



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

August 23, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude:

Noah Davis

Call to Worship-Responsive:

Liturgist

Leader: Oh Lord, let your people say,

**All: If the Lord had not been on our side,
where would we be?**

Leader: Let us praise the one who calls us by name.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer:

Congregation

Son of God, Son of Man, you offered
your body on the cross. Help us to
offer our bodies as a living sacrifice
of thanksgiving, that we may be
transformed and reformed by your word,
in the name of our Sovereign Lord,
Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

"Here I Am, Lord" 69 GTG

Congregation

* Call to Confession

Liturgist

We seek the will of God,
but still find ourselves conformed to this world,
instead of being transformed into God's image.
Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have
turned away from justice and mercy.

* Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**Almighty God,
When faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming,
we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our
status, our stability, our station more than we fear you.
Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you
when we take a risk for what we know is right.**



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Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

*** Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

Leader: If God was not on our side,
we could not stand in the judgment.
But God is with us, steadfast and faithful,
as we seek to live in peace.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

***Responding to Grace:** *"Glory to God" #583 GTG*

Congregation

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.**

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Liturgist

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.



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Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Liturgist

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter



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answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

But who do you say that I am?"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation

Noah Davis

* Sermon Hymn

"O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go" 833 GTG_

Congregation

Joys and Concerns

Call to Offering

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

* Doxology

Congregation

* Closing Hymn

"For the beauty of the Earth" 14 GTG

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* Charge, Benediction

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

* Congregational Postlude

"Our God is an Awesome God"

Noah Davis



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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt.
 MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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HERE I AM (Schutte)
 7.7.7.4.D with refrain



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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God *Gloria, gloria*

583

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

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

* Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

* Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**May be sung as a canon.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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GLORIA (Taizé)

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O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

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TEXT: George Matheson, 1881, alt.
 MUSIC: Albert Lister Peace, 1884, alt.

ST. MARGARET
 8.8.8.8.6



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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

DIX
7.7.7.7.7.7



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ADORATION

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove

with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

This is a contemporary worship song that first gained recognition on Christian radio and later became a popular congregational song. "Awesome" here is not a trivial expression but carries the meaning of "awe-inspiring" and is based on Scripture (e.g. Daniel 9:4).

TEXT: Rich Mullins, 1988, alt.

MUSIC: Rich Mullins, 1988

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AWESOME GOD
Irregular

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