



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH February 16, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist, Darren Woodke

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

Call to Worship-Responsive:

Liturgist

Liturgist: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

All: whose confidence is in God.

Liturgist: They will be like a tree planted by the water,

All: sending out roots by the stream.

Liturgist: This tree does not fear when heat comes;

All: its leaves are green, its fruit endures.

Liturgist: So come, let us place our trust in God!

All: Let us live in blessed faith together!

Opening Prayer:

God of holy instruction,
we thank you that throughout the generations,
you have taught us how to live.

You do not leave us without guidance;
you show us the path to life and fruitfulness.

Help us this day as we gather again
to delight in your sacred gift of instruction.

Grant us humility of heart and softness of will,
that we might live in the fullness
of your blessing this day. **Amen.**

* **Opening Hymn** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #65* GTG

Congregation

* **Call to Confession**

Liturgist

We wander and stray,
but God continues to reach out to us
with mercy and love.

Let us make our confession
and receive God's welcome.



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* Prayer of Confession

Congregation

Sustaining God,
you would have us be deeply rooted in you,
finding strength in your word
and nourishment in your grace.
More often, though, we live as chaff,
blown here and there by the
winds of circumstance. Forgive our
lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast
to our commitments. Grow in us faith
that we might be firmly planted
in your promises, released from sin,
and open to the life you have shown us
in Jesus Christ.

* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

The waters of grace refresh our lives
and bring forth a new creation.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Responding to Grace:

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

Congregation

Time With Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Anthem

Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.



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They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

Sermon "Like Trees Rooted in Christ" Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation: Noah Davis

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



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Joys & Concerns

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

We praise and thank you, Lord God,
for the majesty of your work,
the wisdom of your word,
and the generosity of your grace.
Let the gifts of our lives bear witness

* Doxology

Congregation

* Closing Hymn

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" #353 GTG

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* Charge, Benediction

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

* Congregational Postlude:

"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

Noah Davis

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

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 CWM RHONDDA
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

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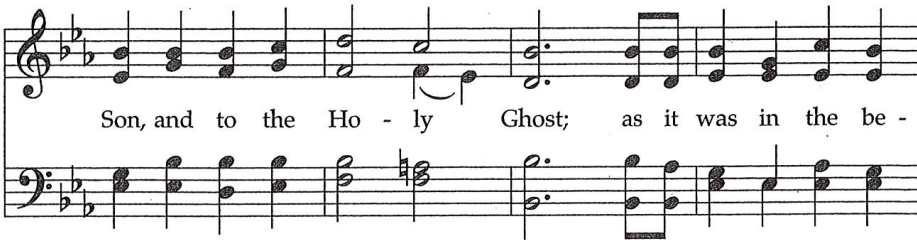
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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory Be to the Father 581



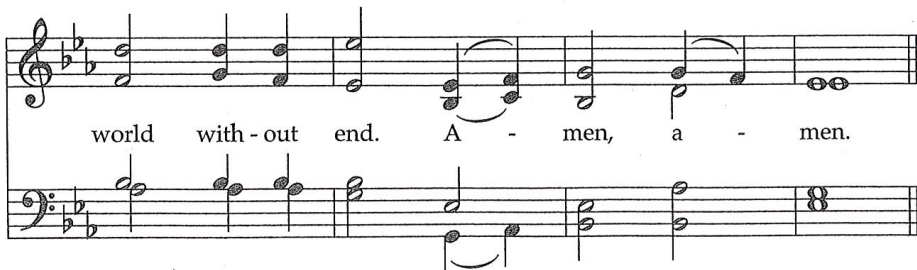
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the



Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -



gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)



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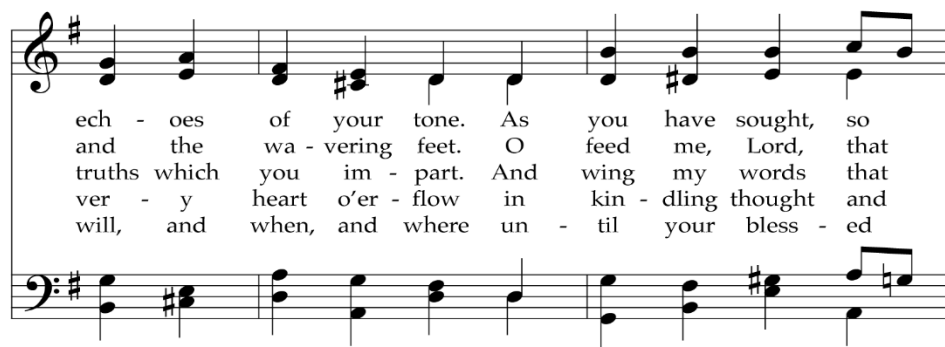
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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

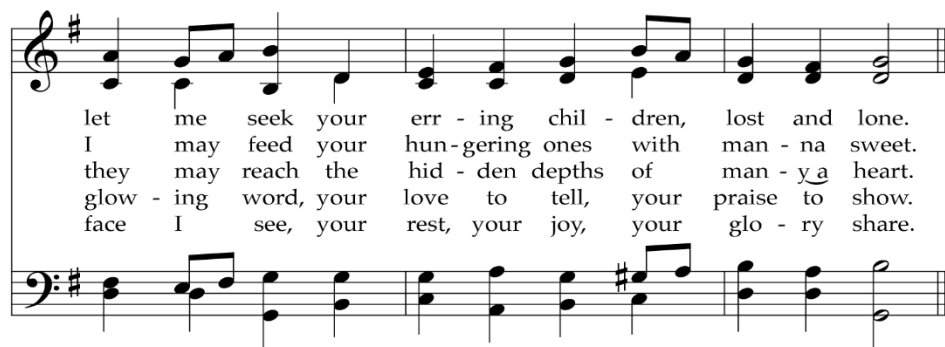
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



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 - gering ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

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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.

