

# COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH October 13, 2024

## Welcome and Announcements

Roger Scovill, Liturgist

## Prelude

Noah Davis

## Choir Introit

## Call to Worship-Responsive:

Liturgist

**Liturgist:** We gather before God together,

All: imperfect but present.

**Liturgist:** **Let us worship God together earnestly,  
with our whole selves.**

All: We gather before God together,  
desiring deeper faith.

**Liturgist:** **Let us learn from God together  
as we seek harmony between our words  
and our actions.**

\* Opening Hymn                    *"God of Grace and God of Glory", #307 GTG*

Congregation

## \* Call to Confession:

Liturgist


Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Trusting in God's gracious, loving mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and our neighbors.

## \* Prayer of Confession:

Congregation

**Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. We fixate on our faults. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We try being the good child, making rules and hit the marks to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We seek security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come follow me." Lord, forgive our self-fulfilling ways. Forgive our desires for self-reliance, rather than accepting fully Jesus' call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen!**

## \* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession



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## \* Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Liturgist: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

**All: That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

Liturgist: Children of God, hear and believe the good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Responding to Grace:** *"Glory to God"*

Congregation

## Time with Young Disciples

### Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Almighty God, we join the psalmist as we say, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts be illumined by your Holy Spirit. May our lives and actions reflect the light of your Word that others may follow your path, also. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading:** Job 23:1-23

Then Job answered:

'Today also my complaint is bitter;  
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

O that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!


I would lay my case before him,  
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?

No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.



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If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;  
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.  
But he knows the way that I take;  
when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold.  
My foot has held fast to his steps;  
I have kept his way and have not turned aside.  
I have not departed from the commandment of his lips;  
I have treasured in my bosom the words of his mouth.  
But he stands alone and who can dissuade him?  
What he desires, that he does.  
For he will complete what he appoints for me;  
and many such things are in his mind.  
Therefore I am terrified at his presence;  
when I consider, I am in dread of him.  
God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;  
If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!

## **Choir Anthem**

**Psalm Reading:** Psalm 90:12-17

So, teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.  
Turn, O Lord! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!  
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.  
Let your work be manifest to your servants,



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and your glorious power to their children.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

## **Gospel Lesson**

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

## Jesus Blesses Little Children

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## **Sermon**

Nathaniel Asperger

## **Music Meditation**

Noah Davis

## \* **Sermon Hymn**

*"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"* #722 GTG

Congregation

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## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Nathaniel Asperger

Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving  
The Words of Blessing for the Bread and the Cup  
The Lord's Prayer

## Call to Offering

- \* Doxology Congregation
- \* Prayer of Dedication Nathaniel Asperger
- \* Closing Hymn Congregation  
*"O Jesus, I Have Promised" #724 GTG*
- \* Charge, Benediction Nathaniel Asperger
- \* Congregational Postlude: *"I'm Gonna Keep Walkin'"* Congregation

I'm gonna keep walkin' and keep talkin' and keep singin' in Jesus' name; I'm gonna keep believin' and receivin' ev'rything that He has for me. I'm gonna keep liftin my voice, clappin' my hands, Takin' all I can to the promised land; I'll keep walking' and talkin' and singing' in Jesus

Walkin' and talkin' and singin' in Jesus  
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THE CHURCH

### 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 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.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA  
 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

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SERVICE MUSIC

582

## Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F

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

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7

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

(A7) (D) (F $\sharp$ ) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm

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

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

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

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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

## 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gered ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.  
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

CANONBURY  
LM

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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

### 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

ANGEL'S STORY  
 7.6.7.6.D  
 (alternate tune: NYLAND, 725)

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