



**Sunday, September 13, 2026, 10:00 am**

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"Strange Wisdom,  
Surprising Power"

The Rev. Andy Nagel  
Second Presbyterian Church

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**The Service of the Lord's Day  
10:00AM Order of Worship**

*Our nursery is down the hall in room 105 and is open to all.*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*Congregation to recite bolded passages*

PRELUDE

(A TIME TO PREPARE)

*Voluntary on "All Creatures  
of Our God and King"*

Dr. Dillon Parker, trumpet

arr. by Mark Cabaniss

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Nagel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 118)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**His steadfast love endures forever!**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lords' doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*HYMN #65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kennedy Kogah

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kennedy Kogah

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake  
of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*(we continue in silent, personal prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Andy Nagel

\*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS  
(HYMN #581)

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

"THIS IS THE DAY" BY LES GARRETT

Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gwen Van Velsor

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kennedy Kogah

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life: through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-31

Pew Bible NT Page 166  
Spark Story Bible Page 462

SERMON

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\*HYMN #450

*Be Thou My Vision*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." Amen.**

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Nicole Battle, GEDCO

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*This is the Day*

John Rutter

*This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise him in the height.*

*Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.*

*Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light, let them praise the name of the Lord;*

*For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.*

*The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand,*

*so that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.*

*He shall defend thee under his wings.*

*Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, shall comfort thine heart;*

*and put thou thy trust in the Lord.*

*- Words from Psalms 118, 148, 121, and 27.*

\*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE (HYMN#654)

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid.***

***Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #826

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Andy Nagel

POSTLUDE

(A TIME TO REFLECT)

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*

Sigfird Karg-Elert

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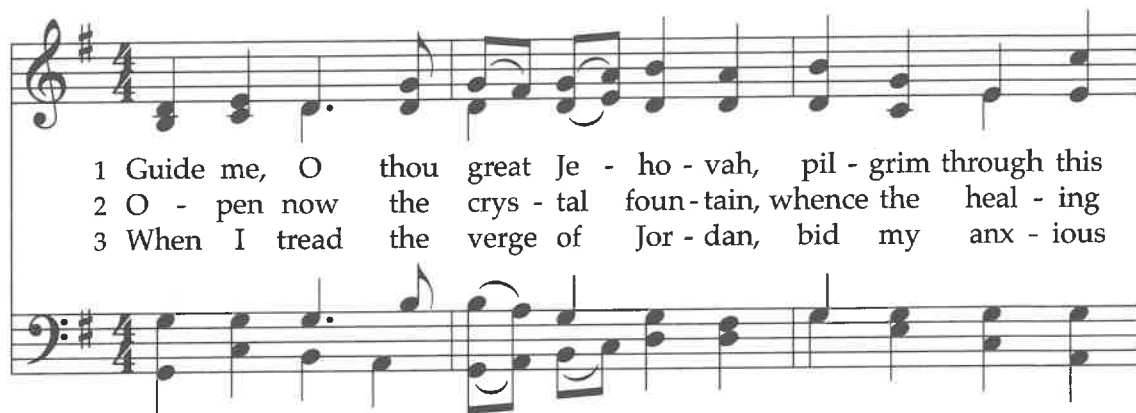
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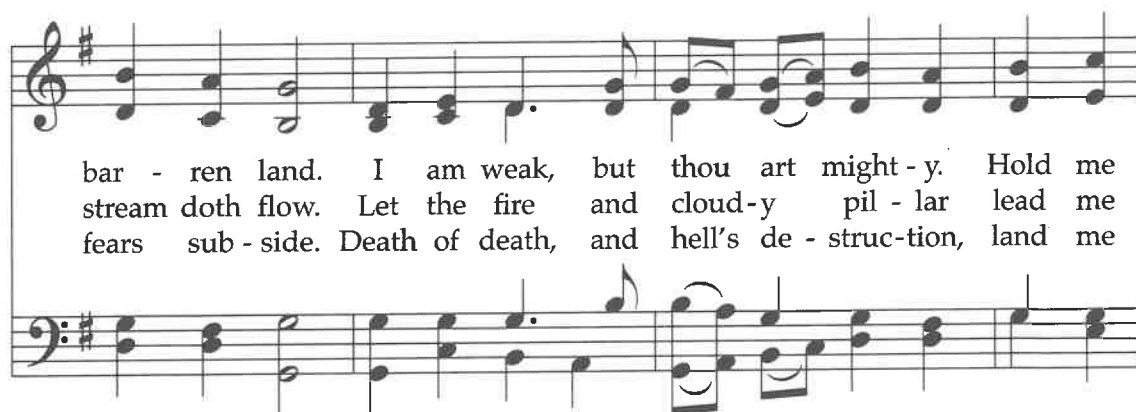


