

COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

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Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

Call to Worship-Responsive:

Liturgist

Liturgist: We are salt for the earth.

All: **We are a light for the world.**

Liturgist: Just as no one hides a lamp away,

All: **we will offer the world what only we can give.**

Liturgist: In shining our lights, we will remember:

All: **We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.**

Liturgist: Grateful for mutual enlightenment,

All: **we will not drown out another's beam with ours.**

Opening Prayer:

O God from whom all blessings flow,
help us to embrace the unique gifts
your Spirit has instilled in each of us.
Give us the wisdom to discern
where your world could use our talents most,
and grant us humility to recognize
where we rely on the strength and insight of others,
so that, in mutual giving and receiving,
all needs may be met,
according to the way of Jesus
through his life and death. **Amen.**

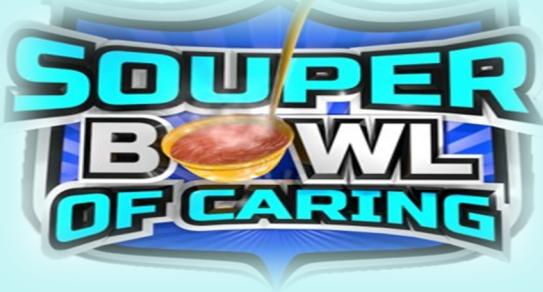
* **Opening Hymn** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #667 GTG

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* Call to Confession

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Into this space we bring our weights and burdens—
the things we have done or not done,
said or not said. Trusting in God's mercy,
let us lay down those burdens before God.



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* Prayer of Confession

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Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point.
We know how to perform righteousness;
we go to church, we donate, we volunteer,
but we care more about how we are seen
than our faithfulness to you. We show off our
piousness, instead of actually sharing our food,
our homes, our resources with those in the most
need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve
ourselves, and teach us your way,
the way that leads to justice and peace.

* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Beloved, hear the good news:
When we cry for help, God says, "Here I am!"
When we ask for mercy,
God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

* Responding to Grace:

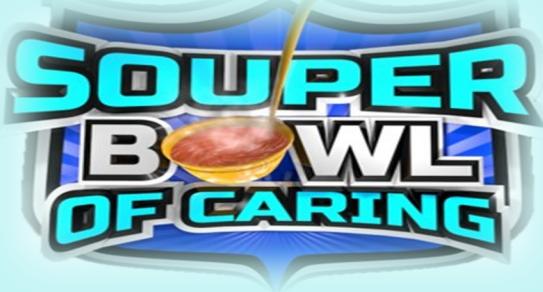
"Glory to God" #583 GTG

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Time With Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

God of shining splendor,
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit
so that we may hear your Word
and live as faithful disciples
and covenant people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

The Lord told me,

"Shout out loud. Do not hold back.

 Raise your voice like a trumpet.

Tell my people that they have refused to obey me.

 Tell the family of Jacob how much they have sinned.

Day after day they worship me.

 They seem ready and willing to know how I want them to live.

They act as if they were a nation that does what is right.

 They act as if they have not turned away from my commands.

They claim to want me to give them fair decisions.

 They seem ready and willing to come near and worship me.

'We have gone without food,' they say.

 'Why haven't you noticed it?

We have made ourselves suffer.

 Why haven't you paid any attention to us?'

"On the day when you fast, you do as you please.

 You take advantage of all your workers.

When you fast, it ends in arguing and fighting.

 You hit one another with your fists.

 That is an evil thing to do.

The way you are now fasting

 keeps your prayers from being heard in heaven.

Do you think that is the way I want you to fast?

 Is it only a time for people to make themselves suffer?

Is it only for people to bow their heads like tall grass bent by the wind?

 Is it only for people to lie down in ashes and clothes of mourning?

Is that what you call a fast?

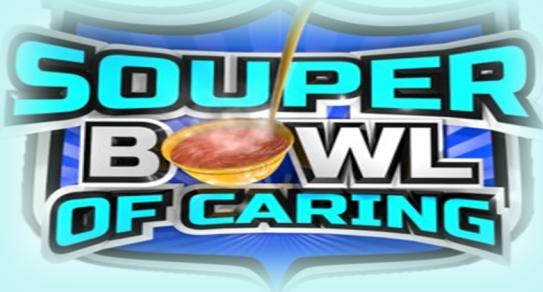
 Do you think I can accept that?

