

**Welcome and Announcements** 

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**Choir Introit** 

**Prelude** 

**Call to Worship-Responsive:** 

Liturgist

Leader: God has gathered us in this place from the corners of the Tri-cities.

People: We've come from many kinds of dwellings and many kinds of families; from the

many places we work and learn.

Leader: From near and far we join our hearts and voices to glorify God.

People: We have come from Midland, Bay City, Saginaw, and beyond. Following detours

between or beyond.

Leader: God welcomes all in this place. Let us worship God!

\* <u>Opening Hymn</u> "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #65 GTG Congregation

\* <u>Call to Confession:</u> Liturgist

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

#### \* Prayer of Confession:

Congregation

Jesus, Son of the Most High, have mercy on us. Heal us of our blindness, O Lord, for it is blindness we have chosen. We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world, turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors, and blur our faces in the mirror, lest we recognize your image. We confess we have forgotten much, turned away too often, and sought you too few times. Hear our prayer, give us the strength to turn our hearts and faces to you.

\* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

\* <u>Assurance of Pardon</u> Liturgist

Dear People of God, stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*Responding to Grace: "Glory to God"

Congregation



#### **Time with Young Disciples**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Job 42:1-6 & 10-17

Then Job answered the Lord:

'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

"Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,

things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

"Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me."

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself,

and repent in dust and ashes.'

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.



#### **Choir Anthem**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 34:1-8 & 19-22

Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,

and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord rescues them from them all.

He keeps all their bones;

not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked,

and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.



**Gospel Lesson** 

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus' son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

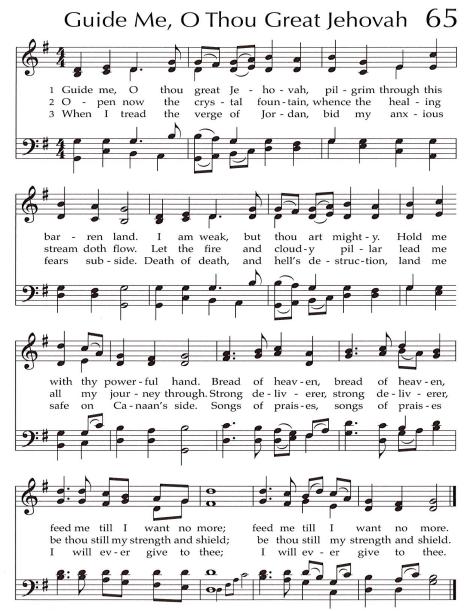
| <u>Sermon</u>                | "Redemption and Reflection"    | Nathaniel Asperger |
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| Music Meditation             |                                | Noah Davis         |
| * <u>Sermon Hymn</u>         | "Be Thou My Vision" #450 GTG   | Congregation       |
| Joys & Concerns              |                                | Nathaniel Asperger |
| Prayer and The Lord's Prayer |                                | Nathaniel Asperger |
| Call to Offering             |                                | Nathaniel Asperger |
| * <u>Doxology</u>            |                                | Congregation       |
| * Prayer of Dedication       |                                | Nathaniel Asperger |
| * Closing Hymn               | "To God Be the Glory" #634 GTG | Congregation       |
| * 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

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

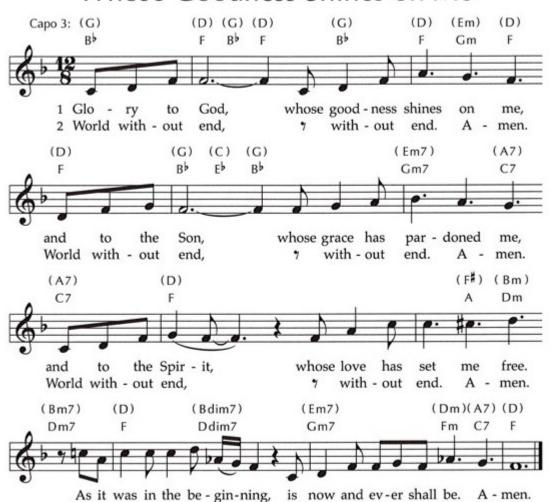
TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

WM RHONDDA



SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me







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These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875 MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875 TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with refrain