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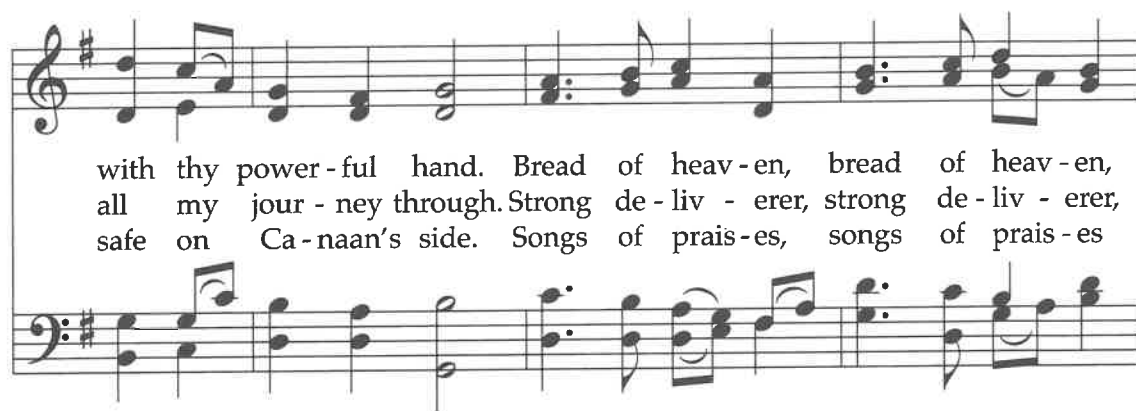
# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



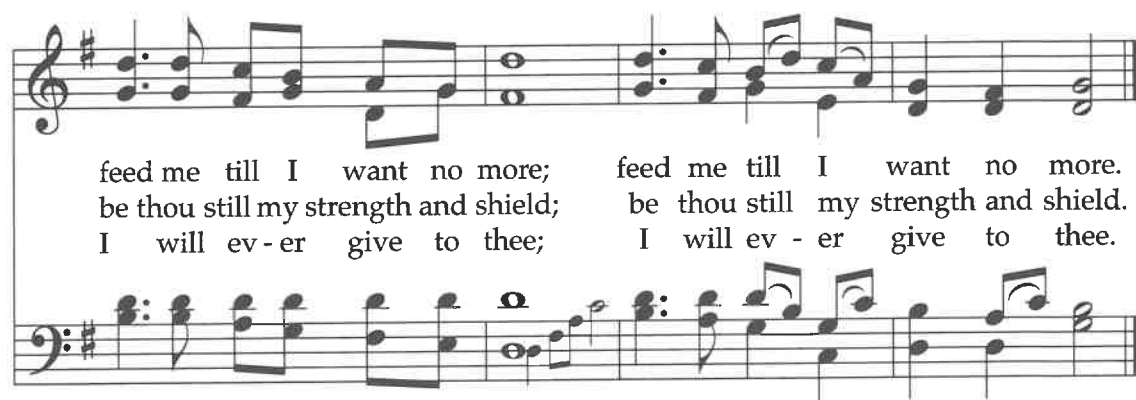
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



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.

## Glory Be to the Father

581

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

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'.

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

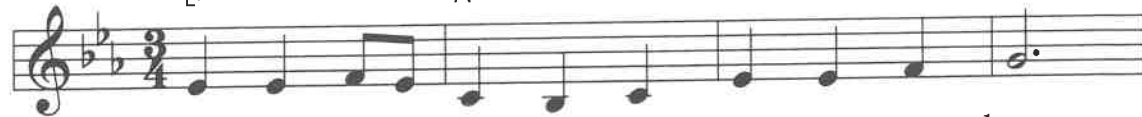
The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)  $E^b$  (G)  $A^b$  (D/F#)  $E^b/G$  (A7)  $B^b7$  (D)  $E^b$



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)  $B^b$  (D)  $E^b$  (G)  $A^b$  (A)  $B^b$



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)  $A^b$  (D)  $E^b$  (F#m7)  $Gm7$  (G)  $A^b$  (A)  $B^b$



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

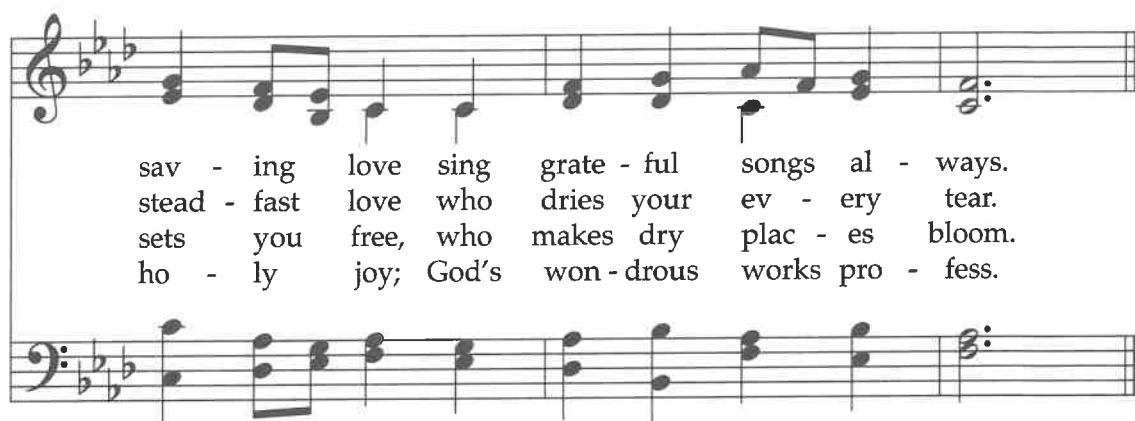
(Bm)  $Cm$  (D/F#)  $E^b/G$  (G)  $A^b$  (D)  $E^b$



