

# Front Street United Methodist Church

July 19, 2020 || 7th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

Celebration

Ruth Watson Henderson (b. 1932)

*As the prelude is played, prepare your home, yourself, and your family to enter into this time of worship.*

## Gathering

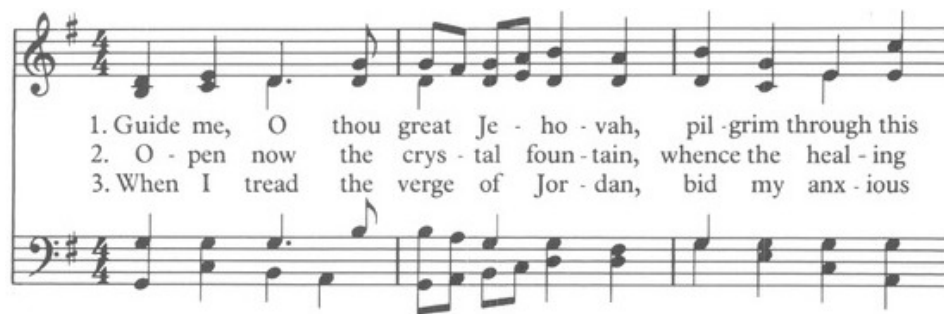
Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us, and know our thoughts.

**See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.**

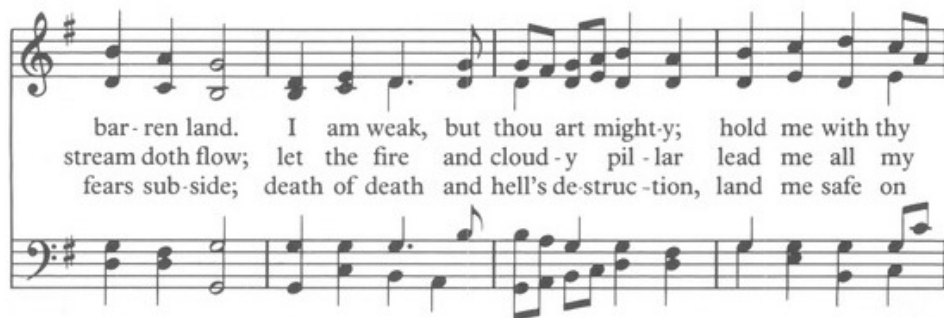
## Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

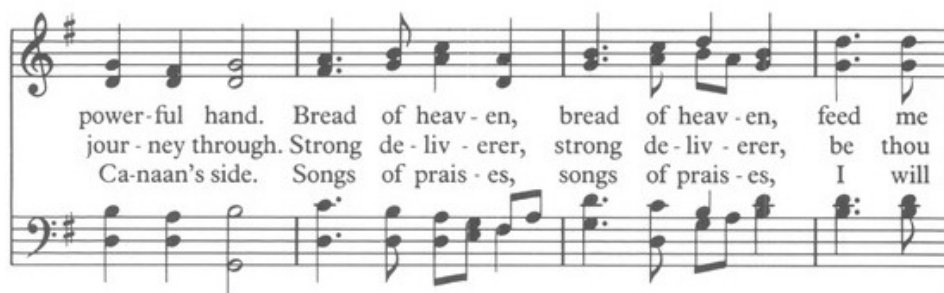
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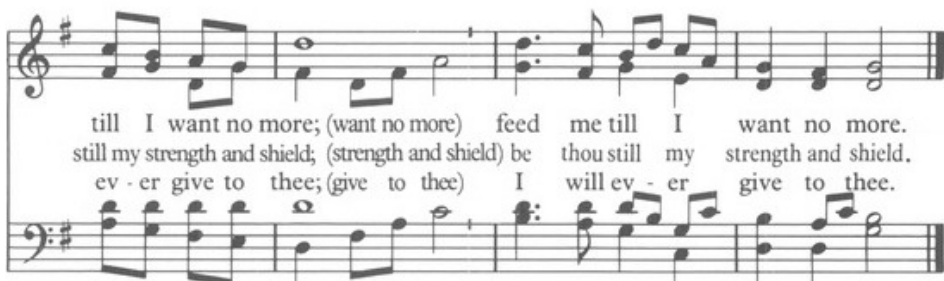
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou  
Canaan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will



till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.  
still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.  
ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

## The Word, *read & proclaimed*

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran.

He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

### Sermon

"The Holiness of the In-Between"

Rev. Patrick Murphy

*Joseph Mallord William Turner, "The Vision of Jacob's Ladder," oil on canvas, 1830, London, England.*



## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

## Prayers of the People

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Giving

"Here As In Heaven"

Elevation Worship



Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sending Forth

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives.  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## Worship Notes

### Prelude

Ruth Watson Henderson has developed a reputation as one of Canada's leading composers. Known especially as a composer of choral works, she has done much to promote the artistry of children through her wealth of compositions for treble voices. Celebration was chosen by the Annual Festival

of New Organ Music in London, England as the winning piece in a competition to honor the Royal Canadian College of Organist's centennial in 2009. It was premiered at the opening of an organ recital on the Harrison and Harrison organ in Westminster Abbey. The use of many dotted rhythms and fast-moving sixteenth notes gives the impression of an extended fanfare.

### Hymn

William Williams (1717-1791), the author of this hymn, began writing hymns as a Welsh Calvinist-Methodist minister. The Welsh text was translated into English by his brother Peter Williams (1722-1796), who was later expelled from the church for heresy. The Exodus and the journey through the wilderness to Canaan is the basis of the hymn, with references to "Bread of heaven" (Exodus 16:4-18), "the crystal fountain" (Exodus 17:4-6), "the fire and cloudy pillar" (Exodus 13:21), and "the verge of Jordan" (Joshua 3:14-17). The reference to "death of death and hell's destruction" is to Christ (II Timothy 1:10 and Revelation 1:17-18). The tune CWM RHONDDA, by John Hughes (1873-1932), literally means Rhondda Valley, the name for a coal mining district in South Wales. It was composed for the 1907 Baptist Cymanfa Ganu (A Gathering for Song) at Pontypridd; and by 1930 it had been sung at over 3,000 such gatherings.

### Offertory

Elevation Worship, based in Charlotte, NC, is a collective of musicians and singers whose stated goal is to "create a strong, unifying worship culture to connect all people to God." They have been creating worship art and music since 2007. This particular song, "Here As In Heaven," acknowledges God's presence among the gathered body of Christ, wherever it is. The emphasis lies on God's presence in *this* place, here and now. Often we relegate God's presence and grace to significant moments of joy or need, rather than a perpetual reality that remains with us in all things. Recalling 2 Corinthians 3:17 ("Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.") and elements the Lord's Prayer, this song carries this critical message for believers, not unlike Jacob, on the long journey of faith.

### Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pat Moser by Buell Moser.