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► Welcome to worship!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

► *Today's color is green to symbolize the creation and growth that takes place in the season after Pentecost.*

► *Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.*

► *Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.*

Faces of our Faith

We're beginning a new series in worship today called **Faces of our Faith** that will take a look at specific characters in our Scriptures and ask what we can learn from them. Some of these characters will be familiar to you and others may be entirely new! We're excited to welcome this lineup of preachers during Rev. Lauren Efrd's sabbatical to share these stories with us.



Rev. Kadeisha Bonsu
Hagar (June 19)



Rev. Amanda Warren
Shiprah and Puah (June 26)
Mary Magdalene (July 24)



Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks
Daughters of Zelophehad
(July 3)



Rev. Bucky Sydnor
Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego (July 10)



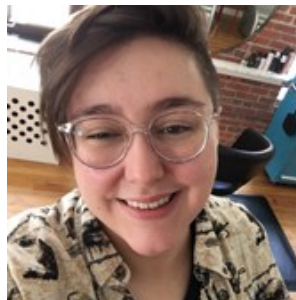
Rev. Al Whitehouse
Jonah (July 17)
Peter and Paul (August 21)



Susan Meador
The Woman at the Well
(July 31)



Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome
Barrabas (August 7)



Rev. Marie Collins-Maingi
The Centurian (August 14)



Order of Worship

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Meditation from *Thais*

Jules Massenet

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship (from Joanna Harader)

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

Leader: The word of God came to Jonah

People: The word of God comes to us:

Leader: Go

People: Despite your fears

Leader: Speak

People: the truth of God

Leader: Love

People: your neighbor and your enemy

Leader: Forgive

People: as you have been forgiven

Leader: Receive

People: grace upon grace, overflowing from the fullness of God.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stacks

Gathering Hymn (pg. 6)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Offertory Prayer

Chris Cook

Presentation of the Offering

OLD HUNDREDTH

Transcendent God, we bless your name,

Incarnate Christ, the risen one,

The Spirit with us, Immanent,

The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

We affirm each prayer with the following response:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

We conclude the Prayers of the People with 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn (pg. 7)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-6, 10; 4:1-3

Alma Gazzaniga

We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Out of the Depths

Richard Frost

Jacqueline Saed-Wolborsky, Violin

Out of the depths have a I cried unto you.

Lord, hear my voice, Lord, hear my voice!

Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry;

Lord, hear my cry for mercy.

If you, O Lord, keep a record of sin,

Who, then, could stand?

But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness.

Therefore you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait,

And in your word do I hope.

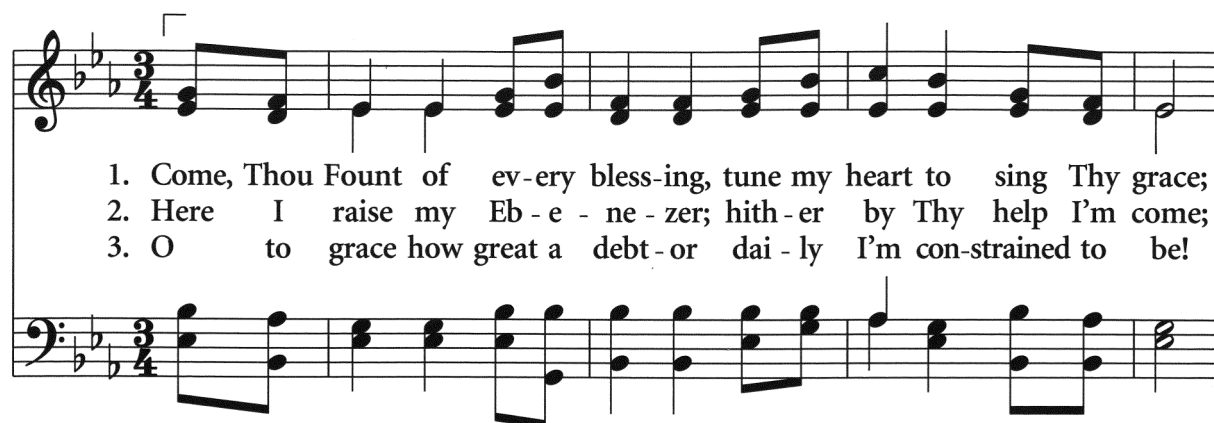
Sermon	Jonah	Rev. Al Whitehouse.
Hymn (pg. 8)		You Walk Along Our Shoreline
Benediction		Rev. Whitehouse
Postlude	Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air	arr. Mendoza

The violinist today is Jacqueline Saed-Wolborsky. Jacqueline is the principle second violin of the North Carolina Symphony and lecturer of violin at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill).

