



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

8th Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025

Pre-Service Music

Noah Davis

Welcome and Announcements

Darren Woodke, Liturgist

Call to Worship-Responsive

Liturgist: Gathered in from many lands,
**All: we come from east and west,
from north and south.**

Liturgist: Some of us have wandered through deserts.
All: Some of us are hungry and thirsty.

Liturgist: But the Holy One heard our pleas
All: and has delivered us from our distress.

Liturgist: So, we come with prayers of thanksgiving,
All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Opening Prayer

God of Justice,
we gather from all corners of the world
knowing that you have made a new
world possible even as we hold on to the old world.
We pray for those in places where greed and evil
still reign, for those who are still full of anger and wrath
for those who still act with malice,
for those who still use abusive language,
for those who still lie to others,
and for those who hoard treasures on earth.
We pray with the knowledge that sometimes,
this is us. Don't give us up now. Clothe us
with a new self, according to your image so
that one day there will be no more divisions
among us. **Amen.**

* Opening Hymn

"Loving Spirit" #293 GTG

Congregation

Sung to tune of #83 GTG "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"



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Welcome and Blessing to New Members

Declaration of Acceptance

In the name of Jesus Christ, we extend a hearty welcome to you all. You are now full members of this church. May we, together, grow in our love of, faith in and understanding of our God, made known in our Lord Jesus Christ. We of this community of Faith, extend the blessed hand of fellowship to you.

The Welcome of the Church (Members will stand and read)

We, the members of Countryside Trinity Church, receive you all into our fellowship with great joy. God grant you may find here a fellowship of acceptance, love and service in which we all may work together as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to our walk together in Christ.

Unison Prayer for One Another (from Ephesians 3:14a-21)

Loving and gracious God, we pray that out of the treasures of Your glory, you might grant us strength and power through the spirit in our inner being, that through faith Christ might dwell in our hearts in love. With deep roots and firm foundations, let us be strong to grasp-with all God's people-what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ to know what is beyond knowledge! Now to the one who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or even conceive, by the power that is at work among us, to that One be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation evermore! Amen!

Blessing for New Members

Dear beloved people of God, In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, welcome to this community of Faith. May you always feel welcome, may you always find belonging and may you be filled with the Holy Spirit within this community. **Amen!**

Call to Confession

Praise is on our lips,
but in our hearts we know
how far we have fallen
from the glory of God.
Yet God meets us in our sin,
picks us up,
and promises forgiveness.
Let us make our confession
and open ourselves to God's mercy.



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*** Prayer of Confession**

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Faithful God,
we confess our faithlessness.
Our hearts are fickle,
our eyes wander,
and we trick ourselves
into serving other gods.
We speak lies, accept lies, live lies,
destroying others
and ourselves along the way.
Forgive our waywardness
and lead us back to you.
Embolden our trust in your faithfulness
and settle your truth in our hearts.

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

God's steadfast love endures forever.
Beyond the cross, beyond the grave,
beyond our sin, God's steadfast
love endures forever. This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Responding to Grace**

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

Congregation

Time With Young Disciples

Congregation

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.**



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1st Scripture Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

"When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
But the more they were called,
the more they went away from me.
They sacrificed to the Baals
and they burned incense to images.
It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
taking them by the arms;
but they did not realize
it was I who healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with ties of love.
To them I was like one who lifts
a little child to the cheek,
and I bent down to feed them.
"Will they not return to Egypt
and will not Assyria rule over them
because they refuse to repent?
A sword will flash in their cities;
it will devour their false prophets
and put an end to their plans.
My people are determined to turn from me.
Even though they call me God Most High,
I will by no means exalt them.
"How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I treat you like Admah?
How can I make you like Zeboyim?
My heart is changed within me;
all my compassion is aroused.
I will not carry out my fierce anger,
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.
For I am God, and not a man—



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the Holy One among you.
I will not come against their cities.
They will follow the Lord;
he will roar like a lion.
When he roars,
his children will come trembling from the west.
They will come from Egypt,
trembling like sparrows,
from Assyria, fluttering like doves.
I will settle them in their homes,"
declares the Lord.
This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

2nd Scripture Reading

Psalm 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples;
listen, all who live in this world,
both low and high,
rich and poor alike:
My mouth will speak words of wisdom;
the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.
I will turn my ear to a proverb;
with the harp I will expound my riddle:
Why should I fear when evil days come,
when wicked deceivers surround me—
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of their great riches?
No one can redeem the life of another
or give to God a ransom for them—
the ransom for a life is costly,
no payment is ever enough—
so that they should live on forever
and not see decay.
For all can see that the wise die,
that the foolish and the senseless also perish,
leaving their wealth to others.



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Their tombs will remain their houses forever,
their dwellings for endless generations,
though they had named lands after themselves.

People, despite their wealth, do not endure;
they are like the beasts that perish.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 11:13-21

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said, "By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. "This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

Sermon

"Getting Sidetracked in the World"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation

Noah Davis

Affirmation of Faith

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33*



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*** Sermon Hymn**

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #525 GTG

Congregation

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Invitation to the Table Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Words of Blessing for the Bread and the Cup
The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

*** Doxology**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

*** Closing Hymn**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #65 GTG "

Congregation

*** Charge, Benediction**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Postlude

"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

Noah Davis



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GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Loving Spirit

**Sung to the tune of #83
GTC, Come, Thou Long
Expected Jesus**

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

MUSIC: Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 19th cent.

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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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LORD'S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988
Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

LET US BREAK BREAD
10.10 with refrain

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

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.

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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.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

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African-American spiritual

1 I'm so glad, Je-sus lift-ed me, I'm so glad,
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, Je-sus lift-ed me, when I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me, I'm so glad,
Je - sus lift - ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,
Je - sus lift - ed me, when I was in trou - ble,

Je-sus lift-ed me, sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le - lu - jah, Je-sus lift-ed me.

Just as the spirituals were adapted to be sung in a folk-song style during the 1960s music festivals and civil rights marches, so have they been adapted in a gospel style. This is a spiritual that especially lends itself to gospel rendering.

Tune: I'M SO GLAD Irr.
African-American spiritual

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