"Here is the way I want you to fast.

 Set free those who are held by chains without any reason.

 Untie the ropes that hold people as slaves.

Set free those who are crushed.



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Break every evil chain.

Share your food with hungry people.

Provide homeless people with a place to stay.

Give naked people clothes to wear.

Provide for the needs of your own family.

Then the light of my blessing will shine on you like the rising sun.

I will heal you quickly.

I will march out ahead of you.

And my glory will follow behind you and guard you.

That's because I always do what is right.

You will call out to me for help.

And I will answer you.

You will cry out.

And I will say, 'Here I am.'

"Get rid of the chains you use to hold others down.

Stop pointing your finger at others as if they had done something wrong.

Stop saying harmful things about them.

Work hard to feed hungry people.

Satisfy the needs of those who are crushed.

Then my blessing will light up your darkness.

And the night of your suffering will become as bright as the noonday sun.

I will always guide you.

I will satisfy your needs in a land baked by the sun.

I will make you stronger.

You will be like a garden that has plenty of water.

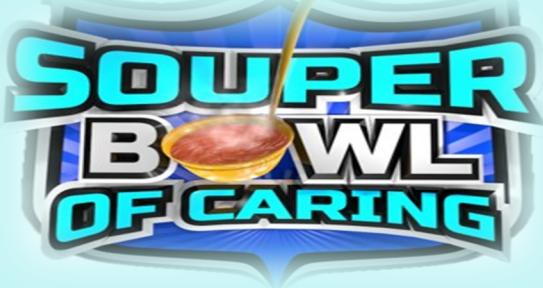
You will be like a spring whose water never runs dry.

Your people will rebuild the cities that were destroyed long ago.

And you will build again on the old foundations.

You will be called One Who Repairs Broken Walls.

You will be called One Who Makes City Streets Like New Again.



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Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 112:1-10

Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who have respect for the Lord.

They find great delight when they obey God's commands.

Their children will be powerful in the land.

Because they are honest, their children will be blessed.

Their family will have wealth and riches.

They will always be blessed for doing what is right.

Even in the darkness light shines on honest people.

It shines on those who are kind and tender and godly.

Good things will come to those who are willing to lend freely.

Good things will come to those who are fair in everything they do.

Those who do what is right will always be secure.

They will be remembered forever.

They aren't afraid when bad news comes.

They stand firm because they trust in the Lord.

Their hearts are secure. They aren't afraid.

In the end they will see their enemies destroyed.

They have spread their gifts around to poor people.

Their good works continue forever.

They will be powerful and honored.

Evil people will see it and be upset.

They will grind their teeth and become weaker and weaker.

What evil people long to do can't succeed.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Major Chords for Minors

Epistle Reading:

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

And this was the way it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I didn't come with fancy words or human wisdom. I preached to you the truth about God's love. My goal while I was with you was to talk about only one thing. And that was Jesus Christ and his death on the cross. When I came to you, I was weak and very afraid and trembling all over. I didn't preach my message with clever and



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compelling words. Instead, my preaching showed the Holy Spirit's power. This was so that your faith would be based on God's power. Your faith would not be based on human wisdom.

The words we speak to those who have grown in the faith are wise. Our words are different from the wisdom of this world. Our words are different from those of the rulers of this world. These rulers are becoming less and less powerful. No, we announce God's wisdom. His wisdom is a mystery that has been hidden. But before time began, God planned that his wisdom would bring us heavenly glory. None of the rulers of this world understood God's wisdom. If they had, they would not have nailed the Lord of glory to the cross. It is written that

"no eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
and no human mind has known." ([Isaiah 64:4](#))

God has prepared these things for those who love him.

God has shown these things to us through his Spirit.

The Spirit understands all things. He understands even the deep things of God. Who can know the thoughts of another person? Only a person's own spirit can know them. In the same way, only the Spirit of God knows God's thoughts. What we have received is not the spirit of the world. We have received the Spirit who is from God. The Spirit helps us understand what God has freely given us. That is what we speak about. We don't use words taught to us by people. We use words taught to us by the Holy Spirit. We use the words taught by the Spirit to explain spiritual truths. The person without the Spirit doesn't accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. These things are foolish to them. They can't understand them. In fact, such things can't be understood without the Spirit's help. The person who has the Spirit can judge all things. But no human being can judge those who have the Spirit. It is written,

"Who can ever know what is in the Lord's mind?

