



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

September 21, 2025

Pre-Service Music

Noah Davis

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

Call to Worship-Responsive

Liturgist

Liturgist: Remember, O people, the needs of the poor
and the suffering of the downtrodden,
and hold to account all who are in high positions,

**All: for God our Savior
desires everyone to know
the truth that they are loved.**

Liturgist: God will raise the poor from the dust
and make them sit with princes.

**All: So let us offer supplications,
prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings for everyone,**

Liturgist: for the Lord is high above all nations,
yet nothing is below God's notice.

**All: There is one God;
and in Christ Jesus one mediator
between God and humankind,
who gave himself a ransom for all.
Praise the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Great God, maker and reconciler of the earth
and all that dwells here,
champion of the poor, who humbles the proud,
draw all people into new unity with you.

May we know to whom we belong
and act faithfully to care for
what you have entrusted to us.

Help us all, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

* Opening Hymn

"This Is My Song" 340 GTG

Congregation



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Call to Confession

Liturgist

Jesus Christ gave himself as a ransom
for all who fall short of the goodness of God.
Trusting in God's mercy,
let us turn to God and make our confession.

*** Prayer of Confession**

Congregation

**Holy God,
we confess that we are too concerned
with our own peace.
We seek the comfort of silence,
and ignore the cries of the oppressed.
We are inwardly focused,
missing your call
to serve the world in justice and love.
Forgive us, O God.
Equip us to fulfill your will for a world
in which all know dignity
and all are treated with equity,
as your beloved children.**

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

God our Judge is also our Savior.
The good news is sure:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Responding to Grace**

"Gloria Patri" #581 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.**



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1st Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

Anthem

CTC Choir

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 7:24-29

"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes. This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

Sermon

"Praying for a Nation"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation

Noah Davis

*** Sermon Hymn**

"To God Be the Glory" 643 GTG

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Joys and Concerns

Call to Offering

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

*** Doxology**

Congregation

*** Closing Hymn**

"For the Healing of the Nations" 346 GTG

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*** Charge, Benediction**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Postlude

"Jesus, Lord to Me"

Noah Davis



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THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

340 This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

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The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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FINLANDIA
11.10.11.10.11.10



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but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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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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ADORATION

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

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This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11.11 with refrain



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ADORATION

Refrain



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**Sung to tune
of #619 GTG**

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

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TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1965
 MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1750; harm. *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, 1861
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ST. THOMAS (Wade)
 8.7.8.7



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JESUS, LORD TO ME

Gary McSpadden & Greg Nelso

F Bb/F F Bbmaj7 Gm C7 C13 C7 Bb/F C7/F F
 Je - sus, Je - sus, Lord to me; Mast - er Sav - ior, Prince of Peace

F Fmaj7 Bb/F F Bbmaj7 Gm C7 C13 C7 F
 Ru - ler of my heart to - day, Je - sus, Lord to me.

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