



FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

10:30 am

GATHERING

The people of God come together as the Body of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

Joel Raney

(Eric Myers and Brian Bartoldus, piano)

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song,
God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**People: Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

Leader: Let them praise their maker’s name with dancing;

People: let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

People: Let the faith rejoice in triumph. *(Psalm 149:1-5a)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(. . . now and forever. Amen.)

*HYMN 396 “*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*”

HOLY MANNA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Jesus, you have explained the law very clearly: Love.

Love one another.

Owe one another nothing but love.

Do no wrong to a neighbor.

But even though we know what love means we have not done it.

*We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action
and thoughtless lack of action.*

Forgive us.

*Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love,
following your law and fulfilling your will. Amen.*

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: . . . believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***SUNG RESPONSE** *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end. 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.)

WORD

The people of God share God's Story.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Karen Binniker

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11

PSALM 149 - HYMN 550 *"Give Praise to the Lord"*

LAUDATE DOMINUM

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:1-42

SERMON

The Rev. Tony Peterson

***HYMN 832** *"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"*

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Joel Raney

(Eric Myers and Brian Bartoldus, piano)

Because of all that God has done for us and has given to us, we respond by offering our very lives to God out of great thanksgiving. Other ways to give include [online](#), by Venmo or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2nd St., Frederick, MD 21701.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

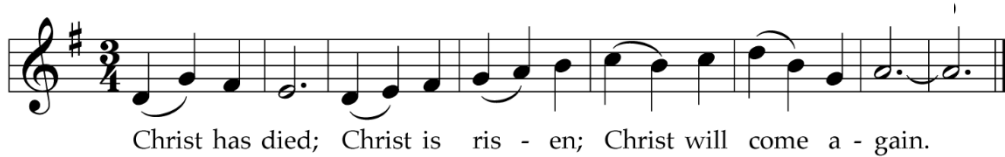
People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

People:



(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... now and forever.

People:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As directed, those desiring to receive Communion shall come forward to any available station to receive the bread and the cup of unfermented fruit of the vine. Please receive the elements as you are served or return to your seats and take the bread and the cup once all are served. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament in their seats should inform an usher. The Sacrament will be taken to them by servers.

The elements are given with the words:

"The bread of heaven. . . The cup of salvation." . . . to which the people respond "Amen."

NOTE: Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at each station.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The congregation sings the following hymn during the receiving of the Sacrament.

HYMN 769

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN

HYMN 203

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

CHEREPONI

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament

you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven

and food of eternal life.

So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

The people of God depart to live as God's People in the world.

***HYMN 475** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

NETTLETON

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *(Romans 15:13)*
And the blessing of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, go in the name of the Lord-- *(2 Timothy 4:2, 5; Luke 18:1)*
Proclaim the good news, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel,
and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *"Prelude in F"*

Johann Krebs



***Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of our son, Elliott Myles McGhee
by
Brent and Jessica McGhee***

Today we welcome the Reverend Tony Peterson... God used the Frederick community to save and redeem the life of Pastor Tony Peterson. In 2019, Pastor Tony came to Frederick struggling in the perils of homelessness and addiction, but God had a different plan.

He is grateful that God has done "more than he could ever think or imagine" in his life. Pastor Tony serves as the lead minister for the Frederick Church of Christ, and is the Founder and Executive Director of Living Water Shower Ministry.

Pastor Tony, his wife Joanna, and their two kids, Rylee and Asher now call Frederick home. Jesus has used Tony's struggles to uniquely qualify him for the work he now gets to do, serving the same Frederick community that He used to save his life.

FOOD GIFT SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 13th - The Food Bank is in need of the following items...

*** Canned Fruit and Veggies * Nut Butters * Cereal * Canned Meats/Proteins**

* Worship led by the Pastor Myers, the Rev. Tony Peterson, Brian Bartoldus, and Karen Binniker

* Acolyte: James Kurtz

* Prayer of Confession - CALL TO WORSHIP, Vol. 56.1, 2022, altered

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STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, September 7

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, September 8 at 10 AM

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Wednesday, September 9 at 7 AM

OPEN DOOR Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 PM

Wednesday Book Study

Wednesday, September 9 at 7 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 10 at 7 PM

Women's Fellowship Breakfast

Sat, September 12 at 9 AM (*Isabella's*)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF Sunday, September 13 9 AM

Safe Sanctuary Training

Sunday, September 13 *after Worship*

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Meal Packaging

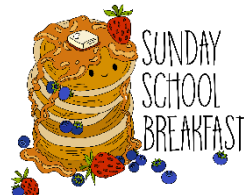
Sunday, October 4 *immediately after Worship*

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE Bed Build

Saturday, October 17 *sign up on the kiosk*

Sunday School Kickoff - September 13th at 9 AM

Start your day with a **Pancake Breakfast**, then at 9:30 we'll break up into our Sunday School classes and meet your teachers and make new friends!



