



# COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
**July 13, 2025**

## Pre-Service Music

Noah Davis

## Welcome and Announcements

Kathy Loviska, Liturgist

## Call to Worship-Responsive

Liturgist: We come with willing hearts and eager minds.

**All: Lead us in your truth,  
O God of our salvation!**

Liturgist: We come in our weakness and wander.

**All: Teach us your ways,  
O God of our salvation!**

Liturgist: We come seeking the path of justice.

**All: We are ready to follow,  
O God of our salvation!**

## Opening Prayer

O God of our salvation,  
we wonder in ceaseless prayer:  
Who is our neighbor?  
Is our neighbor the one who comes  
morning after morning  
asking for a spare coin?  
the kid who kicked our political signs  
and vandalized our church?  
the famous politician who calls us names?  
the stranger next door?  
the one who leaves needles in the park?  
the drag queen reading poems in the library?  
And you say:  
The neighbor is the one who shows mercy.  
You say: I am your neighbor.  
Teach us to recognize you among us. **Amen.**

## \* Opening Hymn

*"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" #305 GTG*

Congregation



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**\* Call to Confession**

Liturgist

Claiming us in love,  
God beckons us to grow in that love  
and to reflect that love to others.  
Yet sin obstructs our efforts  
and prevents us from living as God intends.  
In penitence and faith,  
let us seek God's forgiveness.

**\* Prayer of Confession**

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**Gracious God,  
Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched  
by loving you and loving our neighbors.  
We confess that love is hard for us.  
We are too selfish or too pessimistic,  
too hollow or too hardened,  
or just too tired  
to give ourselves to love's demands.  
Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness.  
Cleanse our hearts  
that we might find the strength  
to do what love requires  
and the grace to receive  
what love has to give.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
whose love has no boundary. Amen.**

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

Mercy ceaselessly flows from the heart of God.  
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

Faithful God, how blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit  
so that we may glorify you  
in the company of the faithful;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**      Deuteronomy 30:9-14

And the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**      Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.



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For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

## Sermon

*"The Fruits We Bear"*

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

## Music Meditation

Noah Davis

## \* Sermon Hymn

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* GTG # 688

Congregation

## Joys and Concerns

## Call to Offering

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

## \* Doxology

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\* **Closing Hymn**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" 700 GTG "

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\* **Charge, Benediction**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

**Postlude**

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

Noah Davis





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THE CHURCH

## 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

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This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988  
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770  
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DARWALL'S 148TH  
6.6.6.6.8.8



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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.

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

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

TEXT: George Croly, 1867  
MUSIC: Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

MORECAMBE  
10.10.10.10





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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

## 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na  
I'm gon-na  
I'm gon-na  
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
pray so (pray so)  
sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!)  
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

TEXT: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984  
Music Arr. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum

I'M GONNA LIVE  
Irregular



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## WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE

Composer Unknown

What a might - y God we serve!

What a might - y God we serve! An - gels bow be - fore... Him,

Heav - en and earth a - dore... Him; What a might - y God we serve.

Chords: Eb, Ab, Eb, Ab/Bb, Gm7, Cm7, Fm7, Bb7sus Bb7, Eb, Ab/Eb Eb, Ab/Bb, Eb, Ab/Eb Eb, Fm7, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/Bb Bb7, Eb

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