



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C
2 October 2016 at 10:45

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, welcome home, children of God. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 42 and Revelation 21)*

We've come to worship God,

who makes streams flow from rock,

who turns the parched earth into springs of water,

who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.

Come, let's worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, we gather here in this holy space to worship you. Take these moments, and speak to us, nourish our thirst to renewal and refreshment and hope, you who are the source of all things, the water of life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day, and create in us your new heaven and new earth. Help us to make the most of each precious moment. For in your name we have gathered, and we pray. Amen.

†Hymn 375: Shall We Gather at the River

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."*

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 475: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

†Hymn 480: *Take Me To The Water*

Invitation to the Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to commune at this table.

Across political lines and economic lines, in places of powerfully protected affluence, and among the poorest of the poor, we share a meal, remembering and celebrating the One who proved shalom possible.

And so, come: you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South.

Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. Come, for this is a table where all are invited and all are welcome.

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

And the Lord's glory covers the earth as the waters over the sea.
The trees of the field clap their hands, the birds of the air sing songs of praise

And if we should fail to express our worship, even the rocks and stones would cry out!

And so, we lift up our hearts, and we lift up our voices

And we offer thanksgiving and adoration to the Lord the Creator of all.

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe, for from seeds sown into the earth you have given us the gift of bread to feed and nourish us. And at Jesus' last meal with his friends, before facing the cross, Our Lord took bread, blessed it and broke it. Then he passed it among them saying:

This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat, and do this to remember me.

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe, for from grapes which grow ripe and sweet on the vine, you have given us the gift of wine to refresh and heal us. And at Jesus' last meal with his friends before facing the cross, Our Lord took the cup of wine and blessed it. Then he passed it among them saying:

This is my blood shed for you. Take and drink, and do this to remember me.

And now we come to your table again, Jesus, Mindful of how you laid your life down, so that we and creation could be born anew; Mindful of how you took your life up again, so that we and creation could be filled with the life abundant; Mindful that we cannot earn or purchase this privilege, but that it is your grace which beckons us, and your grace which ensures that all creation may be one and whole.

May your Spirit work in these fruits of earth, so that they may become for us a sharing in Christ's body and blood. May your Spirit work in we, who are children of earth, so that we may be transformed into Christ's body, carrying his life, his care, and his salvation to all creation.

Amen.

Communion of the People

†Prayer after Communion

In this moment and this meal, we have remembered That the whole creation is held in the hand of God

and that the whole creation is filled with the life of God;

That the whole creation has been restored by the work of God

and that the whole creation is flooded with the Spirit of God;

That the whole creation will be renewed according to the promise of God

and that the whole creation reflects the glory of God from eternity to eternity.

So now we go from this place back into the world,

to proclaim the saving message of God, in word and action, in challenge and compassion, to all creation.

And we go in the confidence that comes from knowing that

Christ's limitless grace, God's infinite love, and the Holy Spirit's relentless companionship, always encompass us, and are always within us. Amen.

†Hymn 821: *How Can I Keep from Singing*

†Charge and Blessing

Announcements

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received this morning, and for the next 3 Sundays in October. Giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering is one way we come to God's table of peace. Twenty-five percent of this offering remains with our congregation to build up peace in our community, 25% expands our witness throughout the region supporting ministries of peace and reconciliation in Presbyterian mid-councils, and 50% supports the global witness to Christ's peace through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the reconciliation work of Presbyterian World Mission. Please give generously in gratitude to the God who spreads such a bountiful table of peace.

Women's Group will meet tomorrow evening (Monday, 3 October).

- Hostess: **Ruth B**
- Mission Interpretation: **Joyce W**
- Bible Study: **Ruth B (Lesson 8)**
- Mission Project: **Soup Kitchen**

Youth Group will **NOT** meet this Wednesday (5 October) due to the Fall Retreat, or next Wednesday (12 October) due to Fall Break. Our next event will be **bowling and pizza** on 19 October.

Youth Yard Sale will be this coming Saturday (8 October). We will gratefully accept donation of items to sell and your help setting up and running the sale. We will be setting up in the Glenwood parking lot. Please see **Amy C** with questions or to volunteer.