Children & Youth Sunday School Registration is Now Open!

We're excited to welcome children and youth back for another fun and faith-filled year of Sunday School.

Through Bible stories, hands-on activities, music, games, and meaningful friendships, our young people will grow in their faith while learning about God's love.

Please take a few moments to register your Nursery through 12th grade kids now (scan the QR code)



Registration helps us prepare classrooms, order supplies, and ensure we have enough teachers and volunteers for everyone. We can't wait to learn, laugh, and grow in faith together this year!

Please contact Lindsay Dingman if you have questions or need additional information - families@frederickpresbyterian.org or (443) 306-1913.

Beginning September 13, there are THREE options for Adult Sunday School at 9:30 AM

***Joy Unchained: A Study of Paul's Prison Epistles* - facilitated by Jessica McGhee**

Locked in a Roman cell, the apostle Paul wrote four short letters that changed the world. Join us for a new adult Sunday school class as we walk through Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Together, we'll explore how Paul maintained overflowing joy, bold courage, and deep faith under hard circumstances—and how we can do the same today. All are welcome!

The Wired Word: A Discussion on Current Events and Questions of Faith

The Wired Word is an internet-based Bible study curriculum. Each week, participants receive an email with the topic and background material which leads to lively discussion on Sunday mornings while sitting around the table.

***Gathering for Young Adults* - facilitated by Pastor Eric**

WEEKLY STUDY GROUPS BEGIN SOON! *WHICH ONE FITS YOUR SCHEDULE??*

Beginning September 8th at 10:00 AM, the **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** (led by Dennis Burkhart) will begin an 8-week study of Proverbs. **All are welcome!!**

Come be part of the **Wednesday Night Book Group** starting on September 9th at 7:00 PM. Led by Greg Simms, the group will decide on the next book to study. Whatever the topic, it promises to be an enriching time of discussion and reflection.

Disciple Bible Study: Genesis to Revelation - led by the Rev. Judy Johnson and Lisa Zsiga

Do you want to deepen your understanding of the Bible – its history, people, geography and God's covenant with us? All knowledge levels are welcome.

Can you commit to a weekly meeting (in person or Zoom) for 24 weeks and 5 readings a week prior to each meeting? Readings on your app (text or audio) take about 30 minutes. Tentatively, the meetings are Sundays beginning at 5 or 6 pm (TBD)

You will download an app and receive a complete Common English Bible, assignments, videos and an imbedded link to Zoom. Cost is \$53 (scholarships available) An information sheet is in Heritage Hall or watch a brief video at <https://beadiscipleapp.com/available-studies>.

An informational meeting will be held at 9:30 on September 13. Class begins September 20. Contact Lisa Zsiga or Judy Johnson with questions.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING - SEPTEMBER 13

FPC policy requires training and background checks every two years for staff and anyone helping with children and youth activities (including Sunday School and Open Door).

A Safe Sanctuary Training will be held on September 13, in the Weaver Room after worship. Check with Judy Johnson (revjudyj@gmail.com) or Lindsay Dingman if you are unsure of your training date.

Youth Fellowship @FPC begins Sunday, September 13th 5:30 PM

Youth Fellowship is open to all FPC and Frederick community youth in grades 6-12. Meeting on Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30 for dinner, games, Bible study and fun! *Friends are always welcome!* Contact Ashley for more information at youth@frederickpresbyterian.org.

Kickoff Party for youth and parents.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Youth Fellowship is looking for **Adult Volunteers** for the 2026-27 program year. Our youth meet on Sunday evenings for dinner, games and lively discussion. Whether you can volunteer regularly or on a monthly basis, please reach out to Ashley!

A Meeting of the Congregation of Frederick Presbyterian Church has been called by the **SESSION** on Sunday, September 20 immediately following morning worship for the purposes of receiving and acting on a report from the Nominating Committee.

Non members are welcome. Members are encouraged to attend.

Immediately following the Congregational Meeting, there will be a time of fellowship outside (weather-permitting) with Apple Cider Donuts, provided by the Deacons.



Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

550 Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

This adaptation of Psalm 149 is organized by themes of praise and service, with a strong implication that they are not really separable but are two aspects of the same God-centered impulse. This text is set to a jubilant tune derived from a late 19th-century English anthem.

832 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Kwake Yesu Nasimama

Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -

life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni

Fine
of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide
sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands
3 When my days on this earth are done,

till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God
that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all
and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have

to Refrain
from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Fine
to Refrain

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1997, alt.

MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

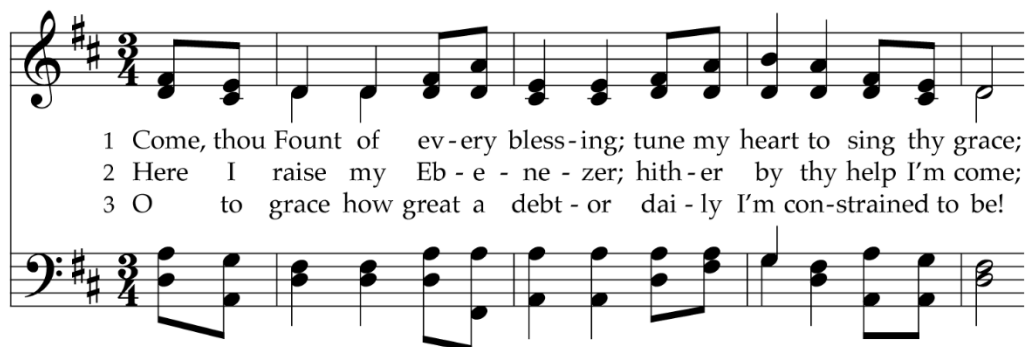
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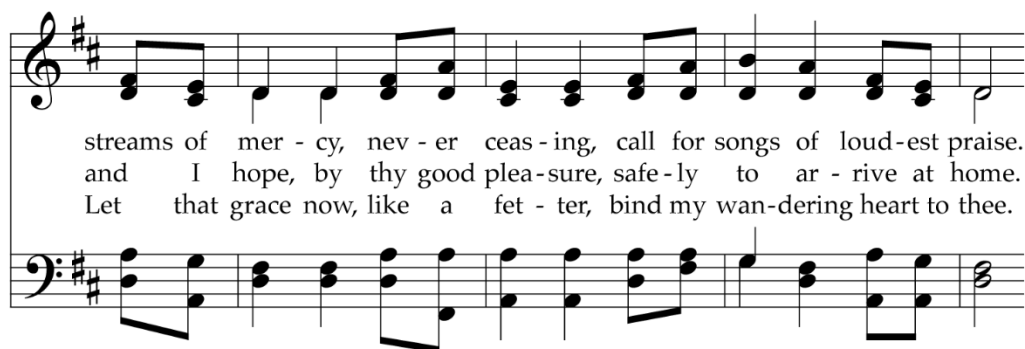
CHEREPONI

7.7.9 with refrain

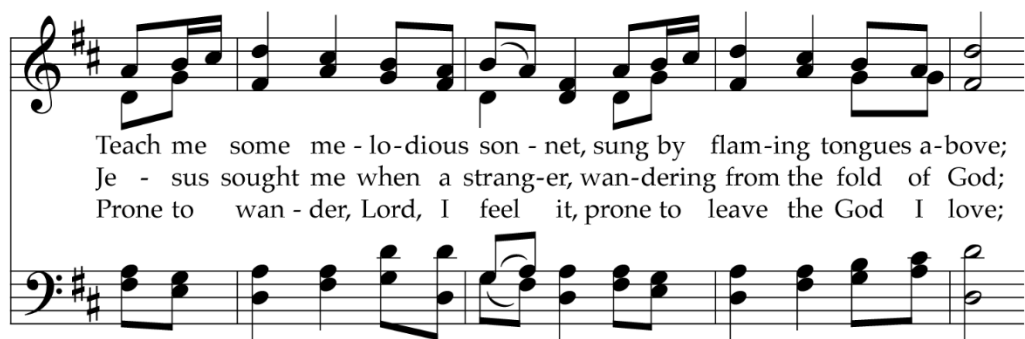
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



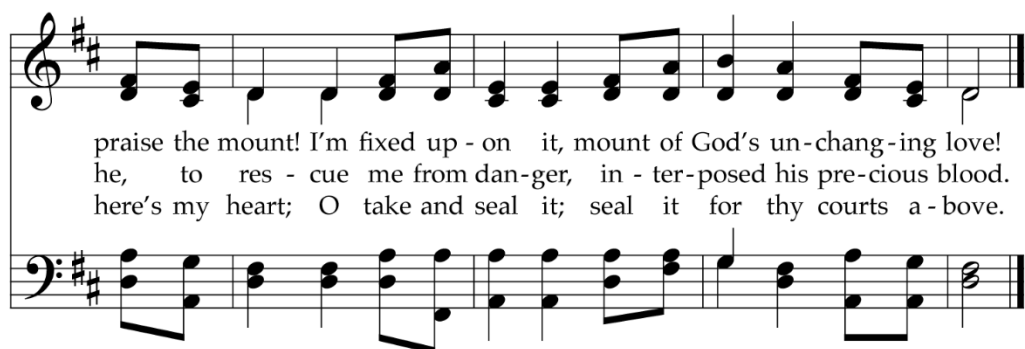
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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 that grace now, 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 strang-er, 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 God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.