

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

O Eternity, Thou Word of Thunder

Johann Krebs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: You are the One for whom we search, O God,
People: **and we worship you because you have found us.**
Leader: You are the hope for which we yearn, O Christ,
People: **so we follow you to serve at your side.**
Leader: You are the peace which can calm us, Holy Spirit,
People: **so we open our brokenness so you might fill us.**
All: **Fill us, Lord, this day.**

*HYMN NO. 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

*PASSING THE PEACE

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

*RESPONSE

St. Anne

***Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.***

**Those who are able, please stand.*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Grant us, O Lord,
the grace always to do and think
what accords with your purpose;
that we, who cannot exist without you,
may be enabled to live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:4-8

(Pew Bible, OT Page 326)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jane Wettach

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER LESSON (sung response)

Psalm 34:1-8

Jane Wettach

(The refrain will be introduced by the organist, then all will sing the refrain three times. The leader and people will then speak their parts, and where indicated, all will sing the refrain again three times.)

(Sing three times)

Refrain:

Sing for joy to the Ho - ly One! Ho - ly One!

Leader: I must bless the Lord at all times,
with sacred psalms always on my lips.

People: **For the Holy One my soul sings for joy.
May the poor and afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: Magnify the Lord with me;

People: **Let us exalt God's name together. (Refrain)**

Leader: I turned to the Holy One,
who answered me and from all my terrors delivered me.

People: **Look to God! Be radiant!
Do not let your faces be ashamed.**

Leader: I called to the Lord, who answered and saved me from all affliction.

People: **The holy angels surround those who are reverent and rescue them.**

Leader: How wonderful is the Lord! Taste and see!

People: **Happy are those who take refuge in God. (Refrain)**

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

(Pew Bible, NT Page 194)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Imitating God"

Mindy Douglas

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

Esther Hethcox

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.

**The people of God have often misused God's promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.**

**But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.**

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

**But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possible now**

in the world, the church, and our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy

to contend against all opposition,

however invincible it may seem,

for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

***HYMN NO. 53**

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Noel

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Music

God Alone in High Honor

Johann Pachelbel

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Magnificat

Johann Pachelbel

Summer Sizzle All-Church Fellowship later today!

Everyone is invited to the home of Tyler and Deborah Momsen-Hudson (1339 Holden Roberts Farm Road, Hillsborough) from **5:00 -7:00 p.m.** for food and fun. Remember to bring your own water bottle, a lawn chair, and a dish to share. All ages welcome.



First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning the QR code to the left. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right.



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Dorothy Burns Graham*, on the anniversary of Dorothy's birth, by her daughter *Scottie Seawell*.

We are grateful to *Gordon Campbell* for providing music leadership while *Kathy Parkins* is away on vacation with her family.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to the audio/visual console. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of today's *texts* are reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* (2018), *Songs for the Holy One*, and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOY: Congratulations to *Paul Baldasare* who was elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Presbyterian Foundation's board meeting recently. This foundation is the oldest and largest denominational foundation in North America.

CONCERNS: *Fred Callaway* had a severe fall and is recovering at Southpoint Rehab, Durham.

<i>Judy Arrowood</i>	<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Susan Cyr</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee House</i>
<i>Jenni James</i>	<i>Mitzi Lesher-Thomas</i>	<i>Madge McKeithan</i>	<i>Jo Ann Moore</i>	<i>Vernon Neece</i>
<i>Ruth Roberson</i>	<i>Franzi Rokoske</i>	<i>Keith Rokoske</i>	<i>Alfred Tisdale</i>	

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley* Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills, Jim Wolfe*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

<i>Tim Boyer</i> , cousin of Fred Moore	<i>Francisca Cristobal</i> , family of Al & Judy Arrowood
<i>Kim Cummings</i> , father of Drew Cummings	<i>Larry and Lynn Farrell</i> , parents of Rachel Bethune
<i>Isla Foster</i> , cousin, and <i>Linda Foster Momsen</i> , mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson	
<i>Andrew Holbrook</i> , nephew, and <i>Ford Holbrook</i> , brother of Kerry Holbrook	
<i>Katie Jackson</i> , wife of Matt Hirsch	<i>Alan Petersburg</i> , brother-in-law of Jenni James
<i>Doug Rimmer</i> , brother of Steve Rimmer	<i>Joe & Mary Kay Robinson</i> , former members of FPC
<i>Jim Vacca</i> , father of Jamie Chambliss	<i>John C. Weicher</i> , father of John Weicher
<i>Denisha Williams</i> , daughter of Sybil King	

FPC Volunteer Coordinator needed for Urban Ministries of Durham

We provide volunteers to Urban Ministries Community Cafe on a monthly basis (thank you volunteers!). We are currently looking for a volunteer coordinator. If you think God might be calling you to this role (involves scheduling volunteers for specific monthly time slots), please let Pastor Mindy Douglas know. This is a wonderful way to make sure our neighbors in need get daily food and support.