This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 5 October	21 st Sunday after Pentecost (9 Oct)	Food Bank & Sam's Purse (October)
No mid-week activities	Jeremiah 29:1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper (FB) • Shoeboxes (SP)

BAPTISM

480 Take Me to the Water

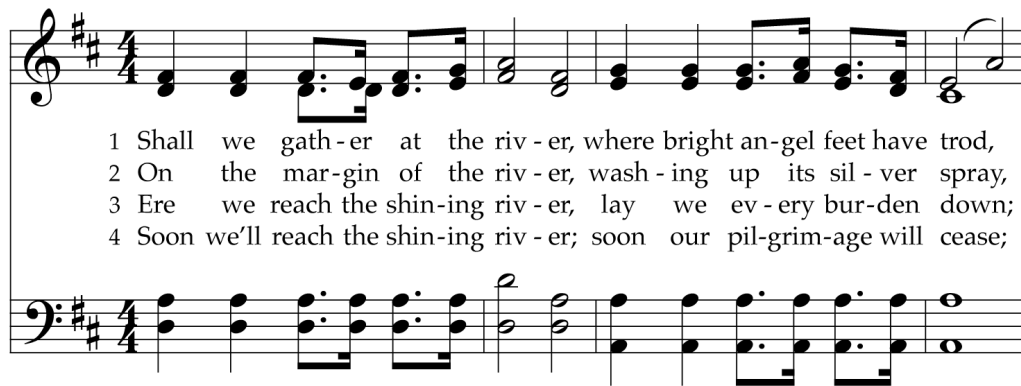


1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

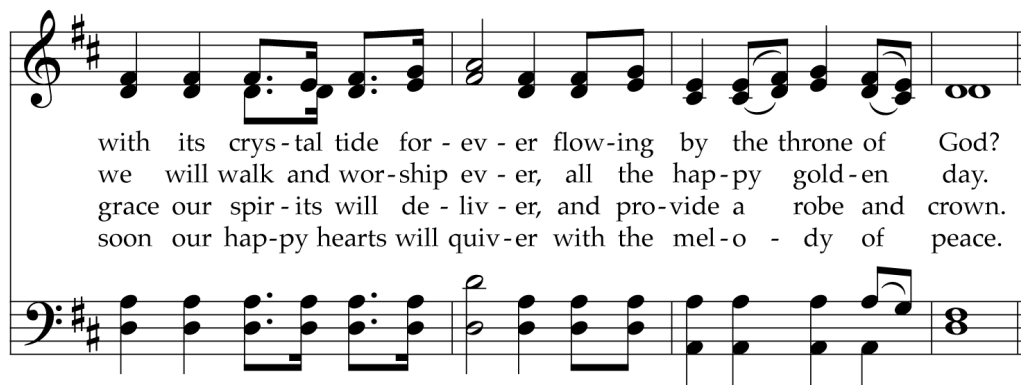


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375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

