

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pastorale on "He Leadeth Me" Jinhee Kim, organ

Gordon Young

GATHERING WORDS & GREETING

Rev. Anna George Traynham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Excerpts Adapted from Psalm 111

Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart,

in the company of the congregation.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of the covenant.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

God's praise endures forever!

*Hymn No. 796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

Rev. David Rogers

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*Prayer of Confession

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you.

Forgive us when we fail,

and open our hearts and minds to your teachings.

You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ,

but we do not always extend kindness to strangers or friends.

You challenge systems of injustice

through the movement of your spirit,

but we keep choosing the status quo over the kingdom of God.

You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin.

Forgive us, O God.

Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another.

Silence for personal prayers of confession.

*Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*Sung Response Hymn No. 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Joy Chorale Maris Mann, piano

arr. Roland E. Martin

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! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure, hither, by thy help, I've 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.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering 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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Following the children's moment, children ages 3-Kindergarten are invited to Cherub Time (3rd floor, Education Building). Ages 2 and under are welcome in the Nursery.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ashley Moynihan

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Mark 1:21-28

^{*} Those who are able, please stand.

SERMON

"A New Teaching"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 794

O Savior, In This Quiet Place (verses 1, 2, 4 & 6)

ST. STEPHEN

*Affirmation of Faith

From the PC(USA) Book of Order
God was incarnate in Jesus Christ,
who announced good news to the poor,
proclaimed release for prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
let the broken victims go free,
and proclaimed the year of the Lord's favor.
Jesus came to seek and to save the lost;
in his life and death for others
God's redeeming love for all people was made visible;
and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
there is the assurance of God's victory over sin and death
and the promise of God's continuing presence in the world.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Shallowford Food Pantry

Vaughn Dunnigan

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Reach Toward What's Next Chapel Choir Ensemble

Katie Houts

There will be days when the sky is dark, the world feels cold and needs a spark. There will be times when your soul is blue, your heart feels gray, your mind does too.

Rise up with those around you.

We're stronger when we go through hard times together.

We're not alone. Won't you come with me?

Be all we can be? Sharing joy and welcome, hope and courage, Shining light that might encourage all God's children to reach for what's next.

We're not alone as we walk this road, so meet the need, share the load. There might be someone who needs a smile, or may need time to rest awhile.

Can we make a connection?

Don't just look past, see the outcast, help them outlast the weight of the world.

*Doxology Hymn No. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jay Moynihan

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

***Hymn** No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

J.S. Bach

*Charge & Benediction

*Choral Response Hymn No. 600

Amen

The choir will sing once, and we invite the congregation to repeat.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Wir glauben all an einen Gott (We all believe in one God)

BWV 680

This Week @ Shallowford January 28 - February 4, 2024

Sunday, January 28

Worship (Sanctuary & 11:00 a.m.

Livestream)

Worship Committee 12:30 p.m.

Meeting (Library)

The Nest (Heritage Hall) 4:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m. Chapel Choir (Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

(Youth Center)

Monday, January 29

11:00 a.m. Joy Chorale

Tuesday, January 30

10:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Caregiver

Support Group (Zoom)

Take Them a Meal 1:30 p.m. Committee Meeting

(Conference Room)

Wednesday, January 31

5:15 p.m. BLAST Bible, Bells,

Learning & Singing

(children)

NAMI Connection 6:30 p.m.

(Youth Center & Zoom)

Thursday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Fitness, Fun & Fellowship

(Heritage Hall)

Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

(Choir Room)

Friday, February 2

Church Office Closed High School Retreat

Saturday, February 3

Church Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Flower Guild

High School Retreat

Sunday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Early Worship (Chapel)

Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m.

(Room 309)

9:30 a.m. Discovering Shallowford

(Conference Room)

11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary &

Livestream)

Chapel Choir (Choir 4:30 p.m.

Room)

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

(Small Groups - offiste)

Weekly announcements are a great way to stay involved at Shallowford! To receive weekly communication, email **info@shallowford.org**, visit **shallowford.org**, or call the church office **(404-321-1844)**.

Churchwide

Music Search Progress Report

Thank you for your prayerful support of our ongoing search for our next Director of Music Ministries! The committee's work continues, and we hope to have an announcement for you this spring. Meanwhile, the committee has the following updates:

- (1) On Ash Wednesday (2/14), we will send <u>Fred Scott</u> "back to retirement" with our gratitude and our blessing. Thank you, Fred!
- (2) We look forward to welcoming <u>Dr. Emily Hobson-Gallardo</u> as new Interim Director the following week. Emily will direct the Chancel Choir at least through Easter.
- (3) <u>Anne Thomas</u> will continue to lead the Chapel Choir through June, including their summer tour.

