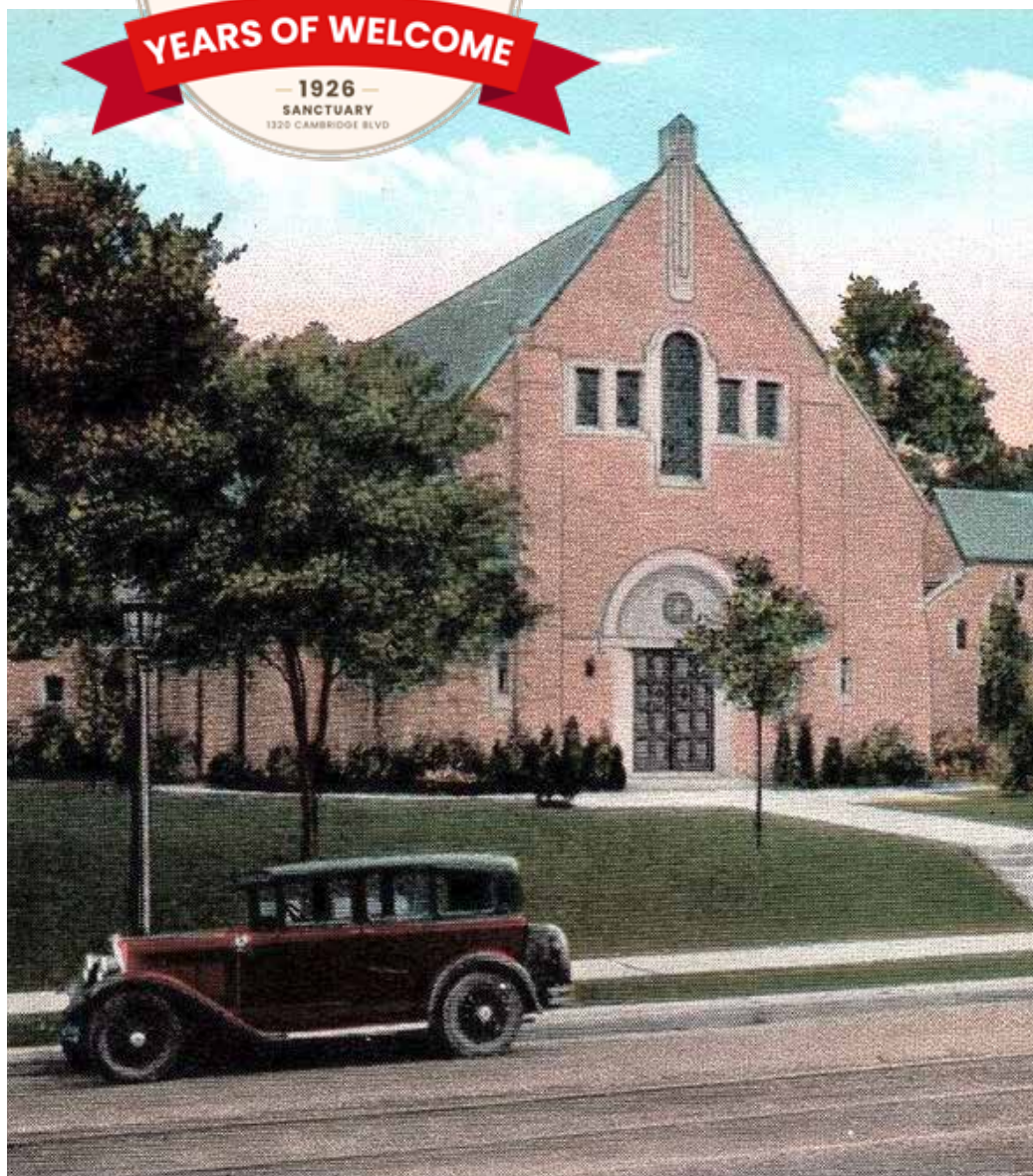




INVITE - WELCOME - BELONG

Become Part of the Next 100 Years



Sunday, September 27, 2026

9 and 11 am

First Community South Sanctuary

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH



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THE GREETING

THE PRELUDE

Animoso from Organ Concerto in G Minor Johann Gottlieb Graun (1703-1771)

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For generations, these words have called us forward:

Many: "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

One: Through changing times and changing lives, God's Spirit continues to speak.

Many: Calling us to seek truth, practice love, and walk in freedom.

One: We remember those who came before us, whose faith helped build this community.

Many: And we give thanks for those who will carry its witness into the future.

One: Rooted in our story and open to what God is still creating, let us worship together.

Many: With grateful hearts, we worship God.

†THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

THE WELCOME

THE CELEBRATION OF 40 YEAR MEMBERS

THE WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (11 am)

THE CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (9 am)

God is There

Sally R. Beske (1958-2023)

THE SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11 am)

Cora Elizabeth Lantz

Elizabeth "Birdie" Wolcott Rego

†The Congregational Promise

ALL: We affirm that this community of faith is filled with love for Cora and Birdie. Our homes are their homes; our resources are their resources.

Together we covenant to walk beside Cora and Birdie, to teach them to accept God's grace for themselves, and to show them the many faces of God. We pray that together we will fulfill our commitment to Cora and Birdie and to God.

THE ANTHEM

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

"This place was made by God a priceless mystery; It is without reproof."

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERTORY

The Invitation to Giving

The Anthem

Sing a Mighty Song

Daniel Gawthrop

†The Prayer of Dedication

All: Faithful God, we give thanks for those who came before us and for the gifts that built this community of faith. Receive our gifts today and use them to share your love, serve our neighbors, and carry your work into the generations yet to come. Amen.