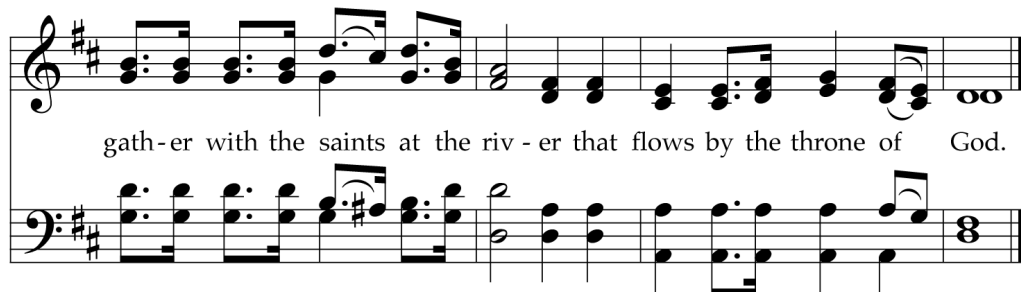


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



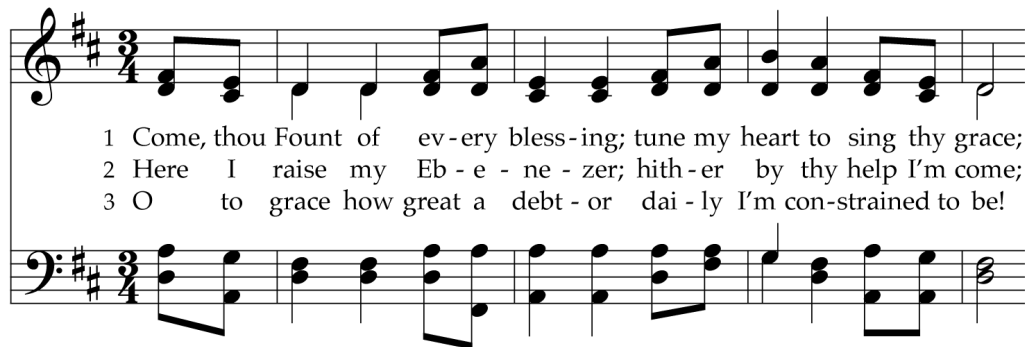
Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



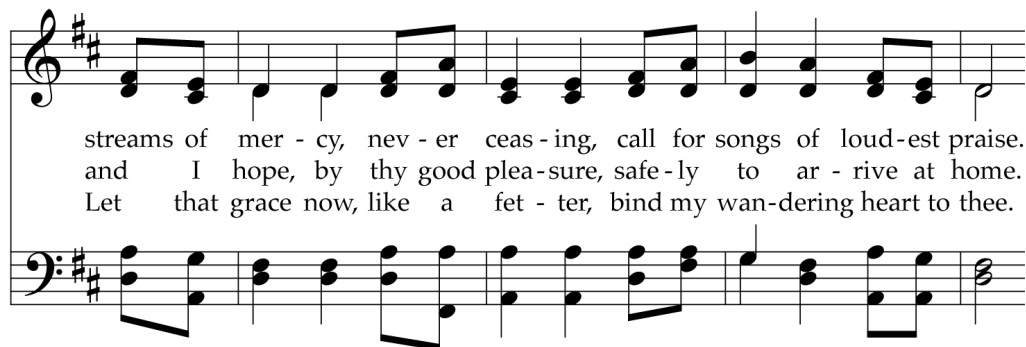
gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

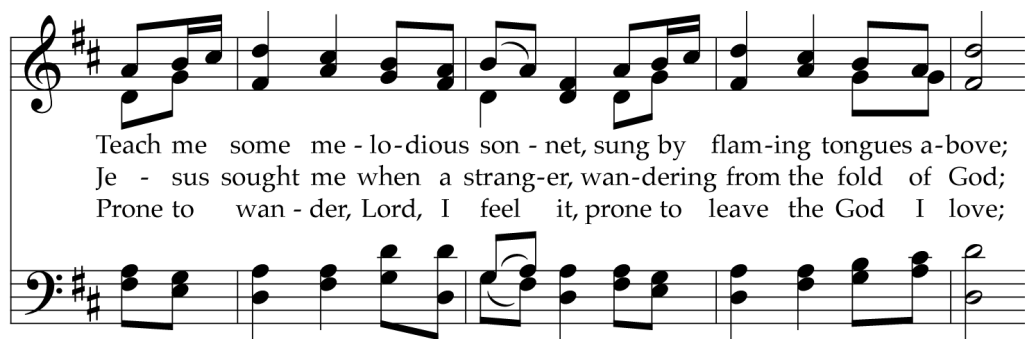
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



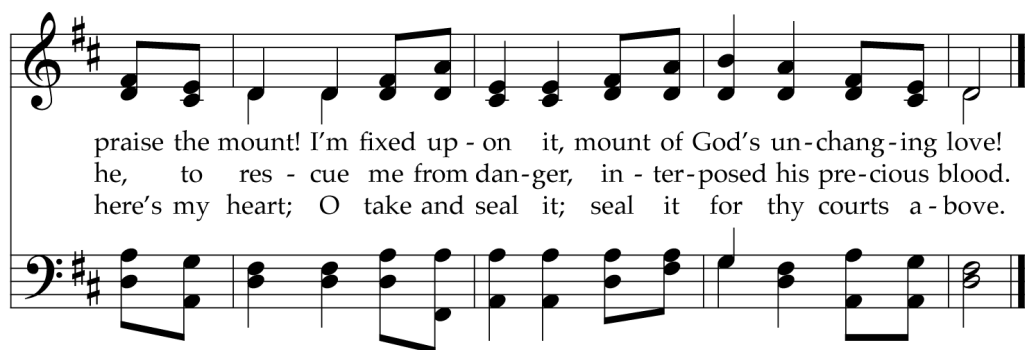
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.