



July 26, 2026



The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

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

WEEK 5: LIVING WATER

PRELUDE

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
by E.A. Hoffman

Chantell Howard

WELCOME

Jenn DiFrancesco

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 96*

Elaine DePoy

We sing to the Lord a new song;

We sing to the Lord, all the earth.

We sing to the Lord; bless His name;

We tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

Amen.

*HYMN # 401

“Here in This Place”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Elaine DePoy

God's forgiveness is as unlimited as the waters of our earth. Help us confess our sins, letting God's water and mercy renew our spirits and prepare us to spread the good news of God's love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elaine DePoy

God of strength and mercy, we confess that sometimes we lose sight of Your mission. When Your waters become an ocean, we forget how to spread our limbs and swim. We keep the blessings You provide close to our chests, instead of sharing them as You intend. Help us use the current of Your love to spread the good news of Your love, letting it provide hope to new communities. Allow us the opportunity to embark on new missions, helping Your waters renew each and every neighbor. May the forgiveness You grant us create new streams and rivers, trickling outwards to reach every part of our earth.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

People of God, remember the forgiveness God never fails to extend. Let this fill your body with hope for change. Celebrate the mercy God provides each and every one of us as you use these waters to spread God's goodwill.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO GRACE “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”
(all verses)

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

*I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul*

*I've got faith like an ocean,
I've got faith like an ocean,
I've got faith like an ocean in my soul.
I've got faith like an ocean,
I've got faith like an ocean,
I've got faith like an ocean 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.
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

Jenn DiFrancesco

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elaine DePoy

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

Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the

wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men, come, Lord Je - sus.

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-15

Elaine DePoy

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

SA Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

WONDERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

WATER ADVENTURE

Elaine DePoy

CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT

Jenn DiFrancesco

As you entered church this morning, you received a long ribbon with your bulletin. Each ribbon reminds us of the unlimited nature of God's waters, how they cannot be confined to one space. They must extend outward, reaching to touch every part of creation. As you add your ribbon, silently name one place where God's love is needed this week. It might be your home. It might be this church. It might be a hospital room, a classroom, a neighborhood, a workplace, a shelter, or a place in the world that feels especially thirsty for hope.

If coming forward is difficult or you would rather stay seated, that is completely fine. Just hold up your ribbon, and someone will collect it and add it to the river for you. Together, these pieces remind us of the ultimate mission: sharing the gift of God's love.

*HYMN # 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

WHERE THE RIVER LEADS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

God of Living Water, we come to You, thirsting for grace. We thank You for meeting us where we are, as Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, not with shame, but with honesty, mercy, and hope. We thank You for water that gives life, for wells and streams, for rain and rivers, for water that cleans, refreshes, nourishes, and restores. We thank You for the grace that keeps meeting us again and again, even when we are tired, guarded, or unsure what we need.

God of living water, teach us hope.

We pray for creation, for places where water is scarce, polluted, or unsafe. We pray for communities facing drought, flooding, rising seas, damaged homes, and failing crops. Give courage to those who protect the earth, care for water, and work for the healing of creation.

God of living water, teach us care.

We pray for our neighbors, near and far, who thirst for clean water, safe homes, food, health care, and peace. We pray for communities ignored by those in power, for children and elders at risk, and for all who work for clean water, public health, and environmental justice.

God of living water, teach us justice.

We pray for those who are thirsty in body, mind, or spirit. For those who are sick, grieving, lonely, anxious, or worn out. For those living with addiction, depression, fear, or pain. For those who keep returning to the same dry places, hoping for relief. Meet them with Your mercy and renew them with Your love.

God of living water, teach us compassion.

We pray for communities divided by old wounds, suspicion, fear, and hate. Jesus, You sat at Jacob's well in Samaria and began a conversation across lines people thought could not be crossed. Help us listen with humility, speak with care, and notice the people we have been taught to avoid.

God of living water, teach us peace.

We pray for this church, for the children and adults learning together in this series, for our worship, our mission, our neighbors, and our shared life. Make us people who receive Your grace with gratitude and share it freely. Let living water flow through us in words of hope, acts of kindness, and love that reaches beyond these walls. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus, who offers living water and teaches 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

Jenn DiFrancesco

At the well, Jesus speaks of living water, grace that does not run dry. We give today trusting that God can use what we offer to bring hope, welcome, and love to our neighbors. Let us offer our gifts to God.

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

**“I Surrender All”
by Judson W. Van DeVenter**

Chantell Howard

***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**

Jenn DiFrancesco

Holy God, receive these gifts and use them for Your work of love. Let them become water for dry places, welcome for lonely places, hope for weary places, and grace for places divided by fear or distrust. Let Your living water flow through us and through this church, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN # 749**

“Come! Live in the Light!”