Can anyone ever teach him?" ([Isaiah 40:13](#))

But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth. But suppose the salt loses its saltiness. How can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything. It will be thrown out. People will walk all over it.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill can't be hidden. Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.



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"Do not think I have come to get rid of what is written in the Law or in the Prophets. I have not come to do this. Instead, I have come to fulfill what is written. What I'm about to tell you is true. Heaven and earth will disappear before the smallest letter disappears from the Law. Not even the smallest mark of a pen will disappear from the Law until everything is completed. Do not ignore even one of the least important commands. And do not teach others to ignore them. If you do, you will be called the least important person in the kingdom of heaven. Instead, practice and teach these commands. Then you will be called important in the kingdom of heaven. Here is what I tell you. You must be more godly than the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. If you are not, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Unsavory and Oversalted"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation:

Noah Davis

* Sermon Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" 722 GTG

Congregation

Joys & Concerns

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

We praise and thank you, Lord God,
for the majesty of your work,
the wisdom of your word,
and the generosity of your grace.
Let the gifts of our lives bear witness
to your goodness and mercy,
your faithfulness and justice,
and your steadfast love for all. **Amen.**

* Doxology

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* Closing Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 65 GTG

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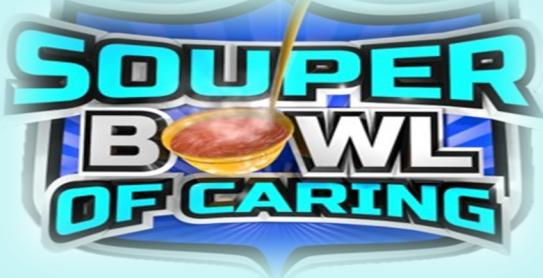
* Charge, Benediction

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

* Congregational Postlude:

"Our God is an Awesome God" #616 GTG

Noah Davis



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CELEBRATING TIME

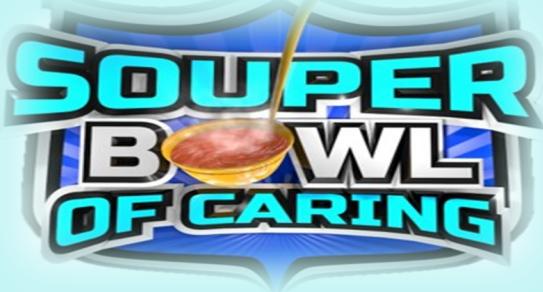
667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God

Gloria, gloria

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Capo 3: (Bm)

(Em) (A)

(D)

Dm

Gr

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(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!

The musical score for the first section consists of a single staff in treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The staff begins with a sixteenth-note rest followed by a sixteenth-note B. This is followed by a sixteenth-note A, a sixteenth-note rest, and a sixteenth-note G. The next measure begins with a sixteenth-note rest, followed by a sixteenth-note F, a sixteenth-note E, a sixteenth-note rest, and a sixteenth-note D. The section concludes with a sixteenth-note rest, followed by a sixteenth-note C, a sixteenth-note B, a sixteenth-note rest, and a sixteenth-note A. The section ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

TEX: trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier 1979

Music. Jacques Berthier, 1979
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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan-dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

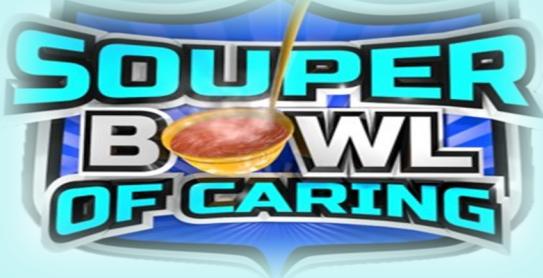
let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

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Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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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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ADORATION

Our God Is an Awesome God 616 Awesome God

Musical notation for the hymn "Our God Is an Awesome God". The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of two staves of music. The first staff starts with a C note. The second staff starts with a C note. Chords indicated above the staff are C, G, D, Em, Am, Em, B7, Em. The lyrics are: "Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above" and "with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!"

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome 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
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