†The Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:31b-32 (King James Version)

^{31b} *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

³² *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

THE SERMON

GRANT US COURAGE: Part 3 - Ye Shall Know

†THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

†THE BENEDICTION

†THE RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

†*All rise in body or spirit*

Participants

Rev. Dr. R. Glen Miles, *Senior Minister*
Rev. John Girard, *Executive Minister, Minister of Mission and Justice*
Rev. Sarah C. Kientz, *Minister to Youth and Camp Akita*
Rev. Seth Stearns, *Minister of Spiritual Life and Learning*

Cambridge and Chancel Choirs

Dr. C. Andrew Blosser, *Director of Music*
Amy Johnston Blosser, *Associate Director of Music*

May Schwarz, *organist*

Scott King-Owen, *piano*

Children's Choirs

Liz Arteta Cunningham (Mrs. AC), *Director of Youth Choirs*

New Members (11 am)

Sarah Conrad	<i>In Absentia:</i>
Rich Granger	Jennifer Warmolts
Trent Alan Patterson	Jennifer White
Debbie York	Matthew White
Tom York	

A CORDIAL INVITATION

Following the Postlude, all are most cordially invited
to remain for a time of fellowship and celebration as we mark

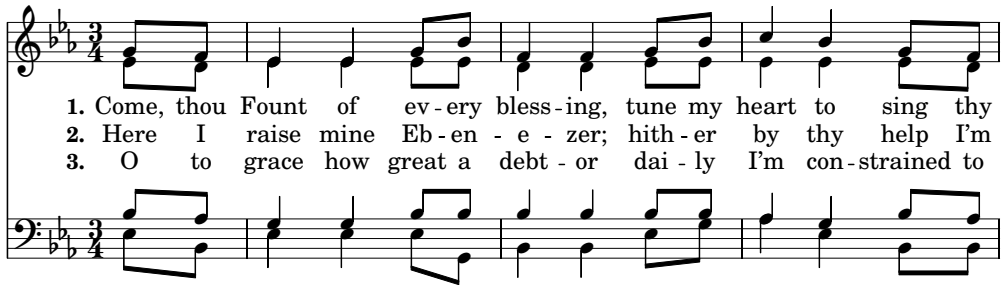
One Hundred Years of Worship in this Sanctuary

A reception, catered by Steven's Catering,
will be held between the morning services,
with anniversary cake served beneath the tent outdoors.

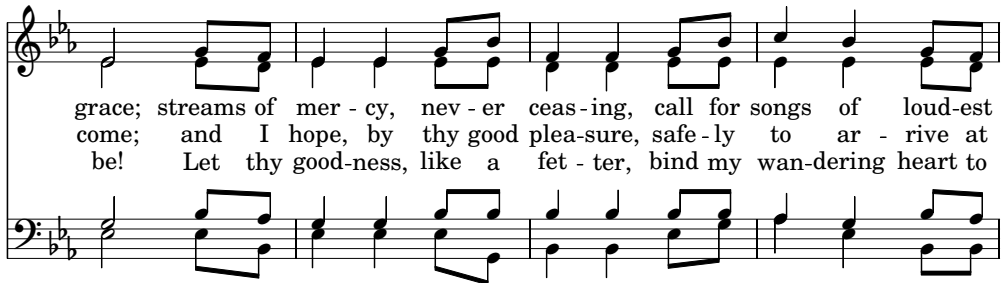
Parents are kindly asked to gather their children from Sunday School
following worship and then join us at the reception.

*Please be our guest as we share in good food, warm fellowship, and grateful
remembrance of the generations who have called First Community home.*

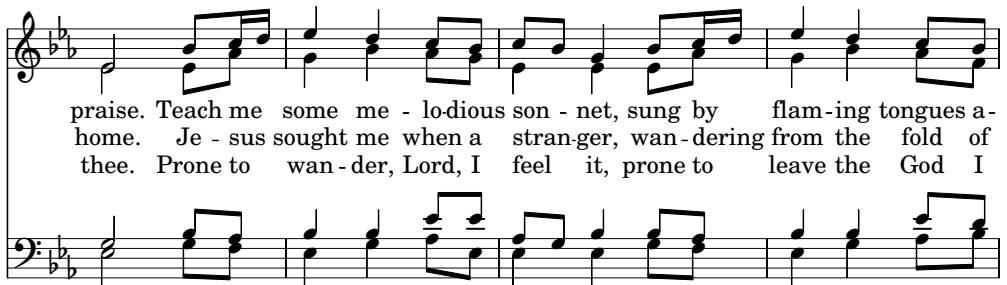
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



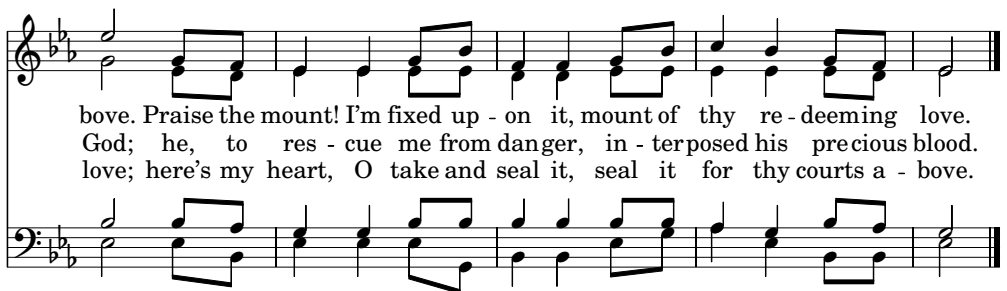
1. Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I raise mine Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est
 come; and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at
 be! Let thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to



praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-
 home. Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of
 thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



bove. Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re-deeming love.
 God; he, to res - cue me from danger, in - terposed his precious blood.
 love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907