***SENDING CHALLENGE AND BENEDICTION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

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

POSTLUDE

“Lead Me, Guide Me” by Doris Akers

Chantell Howard

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: Elaine DePoy

Thank you to our ushers: Judi Forrester, Judy Yeager

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

Thank you to guest musician: Chantell Howard

Chantell Howard is a graduate of Morgan State University, studying under Dr. Nathan Carter and Dr. Eric Conway, as well as Goucher College. She has taught music in Maryland for over 25 years. She lives in York County with her family.

SUMMER SERIES

This Sunday is the last week of our summer series. Over five weeks, we have built a river together in the sanctuary. Each week, you have received a small piece to add to the river during worship. These pieces have helped 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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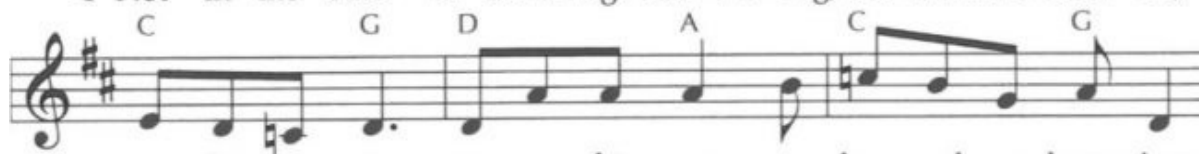
Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



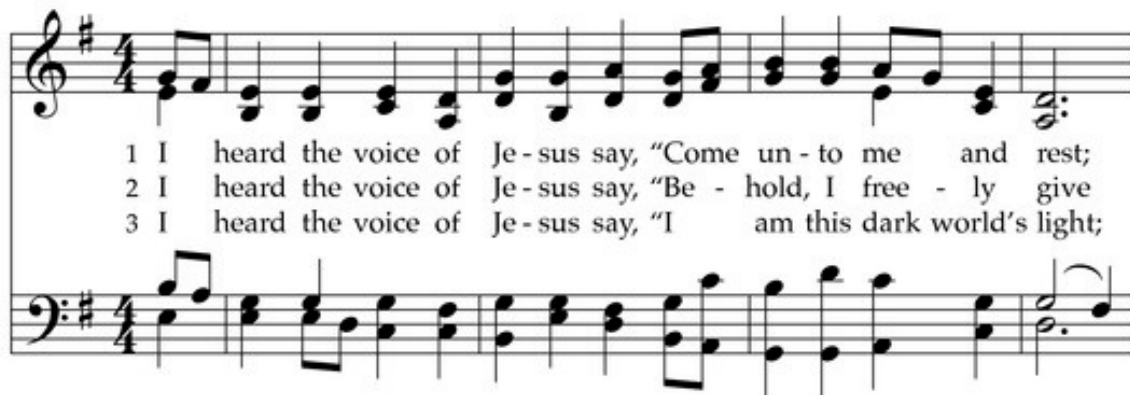
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



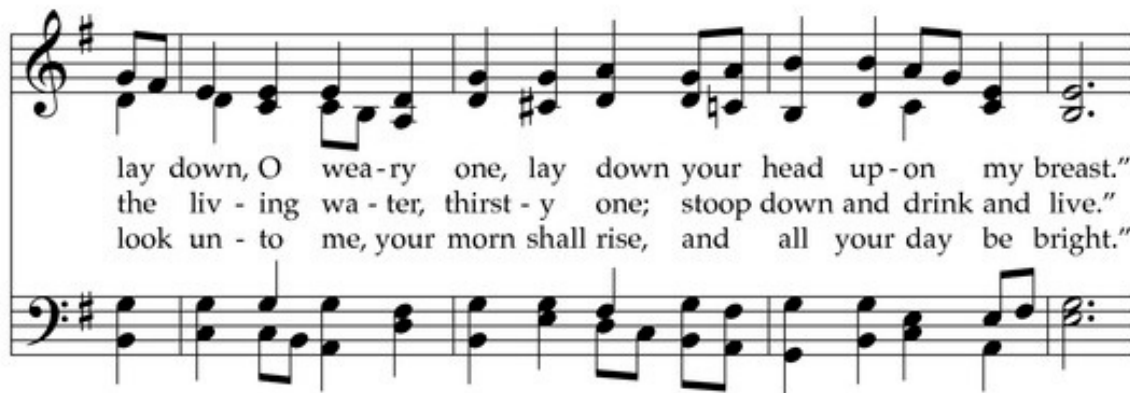
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done."

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"