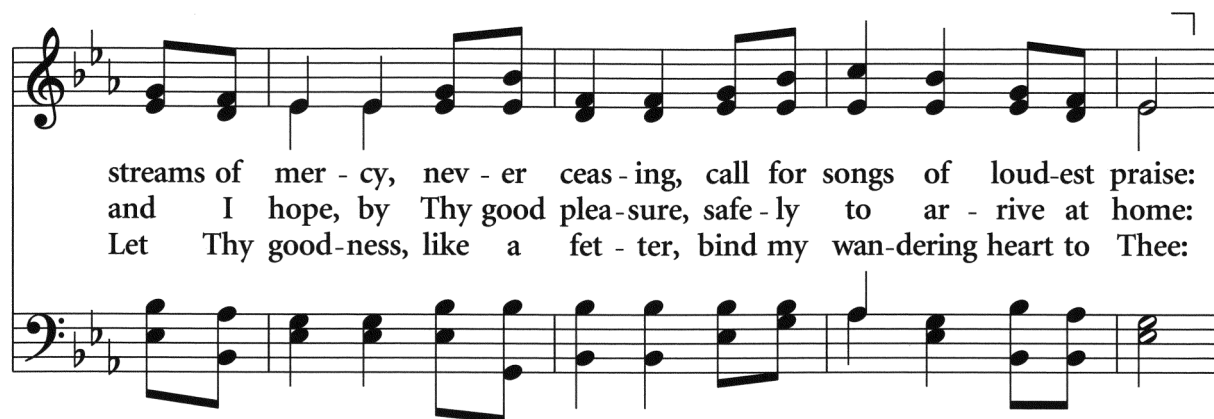
Hymns come from Celebrating Grace.

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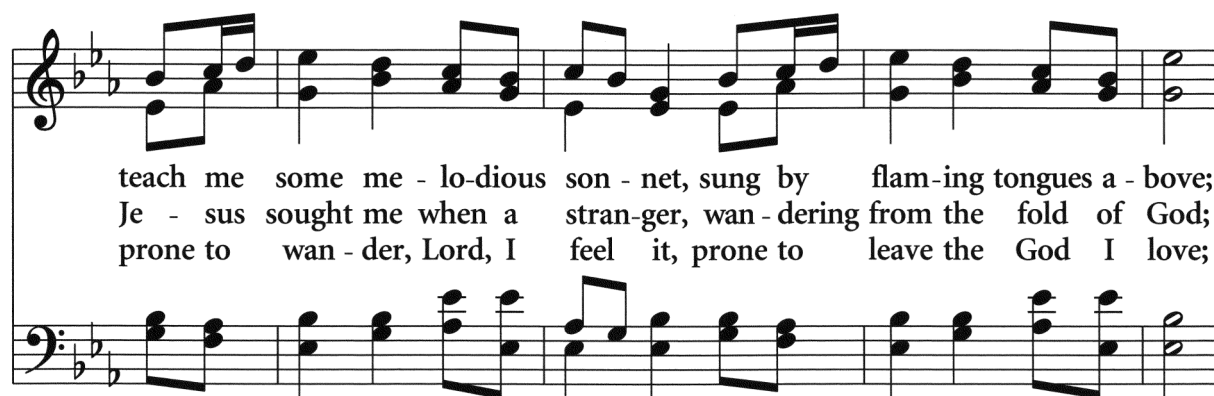
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



