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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

***Laws of Love: The Commandments for Today  
The Law of Sharing***

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: We gather to worship God,

**P: who creates us and loves us;**

L: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**P: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

L: Who inspires people of all ages;

**P: to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**

L: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and well-being for all,

**P: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

L: We gather to worship God.

**P: To God be all glory, honor and praise!**

**OPENING HYMN NO. 459** (black hymnal, see p. 3) *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

**TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL: God, you heap your love upon us like a parent providing for a family's needs, embracing a child with tenderness. Forgive us when we treat your generosity as our right, or hug it possessively to ourselves. Give us enough trust to live secure in Your love and to share it freely with others in open-handed confidence that Your grace will never run out. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2036 (black hymnal, see p. 4)

*Give Thanks*

**ALL SING: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 388** (black hymnal, see p. 5)

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Braden Bicher, Denny Daugherty, Mike Gibbs, & Travis Pinci)

*Almost Persuaded by Bliss*

## SCRIPTURE

*Exodus 20: 15*

## MESSAGE

**HYMN NO. 575** (black hymnal, see p. 6)

*O For a World*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Thank you to Braden Bicher, Denny Daugherty, Mike Gibbs, & Travis Pinci for providing special music at both services today! Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as guest accompanist and to Barb Neff for serving on the praise team. Thank you to John Kollasch, Jack Herlocker, & Deb Herlocker for serving on the tech teams this morning. Thank you to Nancy & Barry Schwartz, Barbara Krier, Sandy King, Tammy Gordon, & Carol Hartman for serving on the welcome teams this morning!

<sup>1</sup> The Call to Worship was written for the 13th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration (2012) and posted on the website for the Presbyterian Church USA and accessed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/call-to-worship-martin-luther-king-jr.html> on August 18, 2021..

<sup>2</sup> The Confession was adapted from Jan Berry from "Bread of Tomorrow: Prayer for the Church Year," ed. Janet Morley (Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1992), p. 147 and posted on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/global%20justice> and accessed on August 18, 2021.

# Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Come, O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2. Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

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heart to sing your grace; streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 thanks for hav - ing come, come to trust, at ev - ery  
 I am drawn a - new! Let that grace now, like a

7

ceas - ing, call for songs of end - less praise. Teach me  
 turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home. Je - sus  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you. Prone to

10

some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
 sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of  
 wan - der, I can feel it, wan - der from the love I've

13

- bove. Praise the mount I'm fixed up - on - it, mount of  
 God, Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed  
 known: Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it

16

God's un - fail - ing love.  
 bod - y pre - cious blood.  
 for your ver - y own.

# Give Thanks

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a tempo of 80 beats per minute. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with the tempo marking and the word 'Piano'. The melody is in a major key with one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Give thanks with a great - ful heart, give thanks to the'. The second staff starts at measure 5 and continues the melody with lyrics: 'Ho - ly One, give thanks because he's giv-en Je - sus Christ his'. The third staff starts at measure 9 and continues with lyrics: 'Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am'. The fourth staff starts at measure 14 and continues with lyrics: 'rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!'. The fifth staff starts at measure 19 and ends with a double bar line.

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rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

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# Help Us Accept Each Other

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as  
 2. Teach us, O God, your les - sons, as  
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so  
 4. God, for to - day's en - coun - ters with

4

Christ ac - cept - ed us; teach us as sis - ter  
 in our dai - ly life we strug - gle to be  
 that we may be moved in liv - ing sit - u -  
 all who are in need, who hun - ger for ac -

7

broth - er, each per - son to em - brace. Be  
 hu - man and search for hope and faith. Teach  
 - a - tions to do the truth in love; to  
 - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread, Bring

10

pres - ent, God, a - mong us, and bring us to be -  
 us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for  
 prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by  
 us new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing

13

- lieve, we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and  
 some, to love them as we find them, or  
 heart the ta - ble of for - give - ness and  
 on; re - new us with your Spir - it; God!

16

meant to love and live.  
 as they may be - come.  
 laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 Free us, make us one!

# O For a World

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. O for a world where ev - ery - one re -  
 2. O for a world where goods are shared and  
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and  
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the  
 5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's

4

- spects each - oth - er's ways, Where love is lived and  
 mis - er - y re - lieved, Where truth is spo - ken,  
 strug - gle with each choice That o - pens us to  
 fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: out -  
 glo - rious reign of peace, Where time and tears will

7

all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 be no more, and all but love will cease.