



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

November 23, 2025

Pre-Service Music

Noah Davis

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Mission Point

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

CTC Choir

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: Woe to the shepherds who destroy
and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
I myself will gather my flock
and bring them back to their fold.

**All: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: I will raise up for David a righteous branch,
who shall reign and deal wisely
and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

All: God will give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

All: By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us
to give light to those who sit in the
shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Image of the invisible God, firstborn of all creation, Prince of peace,
Word through whom all things were made, rule our minds and
hearts with justice born of righteousness and mercy born of love.
Guide us to participate in your kingdom, where all God's people



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have a share in the strength that comes from God's glorious power. **Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" 645 GTG

Congregation

Call to Confession

Liturgist

In humility, we are called to confess our sin,
reaching out in penitence to our Lord and Savior.
Trusting in the merciful love of God,
Let us pray together.

*** Prayer of Confession**

Congregation

**Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies
and slow to name the ways we hurt others.
You lead us in the ways of righteousness,
and yet we prefer to walk our own path.
We are called to follow your lead
in creating a beloved community,
yet we idolize wealth and power.
Heal us and help us, O God.
Turn us from the ways of sin,
the means that create unjust ends.
Grant that we may seek to be for others
what you are for us:
a source of light on the way to peace.**

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness
and guides our every step in the path of salvation.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*** Responding to Grace**

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

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Time With Young Disciples

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger



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Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

"How terrible it will be for the shepherds who lead my people astray!" announces the Lord. "They are destroying and scattering the sheep that belong to my flock." So, the Lord, the God of Israel, speaks to the shepherds who take care of my people. He tells them, "You have scattered my sheep. You have driven them away. You have not taken good care of them. So, I will punish you for the evil things you have done," announces the Lord. "I myself will gather together those who are left alive in my flock. I will gather them out of all the countries where I have driven them. And I will bring them back to their own land. There my sheep will have many lambs. There will be many more of them. I will place shepherds over them who will take good care of them. My sheep will not be afraid or terrified anymore. And none of them will be missing," announces the Lord.

"A new day is coming," announces the Lord.

"At that time I will raise up for David's royal line
a godly Branch.

He will be a King who will rule wisely.

He will do what is fair and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved.

Israel will live in safety.

And the Branch will be called

The Lord Who Makes Us Right With Himself.

This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

Choir Anthem

CTC Choir



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Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:68-79

"Give praise to the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has come to his people and purchased their freedom.

He has acted with great power and has saved us.

He did it for those who are from the family line of his servant David.

Long ago holy prophets said he would do it.

He has saved us from our enemies.

We are rescued from all who hate us.

He has been kind to our people of long ago.

He has remembered his holy covenant.

He made a promise to our father Abraham.

He promised to save us from our enemies.

Then we could serve him without fear.

He wants us to be holy and godly as long as we live.

"And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.

You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare the way for him.

You will tell his people how they can be saved.

You will tell them that their sins can be forgiven.

All of that will happen because our God is tender and caring.

His kindness will bring the rising sun to us from heaven.

It will shine on those living in darkness

and in the shadow of death.

It will guide our feet on the path of peace."

This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

Sermon

"The Righteous Shepherd"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation

Noah Davis

* Sermon Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation" 321 GTG

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Joys and Concerns

Call to Offering

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger



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* **Doxology**

Congregation

* **Closing Hymn**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" 268 GTG

Congregation

* **Charge, Benediction**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Postlude

"Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You."

Noah Davis



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THANKSGIVING

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

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The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

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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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THE CHURCH

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

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This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an -them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, 1851
MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868

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JESUS, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU

**Jesus, We Just Want To Thank You,
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Jesus We Just Want To Thank You,
Thank You For Being So Good.**

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