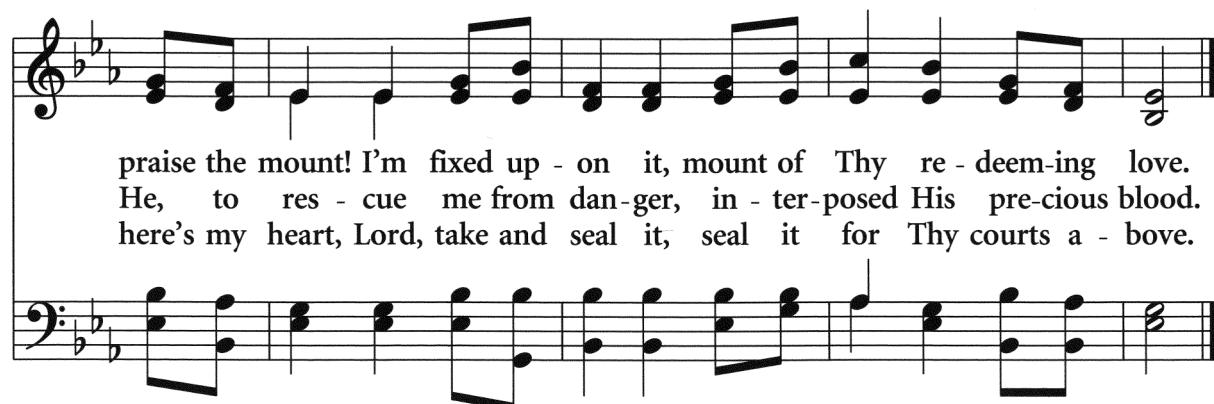
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



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 Thy good - ness, 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 stran - ger, 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 Thy re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

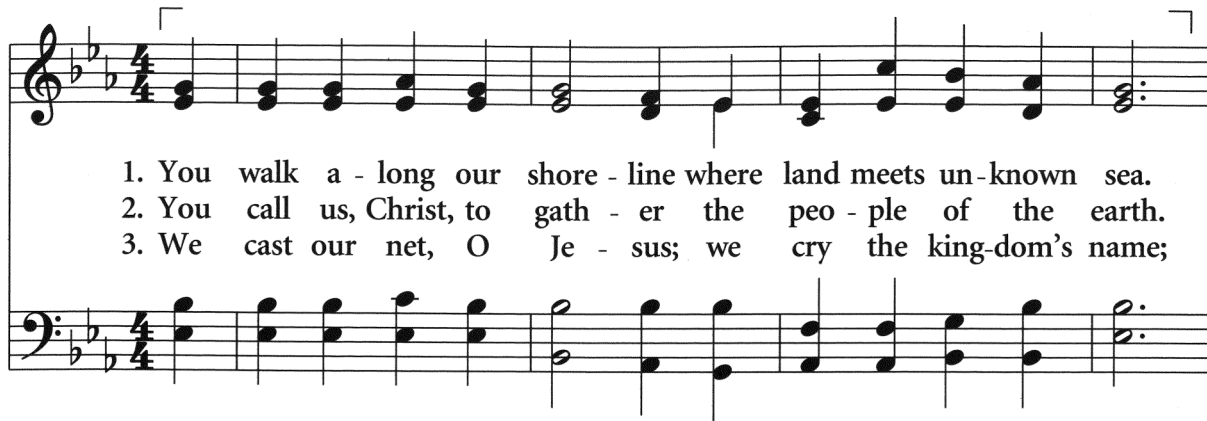
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, each with five numbered verses. The first system covers verses 1 through 5, and the second system covers the continuation of the lyrics. The score includes a vertical green line on the left side of the page.

