



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

October 12, 2025

Pre-Service Music

Noah Davis

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**All: sing the glory of God's name;
give God glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God:

All: How awesome are your deeds!

Leader: Because of your great power,
your enemies cringe before you.

**All: All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

Leader: Come and see what the Triune God has done:
They are awesome in their deeds among mortals.

**All: The fear of the Lord
is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

God of power and might,
you show us the wisdom of humility,
reveal the healing you have in store,
and bless us in our working and planting.
Release your Word within us,
that we may live brimming with gratitude
for the full, abundant life
Christ gives to all. **Amen.**



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*** Opening Hymn**

"Lord of All Good" 711 GTG

Congregation

Call to Confession

Liturgist

God promises mercy
for all those who repent.
Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
let us confess our sin.

*** Prayer of Confession**

Congregation

**Compassionate Christ,
you send us to cure the sick,
but we blame the sick for their choices.
You ask us to restore the unclean,
but we separate them into high risk pools.
You compel us to raise the dead,
but we insist some are beyond help.
In your patient and persistent mercy,
forgive us, O Lord.
Teach us to heal without condition
and help without limitation.
Enable us to love one another as you love us,
that as recipients of unmerited grace,
we may freely shower care upon all people.**

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

*** Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

In the name of the One
who restores the lost,
raises the dead,
and reigns on high,
I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
healed, and made whole.**

*** Responding to Grace**

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

Congregation



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Time With Young Disciples

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

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**

1st Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 8

"The entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out, and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know, then, in your heart that, as a parent disciplines a child, so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore, keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

"Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he



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who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

2nd Scripture Reading

Acts 4:27-32

"For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

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

Anthem

CTC Choir

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:19-24

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

"No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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

Sermon

"Stewardship is Letting Go"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation

Noah Davis



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* **Sermon Hymn**

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" 716 GTG

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Joys and Concerns

Call to Offering

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

* **Doxology**

Congregation

* **Closing Hymn**

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds" 306 GTG

Congregation

* **Charge, Benediction**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Postlude

"We Give Thee But Our Own" #708

Noah Davis



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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

711

Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt.
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapt. from GENEVAN 124
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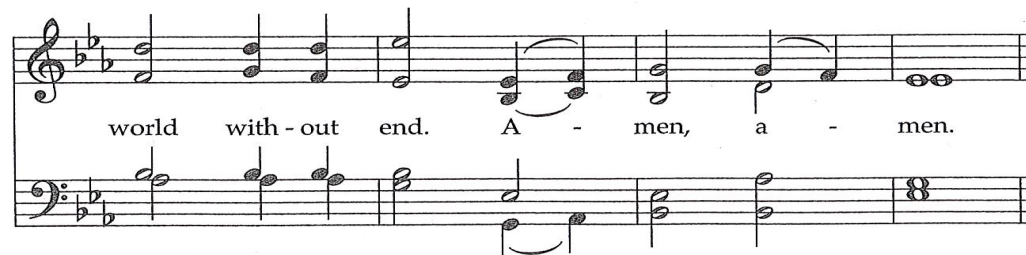
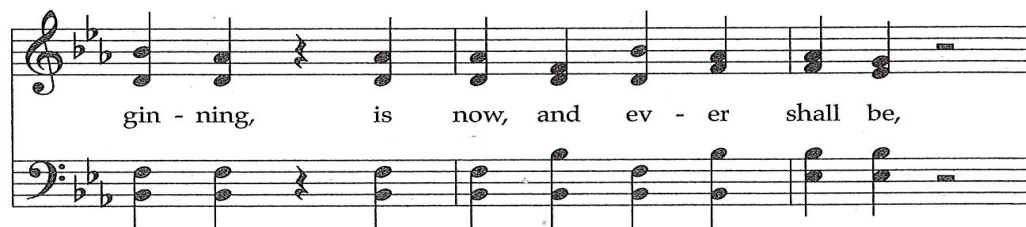
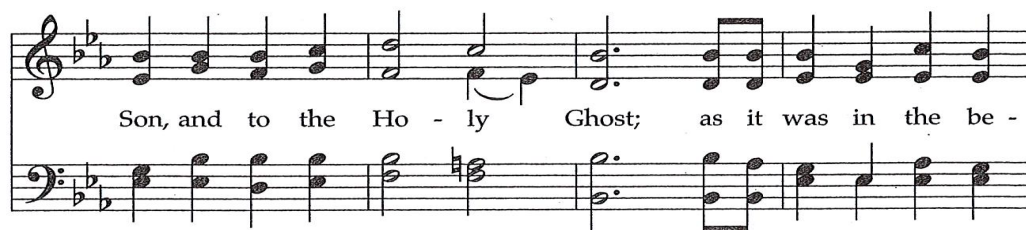


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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory Be to the Father 581



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

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
 Text © 1961, ren. 1989 *The Hymn Society* (admin. *Hope Publishing Company*)
 Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 *Broadman Press* (admin. *Music Services*)

BEACH SPRING
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THE CHURCH

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
4 When we are called to part, it gives us
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be
shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

TEXT: John Fawcett, 1782
MUSIC: Johann Georg Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

DENNIS
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SECOND VERSE ONLY

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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