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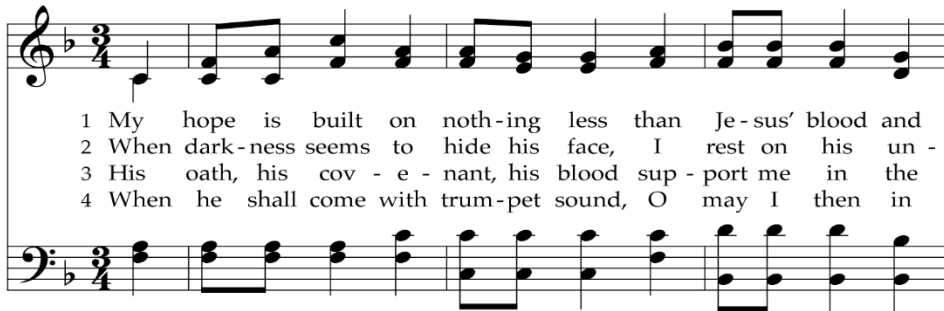


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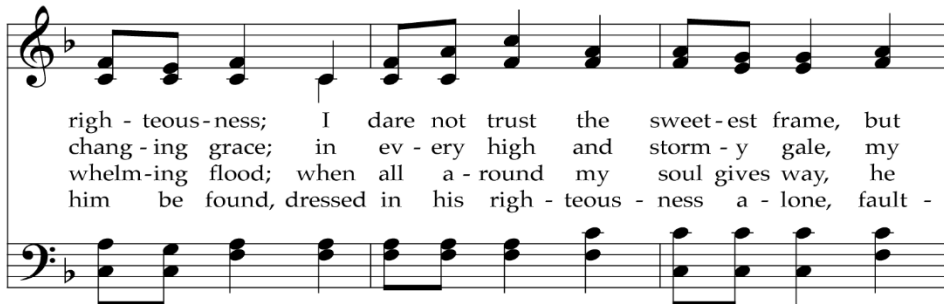
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CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

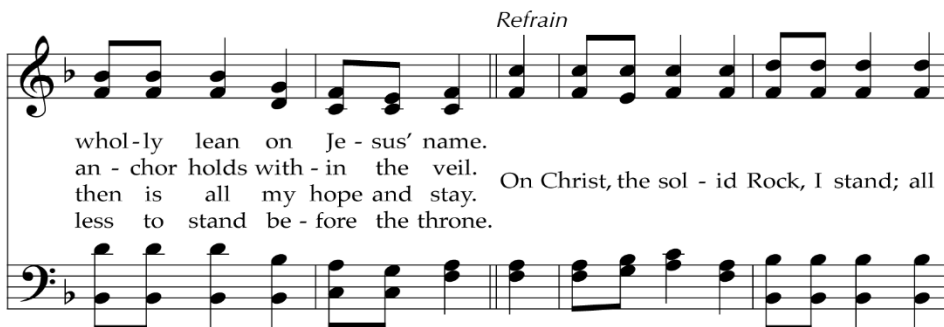


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

TEXT: Edward Mote, c. 1834, alt.
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863, alt.

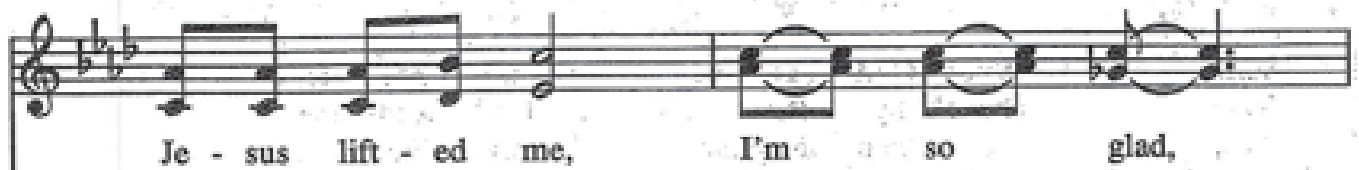
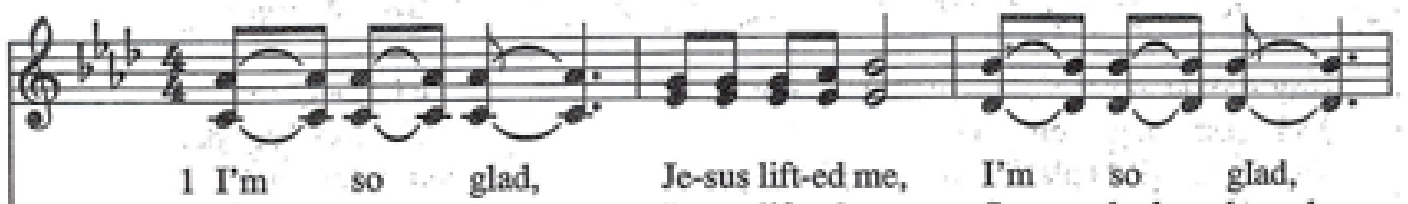
SOLID ROCK
LM with refrain

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I'M SO GLAD, JESUS LIFTED ME



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