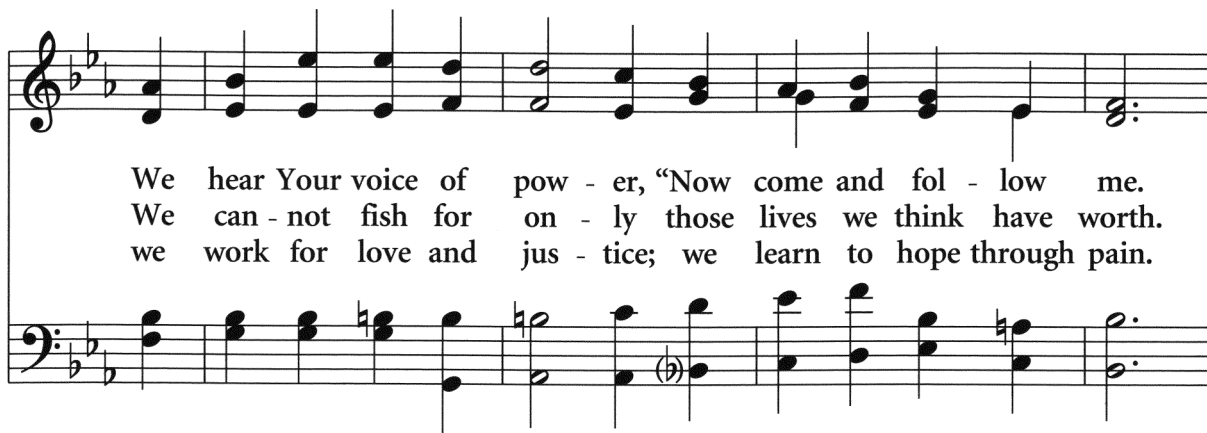
1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good;
3. But we make His love too nar-row by false lim-its of our own;
4. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;
5. If our love were but more sim-ple, we could take Him at His word;

there's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in His blood.
and we mag-ni-fy His strict-ness with a zeal He will not own.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
and our lives would be more lov-ing in the like-ness of our Lord.

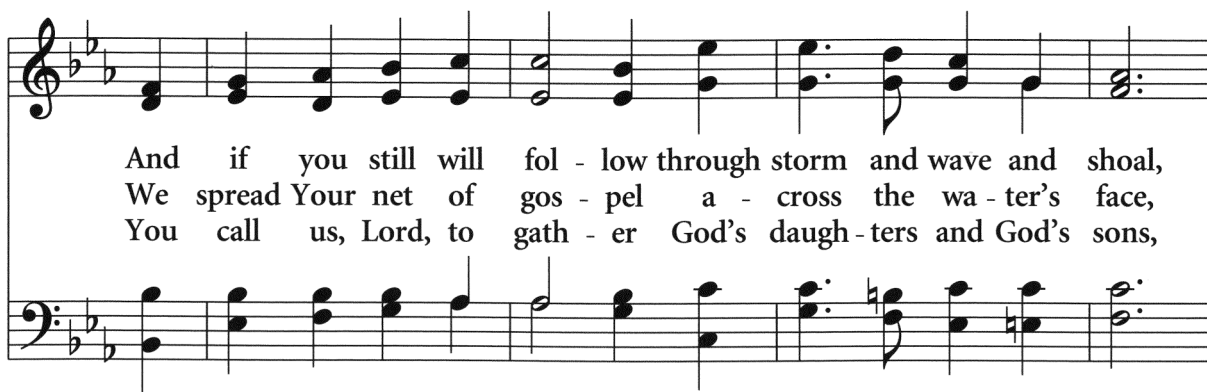
You Walk Along Our Shoreline



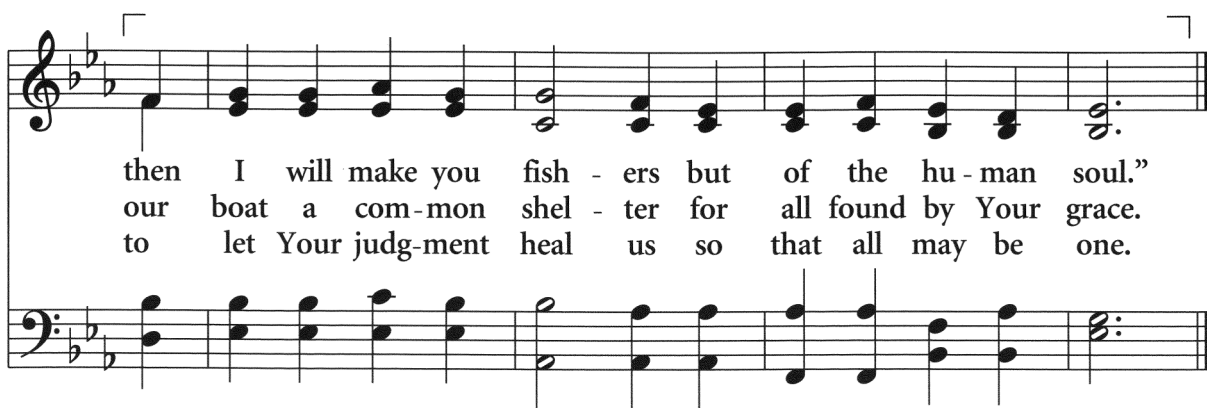
1. You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un-known sea.
2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear Your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread Your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
our boat a com-mon shel - ter for all found by Your grace.
to let Your judg-ment heal us so that all may be one.

