



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

July 19, 2026



The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WEEK 4: WATERS OF GRACE

PRELUDE

“A Song in Summer” by Gerald Peterson

Valerie Adelung

WELCOME

Grace McDowell

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Ezekiel 36*

Sharon Huber-Plano

And so God said, “I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

A new heart I will give you, a new spirit I will put within you.

You shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

I will save you from all your uncleannesses.

I will summon the grain, make it abundant so that you may never again suffer famine.”

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN # 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano

God's water provides both renewal and forgiveness. Let us confess our sin, knowing that through confession, God will provide the belonging we desire.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano

God of might and grace, we confess that forgiveness does not always come easy. We assign ourselves as the arbitrators of right and wrong, forgetting the role mercy plays in building the world You have created. We judge too quickly, ignoring our past sins so that we may critique the ones of our neighbors. Help us remember the community You have helped us create, how Your grace strengthens and renews. Let Your water wash us clean alongside our siblings, providing a clean slate so that every living creature might feel the power of Your love. May Your forgiveness help us remember the belovedness of growth, providing the space for our faith to evolve alongside those we'd previously cast aside. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace McDowell

**Beloved, remember that God's forgiveness knows no limits. Allow this water to wash you clean, strengthening your faith in God's mercy and reminding you of the gifts God provides each and every one of us.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSE TO GRACE** "I've Got Peace Like a River"
(verse 4)

*I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Grace McDowell

The Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

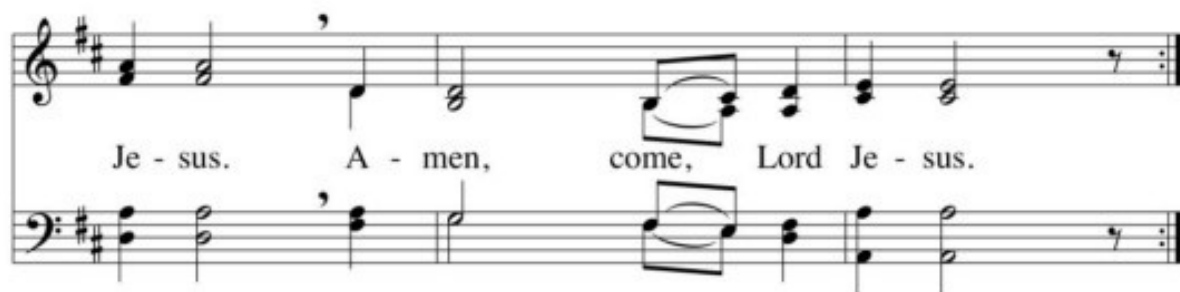
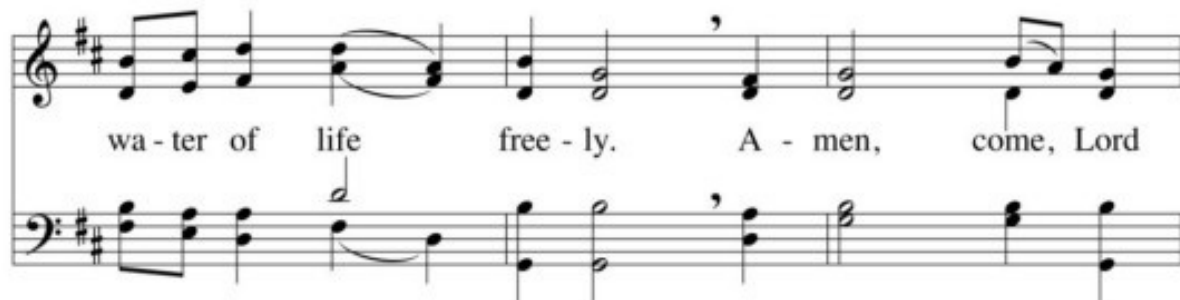
Sharon Huber-Plano

Holy One, we come thirsty for Your Word. Lead us to the water of life, refresh us
with Your grace, and open our hearts to receive what You are speaking today.
Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Let All Who Are Thirsty Come”

2. Let All Who Are Thirsty, Come



SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:21-22

Sharon Huber-Plano

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

WONDERING

Grace McDowell

WATER ADVENTURE Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vow

Sharon Huber-Plano

Unison Prayer:

Gracious God, thank You for claiming us as Your beloved. When we forget who we are, remind us of Your promises. Help us to trust Your grace, extend Your welcome, and live as people who belong to You. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE #543

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me;

O Christ, surround me.

CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT

Grace McDowell

When you entered church this morning, you received a paper circle alongside your bulletin. This emulates the ripple of water running nature's course. Before you add this circle to our growing river, take a moment to remember this good news: before you do anything, prove anything, fix anything, or become anything, you are beloved by God. Remember that you belong to God. And to seal this promise on your heart, take a writing instrument and write the word **BELOVED** on the circle.

If coming forward is difficult or you would rather stay seated, that is completely fine. Just hold up your circle, and someone will collect it and add it to the river for you. Together, these pieces remind us that change (like ripples) is part of life. We continue to remain God's beloved, even amidst uncertainty and doubt.

*HYMN # 482

“Baptized by Water”

WHERE THE RIVER LEADS Water Shortage in Puerto Rico
and
The Colorado River

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Sharon Huber-Plano

God of grace, we thank You for the waters of baptism and for the promise they proclaim. Before we accomplish anything, before we prove ourselves worthy, before we have all the answers, You call us Your beloved. We thank You for Your mercy, Your welcome, and Your love that never lets us go.
God of grace, remind us that we belong.

We pray for those who struggle to believe they are worthy of love. For those who feel forgotten, rejected, lonely, or unseen. For those carrying shame, regret, or burdens they won't speak aloud. Surround them with people who reflect Your compassion and remind them that they are not alone.

God of grace, remind us that we belong.

We pray for Your church. Make us a community where grace is stronger than judgment, where strangers become friends, where differences are met with curiosity rather than fear, and where all people can experience Your welcome.

God of grace, remind us that we belong.

We pray for places where people are excluded, overlooked, or pushed to the margins. We pray for those seeking refuge, for those longing for acceptance, and for communities divided by fear, hatred, or injustice. Help us become people who build wider tables and open doors.

God of grace, remind us that we belong.

We pray for those who are sick, grieving, recovering, or facing difficult days. For those awaiting answers, carrying heavy responsibilities, or walking through seasons of uncertainty. Hold them close and surround them with Your peace.

God of grace, remind us that we belong.

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus, who stood beside us in the waters, who called us friends, and who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Grace McDowell

The gospel reminds us that before we ever accomplished a single thing, God looked at us and called us beloved. Because our value is secure, we can live without fear or scarcity. The offering we bring today isn't a fee to belong; it's our joyful response to a love that has already claimed us. Let us gather our tithes and offerings.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Prelude in G Minor” by Craig A. Penfield

Valerie Adelung

***DOXOLOGY # 710**

“We Lift Our Voices”

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Grace McDowell

Holy God, You met us at the riverbank, stepped into our mud, and drowned out the noise of the world with Your declaration of love. We bring these gifts to You now, not to buy our way into Your kingdom, but because You have already given us a place where we belong. Use them to bring healing where things are broken, and to remind a weary world that Your grace always gets the first word. Amen.

***HYMN # 188**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

***SENDING CHALLENGE AND BENEDICTION**

Grace McDowell

One thing to notice, do, or pray about during the week

POSTLUDE

“Blessed be the Name” by James Mansfield

Valerie Adelung

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Sanctuary artwork created by Grace McDowell and Julia Wells of the Creative Crafters club.

SUMMER SERIES

Over five weeks, we will build a river together in the sanctuary. Each week, you will receive a small piece to add to the river during worship. These pieces will help us tell the story of water in scripture: water as gift, water in dry places, water as hope, water as grace, and living water shared with the world.

If you would rather remain seated during the congregational project, simply hold up your piece and an usher, elder, deacon, or child will collect it and add it to the river for you.