EMANUEL FOOD PANTRY— volunteer opportunities all year long!

Service, helping others, building community — all part of our commitment at FPC to be a Matthew 25 church. Do you have 2 hours of your time to give right here in Durham? No need to pack your bags and travel, just come be part of the incredibly impactful ministry at the **Emanuel Food Pantry!** We love welcoming new volunteers, and are always grateful for donations of food, rice, beans, and financial support. For more information, contact Margaret Rubiera.

“ORIGIN” Film Documentary

Saturday, August 24

Showings at 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

in Watts-Hill Hall

Pizza will be available at 5:00 p.m.

Sign up to attend a showing
and sign up for the pizza
meal using this QR code.



Sponsored by Racial Equity Task Force.

Crayons2Calculators

FILL THAT BUS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE!

Support Durham Public Schools teachers.
Bring your items to the church and place them
in the bin in the foyer by Sunday, August 25.
pencils pencil boxes wide & college ruled paper
spiral notebooks dry erase markers binder clips
dividers highlighters legal pads index cards
paper clips Post-its dry erasers ball point pens
composition books 4 oz glue bottles scissors
graph paper 8 oz hand sanitizer bottles rulers
permanent markers construction paper crayons

393 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.



on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

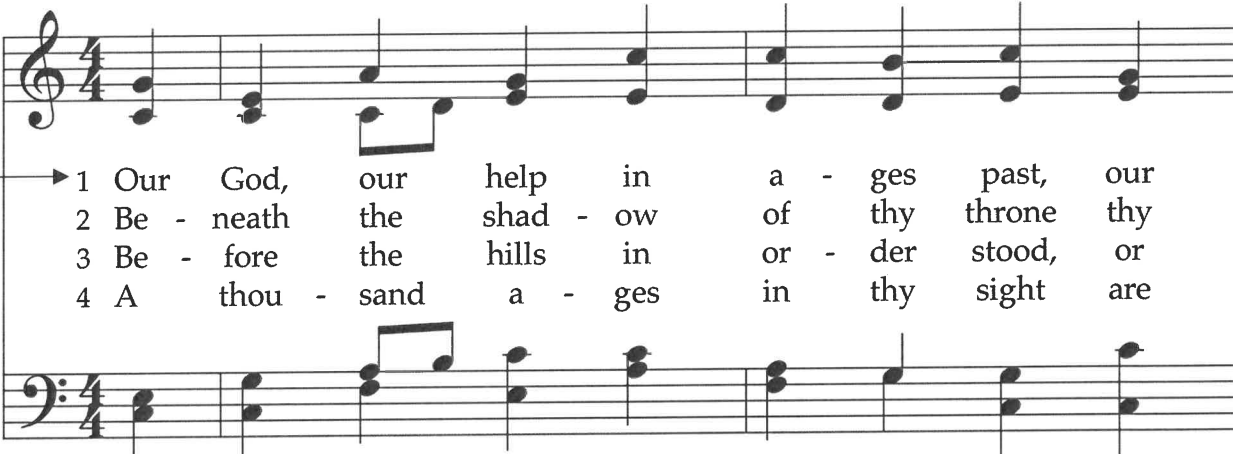


sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

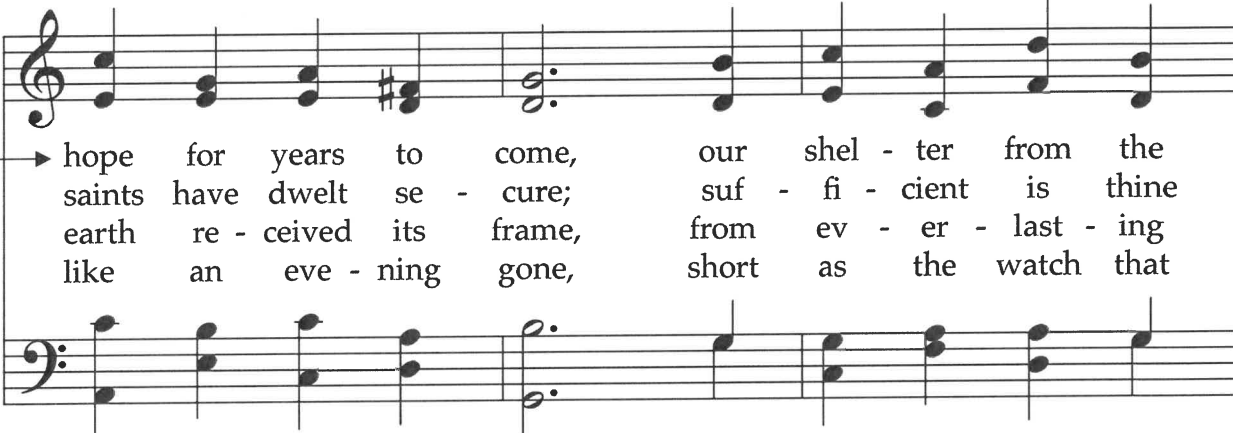


687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

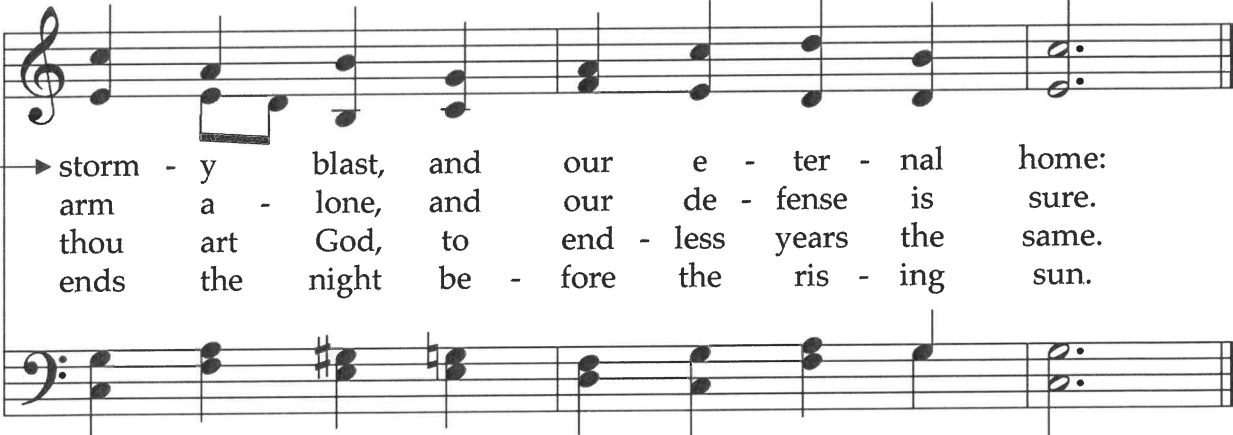
(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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O God, Who Gives Us Life

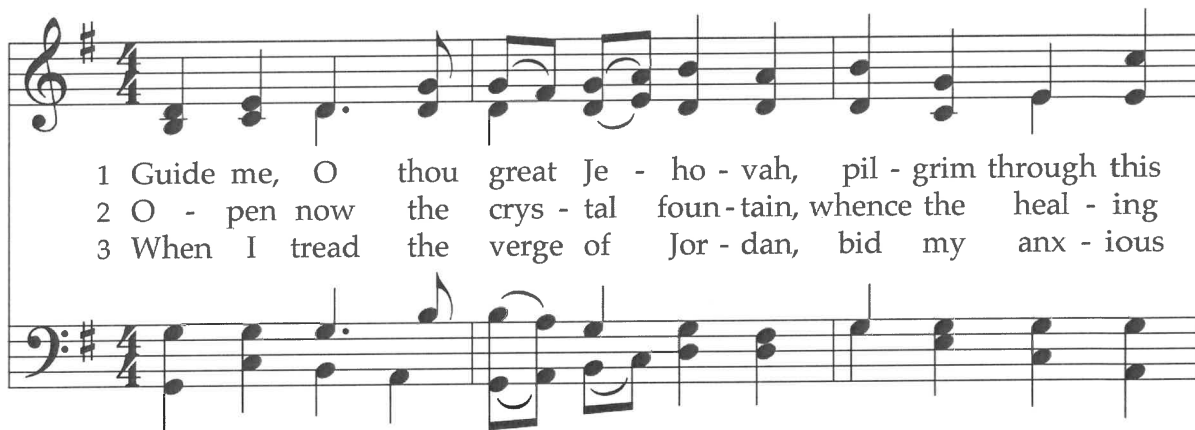
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

