocotillo Ariba, Morocopay, Honduras.



Church Schedule

Today	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	YF meeting at church outside
Tuesday, 28	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study via ZOOM
Saturday, 3	9:00 a.m.	Carlisle Presbytery meeting online
Sunday, 4	10:30 a.m.	Worship Online w/communion
		World Communion Sunday and
		Peace & Global Witness Offering
		Online Fellowship following worship

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



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.

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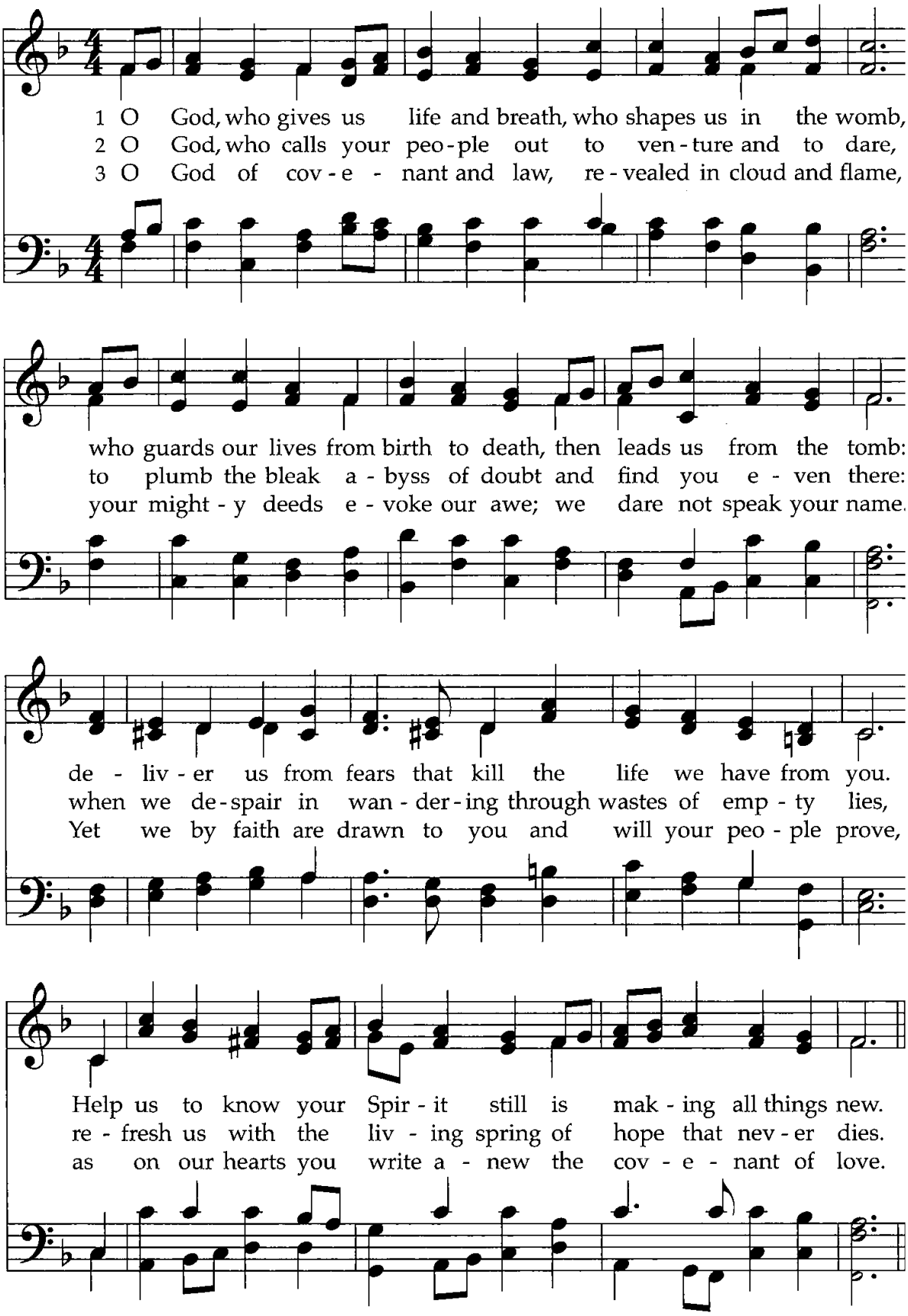
53 O God, Who Gives Us Life



Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31–34).

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