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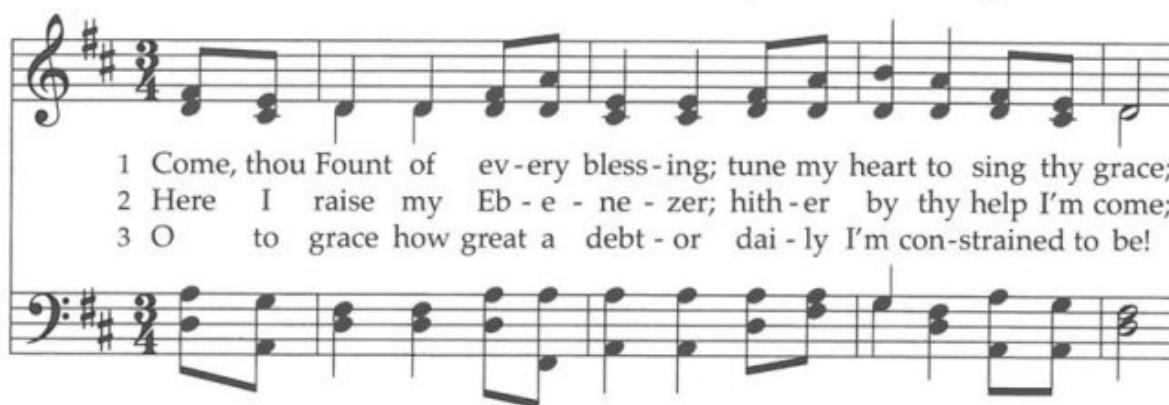


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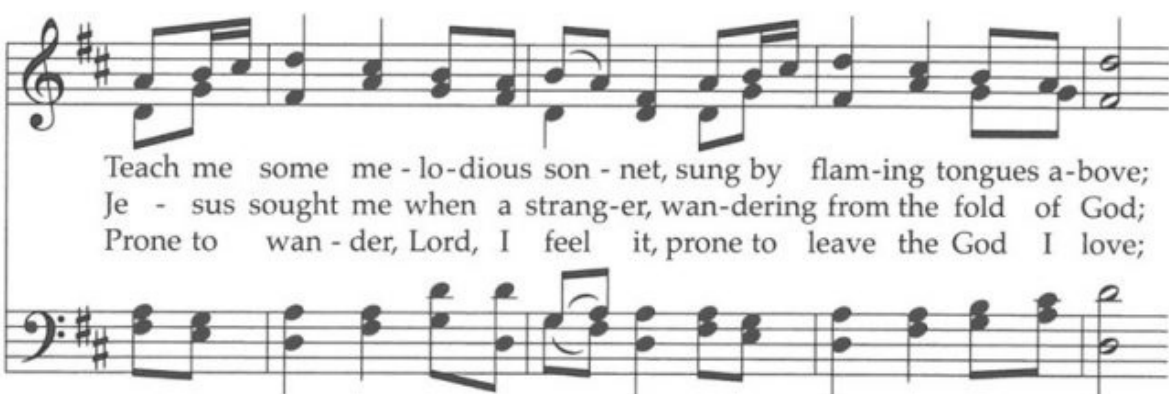
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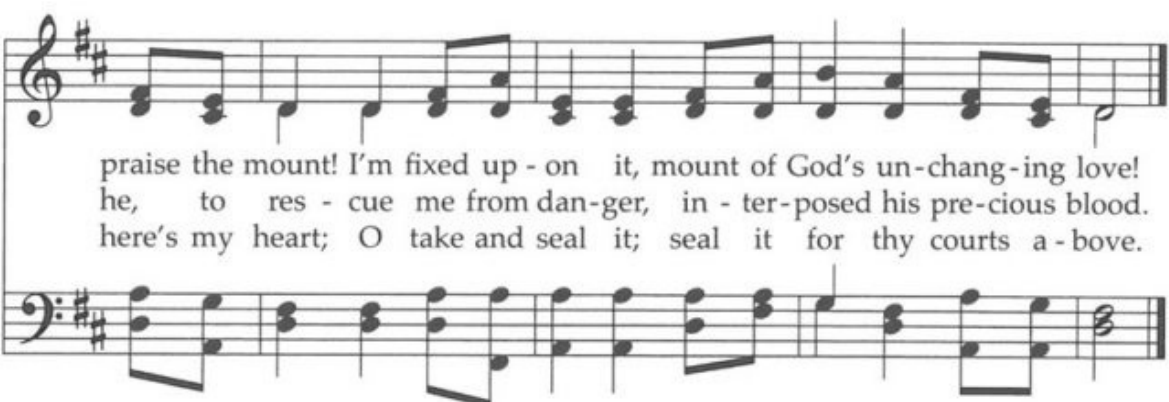
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

Baptized in Water

C Am Dm G F G C

1 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

3 Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

6 Am G C G/B Am G⁷ C

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.