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

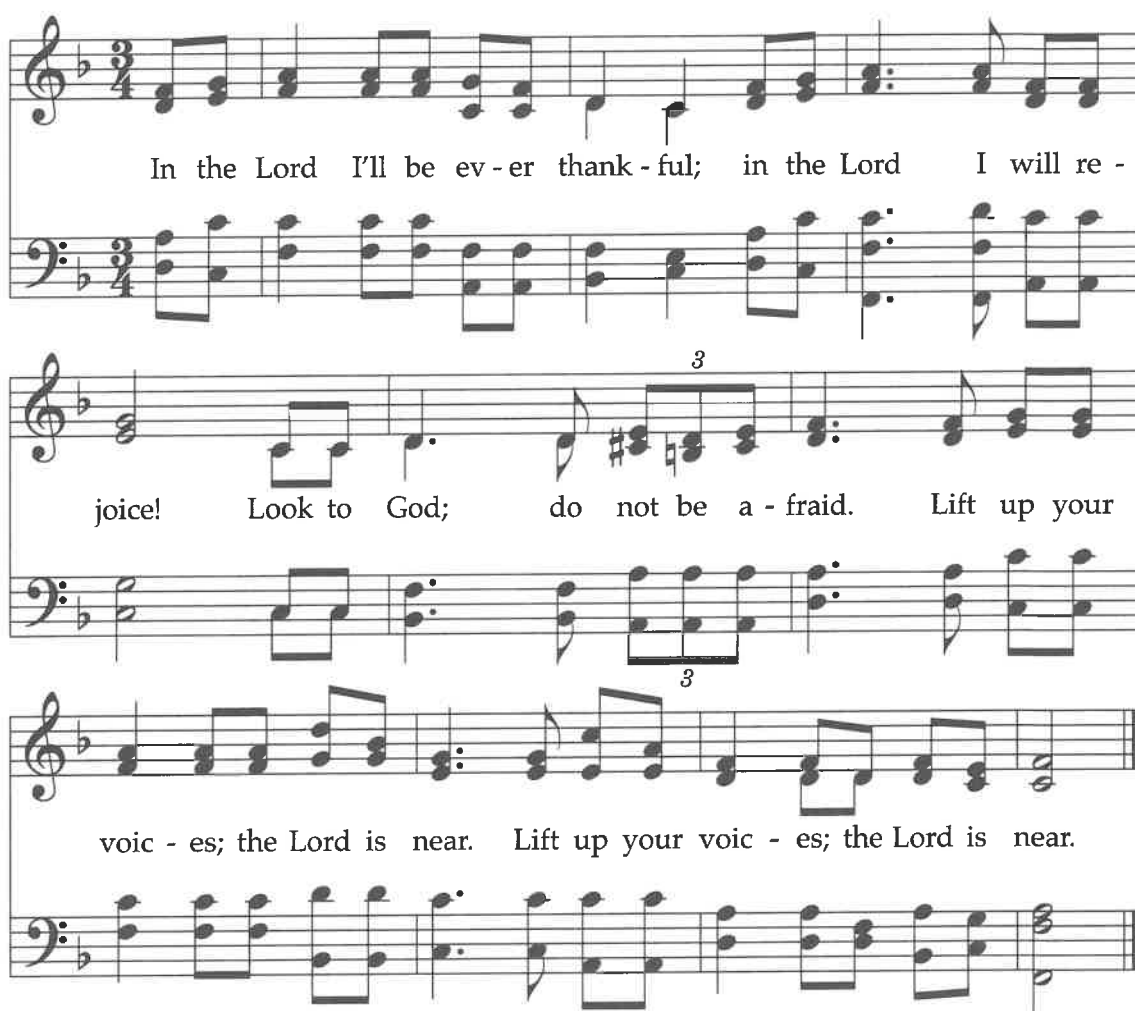


sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.  
 stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.  
 sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.  
 ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

5 If you have felt your courage fail  
 before a violent sea  
 and cried to God, who stilled the storm,  
 and made the wild wind flee,  
 then in the congregation praise  
 the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,  
 whose kindness is well-known.  
 Consider well the healing hand  
 and help you have been shown,  
 and tell the world what God has done.  
 Praise God and God alone!

## In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -  
 joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
 voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.