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for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs.

## Gathering Before God

May 16, 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Oh take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: 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.*

**People: And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

*Leader: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

**People: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, for the former things have passed away.**

(from Revelation 21)

## GREETING

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### God is Good

Even when it seems the answer's no  
The promises of God all find their yes  
In Christ who worked the Father's will below  
That all who run to him would find their rest

And even when it seems he hides his face  
And darkness seems to be our only friend  
We look to Christ who suffered in our place  
That one day all our suffering would end

*God is good, all of the time  
All of the time, God is good  
God is good, all of the time  
God is good*

And even when it seems he pays no mind  
We have a guarantee of his great love  
In Christ who came and left his crown behind  
That one day we would reign with him above

Lord we believe, but help our unbelief  
Lord we believe, but help our hearts to sing

*That you are good, all of the time  
All of the time, you are good  
You are good, all of the time  
You are good*

Lord You are good

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## King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from; oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song

*You are good, good, oh  
You are good, good, oh  
You are good, good, oh  
You are good, good, oh*

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins  
And the echo of my days; oh, He is my song

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

## WORDS OF PARDON

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."*

(Romans 5:8-11)

## PASSING THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Word of God

### SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Kings 18:20-40

**20** So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. **21** And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. **22** Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. **23** Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. **24** And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by

fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken." **25** Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." **26** And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. **27** And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." **28** And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. **29** And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

**30** Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down. **31** Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name," **32** and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. **33** And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." **34** And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. **35** And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

**36** And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. **37** Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." **38** Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. **39** And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God." **40** And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

## SERMON

Speaker: Jim Angehr

Title: "A God Thing"

Series: "Elijah: Portrait of a Prophet"

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*Leader: Let us say what we believe.*

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy.*

**People:** Hear our prayer.

## OFFERING

## The Sending

## BENEDICTION

*Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and forevermore, go in peace.*

(2 Cor 13:14)

**People:** Amen.