Visitor Classes - Sundays, February 4 & 11 (9:30-10:30am)

Learn more about the church's mission & vision during the two-part Discovering Shallowford classes in the conference room. Visitors will have the opportunity to join the church on February 11. *Contact: Anna Traynham*

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive - Sundays, February 4 & 11

Help tackle hunger AND stock our Food Pantry shelves for 2024 by competing in our annual food drive! Please bring the following items with you to worship: pasta sauce & noodles (children & youth); quick grits & dried milk (adults); peanut butter & jelly (Shallowford School); cereal (BSA Troop 534). The group who donates the most items will be named as 2024 Champions during 11:00 a.m. worship on February 11th.

Annual Meeting & Churchwide Lunch - Sunday, February 11 (noon)

A congregational meeting to vote on pastors' terms of call and to present the 2024 church budget. After the meeting, join us for lunch to get to know our new members since 2020. <u>RSVP and pay for lunch at shallowford.org</u> or by calling the church office.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 14 (12 pm & 7pm)

Worship in the chapel (12 pm) or in the sanctuary (7 pm) and together we will receive the assurance of God's unending grace and the opportunity for a new beginning.

Adults

Valentine's Care Package Goodies - Due Today

Today is the final day to donate gift cards or money which will help purchase valentine goodies for college student care packages. Please leave cash or checks (payable to Pamela Blass) in the church office, or Venmo @Pamela-Blass. With student address updates, email squirleygirl@comcast.net.

Bible Study Series - Sundays in February (9:30-10:30am)

A four-week series led by Barton McMillan on the study of Jesus' commentaries on life that we now know as "The Sermon on the Mount." Together, we will read and discuss passages which include The Beatitudes, discussion on the Law, The Lord's Prayer, The Golden Rule, and Jesus' various statements for our lives. *Location: Room 307; Contact: Barton McMillan (bartonmcmillan@gmail.com)*

Prayer Shawl Ministry Workshop - Sunday, February 11 (1:00pm)

Calling all novice and experienced crocheters, knitter, and stitchers! Celebrate this ministry, build connections, and prayerfully create shawls together. Attend the churchwide lunch, then join us in the Youth Center for Valentine's treats and prayer shawl fellowship. RSVP at shallowford.org.

Welcome to Shallowford! During your visit we hope you feel the presence of the Spirit and the love of Christ as we worship God together. Please complete a **Connection Card** (found in the pew rack) if you are visiting or wish to submit prayer concerns and life updates.

The **flowers in worship** are given by Julie Burkhard to the glory of God, and in memory of her parents, Elizabeth and Clay Cain, on the date of their 76th wedding anniversary.

Childcare is available in the nursery. **Worship clipboards** for children are available in the Atrium.

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How to Give

You are welcome to make a gift using your cell phone. Text the word "Shallowford365" to 73256 followed by the amount you wish to give. You may also give through the Realm Connect App or by visiting the website at shallowford.org/give.



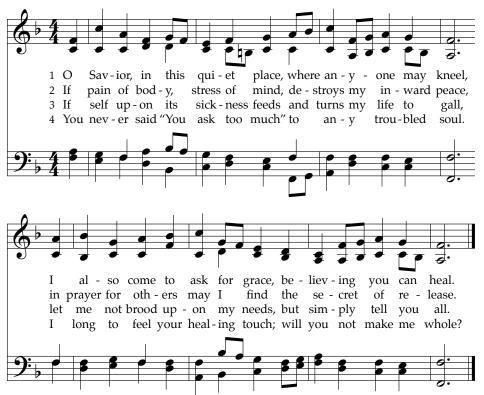


We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796



Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

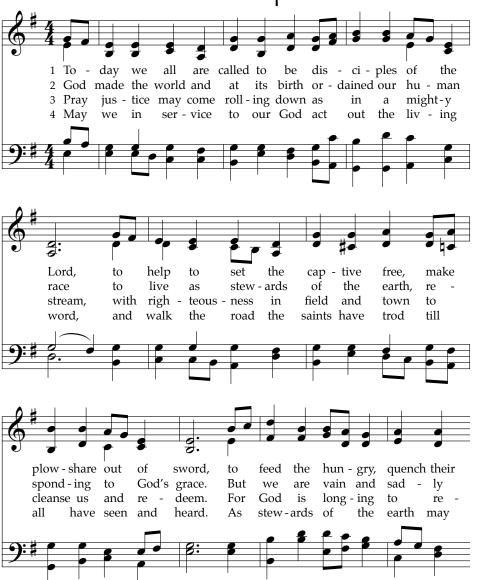
O Savior, in This Quiet Place 794



- 5 But if the thing I most desire is not your way for me, may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.
- 6 Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown, Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.

This prayer for healing was written for the ecumenical St. Barnabas Counseling Centre in Norwich, England. As hymns often do, it provides a model for how to pray honestly but not selfishly. It is set to a tune by an Anglican clergyman who wrote on scientific and musical matters.

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 MUSIC: English County Songs, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael

