

Welcome, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call – Penn Central Conference Minister

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

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## PREWORSHIP MUSIC

*Amazing Grace*<sup>1</sup>

*Come as You Are*<sup>2</sup>

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*Bring Yourself*<sup>3</sup>

## GREETING

Carol Wagner, Worship Committee Chair

## GATHERING WORDS<sup>4</sup>

Liturgist: Beloved children of God, come into worship - just as you are!

*All people: We bring our joy!*

Liturgist: Come, just as you are!

*All people: We bring our pain.*

Liturgist: Come, just as you are!

Draw close to Christ.

*All people: We bring our hopes.*

Liturgist: Come, just as you are!

Reach out and touch Jesus.

*All people: Loving God, we are yours. We come, just as we are, with our cares and concerns. We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship and serve you with joy. Amen.*

## HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*<sup>5</sup>

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, we *are* invited to come before God without fear. We are able to do so because we can trust that no matter what, we are always loved by God. Yet, as God's children, we long to live as *holy* people. Even so, in the very depths of our lives, we know how we have hurt those around us, through words and actions, as well as from indifference. In sinning, we also hurt ourselves and move away from God. Even so, God hears us when we call and answers us with the grace we need. Let us confess.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*All people: Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of sorrow and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.*

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<sup>5</sup> Public Domain. Robertson, Robert. 1758.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Liturgist: God's beloved, hear the Good News! God's love touches every person, transforming us with grace. As new creations, let us greet one another in peace with a smile, a wave, or the two-finger peace sign along with the joyful words: The peace of God be with you!

*All people: And also, with you.*

## EPISTLE READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:21-43

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All: 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.*

## OFFERING

Liturgist: God calls us to give out of our bounty, that all might have enough to live on without fear. With eager hearts, let us joyfully give out of our abundance.

*All people: We will give generously of our time, talent, and financial resources, so others may know the fullness of God's goodness.*

Liturgist: Let us dedicate all we offer with a prayer of thanksgiving.

*All people: Gracious God, we thank you for our present abundance and for the many blessings bestowed upon this community of worshippers. We thank you for faith and the assurance of your love. May all we give and all we are, be a blessing to those who have need. Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*He Touched Me*<sup>6</sup>

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## BENEDICTION

Pastor: Christ's touch has healed you.  
God's love has restored you.  
The Spirit goes with you.

*All people: We will go in peace to share the joy of God's love.*

Pastor: In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

*All people: Amen.*

## POSTLUDE

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<sup>6</sup> Gather, William. 1964. CCLI Song #13072.

## He Touched Me

1. Shack- led by a heav - y bur - den, 'neath a load of  
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, since he cleansed and

guilt and shame, then the hand of Je - sus touched me,  
made me whole, I will nev - er cease to praise him;

*Refrain*

and now I am no long - er the same. He touched me, O he  
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Some - thing

hap - pened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 45

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Ps. 68:19

1. Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. Here I raise my \*Eb-en-e-zer, hith-er by thy help I've 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 his name—I'm fixed up-on it—name of God's re-deem-ing love.  
he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

\*1 Samuel 7:12

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Come as You Are* (Crowder)<sup>7</sup>

*You're welcome to sing along with Crowder, who wrote this song for Christians who felt crushed by the burdens they were bearing and for those who may have forgotten about the blessing of God's amazing grace.*

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.  
Come broken hearted let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy; Oh sinner, come kneel.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

So, lay down your burdens; lay down your shame.  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
Oh wanderer, come home; you're not too far.  
So, lay down your hurt; lay down your heart.  
Come as you are!

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.  
Come sit at the table; come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary – a rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

So lay down your burdens; lay down your shame.  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
Oh, wanderer come home - you're not too far.  
Lay down your hurt; lay down your heart.  
Come as you are.  
Come as you are.  
And fall in His arms - come as you are!

There's joy for the morning, oh sinner, be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

So lay down your burdens; lay down your shame  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
Oh wanderer, come home - you're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt; lay down your heart.  
Come as you are.  
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