



# COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

## May 11, 2025

### Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

### Prelude

Noah Davis

### Choir Introit

### Call to Worship-Responsive

Liturgist

Liturgist: The Lord hears our cries for mercy.

**All: Because God listens to our cries,  
we will call on God as long as we live.**

Liturgist: What can we give back to God  
for God's faithfulness?

**All: We lift up the cup of salvation.**

Liturgist: We call on God's name.

**All: We make promises to God  
in the presence of all God's people.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God!

### Opening Prayer

Humble God,  
you are the creator of the universe, and yet,  
in Christ you became a servant to all.  
You offered yourself to us, washed our feet,  
and called us to follow you.  
In our effort to heed your call,  
we ask that you wash us clean  
and grant us the courage to give ourselves to others  
just as you have done for us,  
that your love might be known  
and your story of sacrifice told. **Amen.**

### \* Opening Hymn

*"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" #327 GTG*

Congregation



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**\* Call to Confession**

Liturgist

With extravagant love and generous hospitality,  
Jesus Christ invites us to confess our sins  
and set down our burdens,  
so that we may receive the fullness  
of all he seeks to give.

**\* Prayer of Confession**

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**O God, in the breaking of the bread  
and the pouring of the wine,  
we become aware of the depth  
of your self-giving love;  
we see our own failures  
to live as people fed by you.  
In a world hungry for food  
and thirsty for compassion,  
we are often stingy and hard-hearted.  
We make our tables exclusive  
and share only with those we like.  
Forgive our selfishness  
and have mercy upon us.  
Give us glad and generous hearts,  
so that we may give freely,  
following the example of Jesus.**

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

In word, in deed, in love that never quits,  
Jesus Christ has done for us  
what we could never do for ourselves.  
This is good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*Responding to Grace**

*"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG*

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**Time With Young Disciples**



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### Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

O Lord of light and salvation,  
let these words of Scripture  
live not only in our mouths,  
but in our hearts,  
that we will embody your truth  
and confess with our lives  
that Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Liturgist

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem

Choir



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**Second Scripture Reading**

Acts 9:36-43

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time, she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So, Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading**

John 10:22-30

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

"Creating Our Own Suspense"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

**Music Meditation:**

Noah Davis

**\* Sermon Hymn**

"The Church's One Foundation" #321 GTG

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**Joys & Concerns**

**Call to Offering**

**\* Doxology**

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**\* Closing Hymn**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #65 GTG

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**\* Charge, Benediction**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

**\* Congregational Postlude**

"He Is Lord"

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THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

### 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies (Psalm 117)

*Unison*

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -  
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -  
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

*Harmony* *Unison*

rise: long: word: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thy  
 Let the Re - deem - er's In cheer - ful sound all Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

*Harmony*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Isaac Watts, 1719; stanza 2, *A Pocket Hymn Book*, 1781  
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
 LM with alleluias  
 (This tune in a lower key, 10)

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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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THE CHURCH

### The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the word.  
 her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
 by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
 One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.  
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternal-ly.

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This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

AURELIA  
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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  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA  
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## HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He  
is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

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