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▶ GFBC Gets Out the Vote!

Two of the Cary Town Council seats up for election this year have advanced to a runoff—meaning the top 2 voter getters from the earlier election will be up for a vote again. We were able to score a major victory in securing \$9 million in funding for housing in Cary this year, but to keep those gains we need a council that supports housing and will listen to citizens concerned about it.

You have multiple opportunities to get out the vote:

- **Canvass with GFBC and ONE Wake**

You can go talk to voters and distribute election information on July 25 (10am at GFBC). Sign up at onewake.org/events to let us know you're coming!

- **Pledge to Vote**

You can also pledge to vote yourself by adding to the narthex display your name and the names of anyone in your household/friends who you pledge to get to the polls.



Scan to give!

CONNECTCONNECT

▶ Close the Gap Sunday (July 24)

This summer we have been working to close the gap between our giving and what we've needed to spend on our ministries. On Sunday July 24, we'll have a special time of commitment and celebration in worship to conclude this effort. In worship will we have a special congregational ingathering of gifts. If you have not yet made a gift to help us close the gap, we hope you'll consider doing so on or before July 24.

▶ Business Meeting (July 24)

There will be a regularly-scheduled business meeting on July 24 at 2pm via Zoom. The primary agenda item will be the draft budget for the 2022-2023 church fiscal year. If you have any issues connecting to these or other meetings via Zoom, please contact the church office and we'll work to make sure you can connect.

▶ GFBC Golf Tournament Returns!

You can register for our annual charity golf tournament (September 12) at gfbccary.org/golf. Sign up your team and come join us! Proceeds benefit the GFBC Organ Fund this year.

PRAYPRAYPRAYPRAY

► Prayer List*

Richard Adair (Janice Medford's brother)
 Nell Allen
 Peter Barboriak (Valerie Brooks' friend)
 Gilles Bikindou
 Scott Davenport (friend of the Biser family)
 Elaine Dodson
 Vanna Fox
 James Mark Frazier (Sue Hughes' brother)
 Angela Nevils-Harris (Martha Soyars' cousin)
 Jennie Pegram
 Harold Ritter
 Fred Seeger
 Sandra Soyars (Mark Soyars' mother)
 Greg Upchurch
 Lee Webb
 Marta Whitehouse (Al Whitehouse's mother)

Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist,
 Cuba

**To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.*

GIVEGIVEGIVEGIVE

► Ways to Tithe

- Set up an automated bank draft by filling out a form requested from the church office, attaching a voided check, and mailing it back to the church office.
- Set up auto pay through your bank using the "Bill Pay" function. Then, your bank will mail a check to the church weekly or monthly.
- Give online through the church website at gfbccary.org/give.

► June 2022 Finance Update

Updated when the previous months' books close.

	June 2022	YTD
Congregational Giving	\$41,921	\$465,157
Congregational Giving Target	\$51,000	\$560,930
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$9,079)	(\$95,773)
Other Receipts	\$4,654	\$98,562
Total Giving and Receipts	\$46,575	\$563,719
Total Disbursements	\$67,187	\$617,140
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$20,612)	(\$53,421)
Together We Build Giving	\$7,065	\$168,462



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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church