

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEBASTIAN



*She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."  
Exodus 2:10*

*26th Sunday of Pentecost*

*September 8, 2024*

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## Carillon Chimes

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship <sup>1</sup>

### Introit

### \*Affirmation of Faith<sup>2</sup>

Apostles' Creed

### \*Hymn 11 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

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 His name—I'm fixed upon it  
—Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;  
Thou hast bro't me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bo't me with His precious blood.

O 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, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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1. Please silence electronic devices

2. Catholic means universal, not the Catholic church

\* Please stand if you are able.

## Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God, dirt gets on our hands and clothes. Germs get into our bodies. Wrong thoughts and actions cling to our ways. Just as we need washing and medicine, so we need cleansing of our souls. If You wash us, we will be cleansed and made well. Wash us and make us signs of your goodness and power.

*(Silence for Individual Confession)*

### \*Assurance of Pardon

**\*Sung Response:** #336 v. 1 *There Is A Fountain*      CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.  
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

**Scripture Lesson**      Genesis 7:6-7      Liturgist: Susan Mann

**Anthem**      Choir, Rochelle Sallee-pianist

**Sermon Scripture**      Matthew 28:19-20

**Sermon**      *"What About Baptism"*      Pastor Jeff Wood

## Invitation to Offering and Offering

### Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

**Ascription of Praise**      II Cor. 1:20  
In Christ Jesus every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through Christ that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God.

**\*Hymn**

*Creator of the Water*

LANCASHIRE

Creator of the water that makes the world so green,  
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,  
We take from your creation this gift we use each day;  
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.

As in the time of Noah, the sea engulfed the land,  
And through the Red Sea, Moses led Israel 'cross the sand,  
And to the Jordan waters, Christ went and was baptized —  
Your water has a power: it changes all our lives.

May this your gift of water, long springing from the earth,  
Become for all new Christians their fountain of rebirth.  
Lord, wash away their sinning, and give them life anew —  
Pour out your Spirit on them, that they may follow you.

God, through your gift of water, your family we become;  
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.  
Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do  
That we may share with others the love we have from you.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Wherever you are, Christ has put you there.  
There is something He wants to do through you there.  
Wherever you go, Christ is sending you.  
The indwelling Christ has something  
He wants to do through you there.  
Believe this and rely on His power,  
His grace, and His love.

*--Adapted from R. Halverson, former Chaplain of the Senate*

**\*Response**

**“Shalom”**

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**