

GOD IS WITH US IN THIS NEW



Morning Worship
10:00 AM
September 20, 2026

PRELUDE

*"To live in this world, you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal;
to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and when the
time comes to let it go, to let it go."*

- Mary Oliver

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING

Leader: The Lord Be with You.

People: And Also with You.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF GATHERING (Sung twice)

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B $\flat$

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B $\flat$ F/C C7 F B $\flat$ F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Grace is for everyone—no exceptions!

People: We are called to extend that Grace, even to the people that are challenging for us to love!

Leader: The scriptures tell us, "For God so loved the WORLD..."

People: ...Not just the people that fit our little molds.

Leader: So let us take the time we need to listen to the calling of the Spirit,

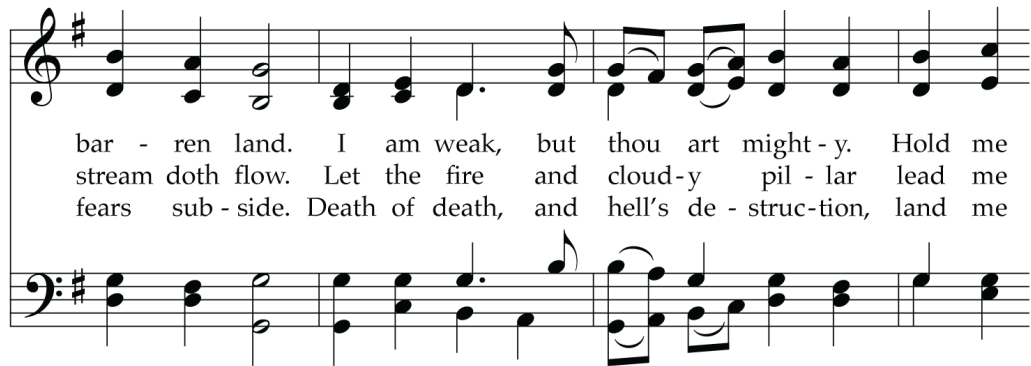
People: That we might learn to extend the same grace to others as God has extended to each of us!

✦HYMN

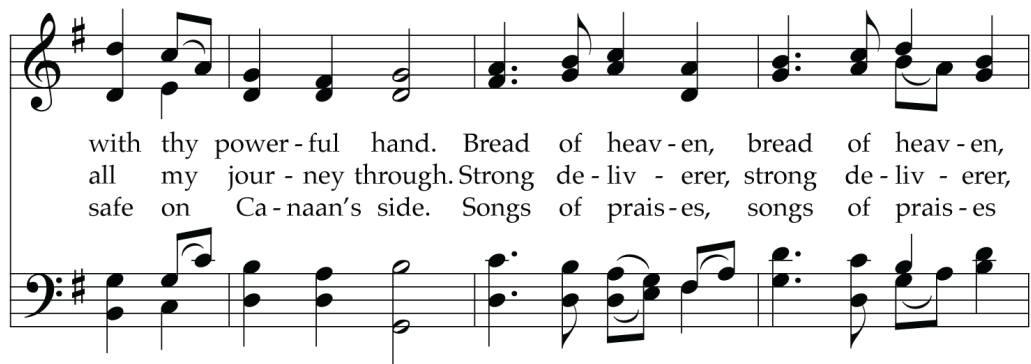
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



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.

✦CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Leader: Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers,

People: may we be ambassadors of grace.

Leader: Instead of continual complaining,

People: may we carry compassion to the hurting.

Leader: Instead of whiners,

People: may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

All: to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

✦ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

People: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✦ RESPONSE OF JOY #582

Glory to God 583

Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

The musical notation is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first line of lyrics is 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!' and the second line is 'Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!'. The second staff continues with 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' and 'Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each staff, indicating where the chords continue.

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your

Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our teacher.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING (NRSVue)

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

People: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL OFFERING

God Is Our Strong Salvation

Jeff Jolly

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Vanna Ortiz

(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children's Chapel)

SERMON

"From Advocating to Attending"

Seth Finch

✦ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD#698 (sung twice)**

698 **Take, O Take Me as I Am**

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

JOYS AND CONCERNS (A Silence)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Clara Boling Storms

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Glory to God page 11)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

✦ **RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #608**

Praise God, from Whom 608
All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all

peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -

more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

✠BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Don Besig

"A Closing Prayer"
Adult Choir

✠POSTLUDE

✠THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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