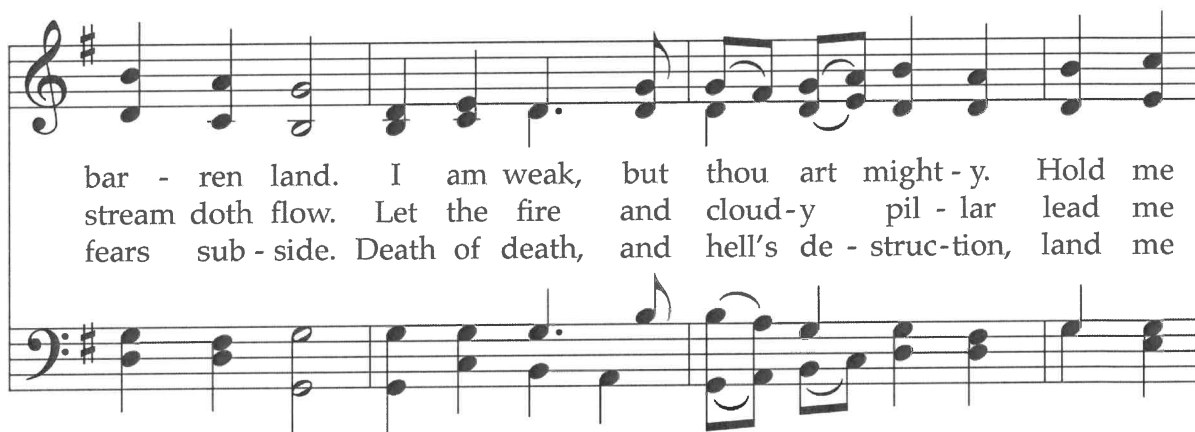
de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

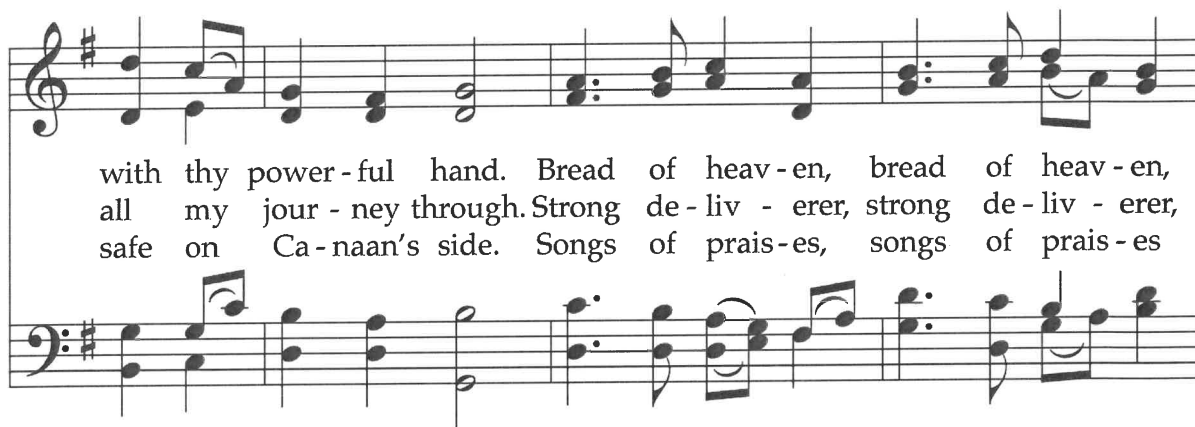
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



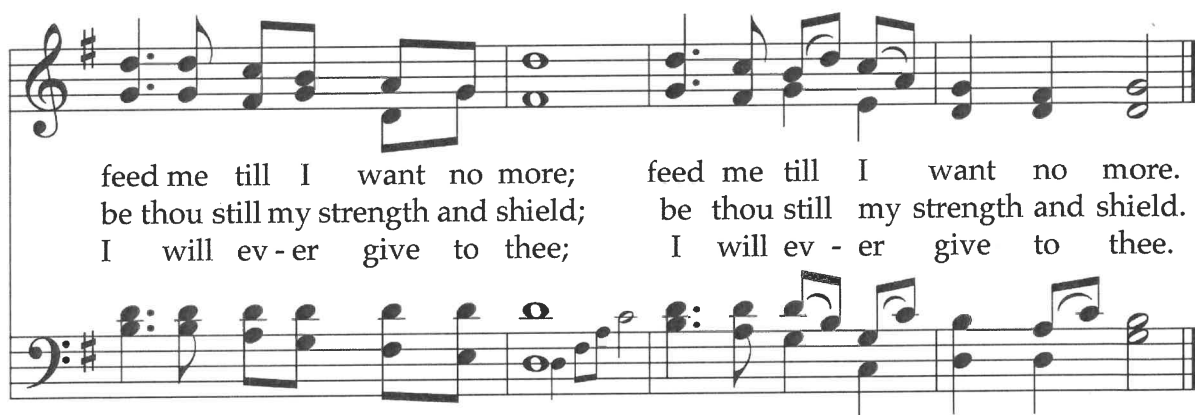
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



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.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today

The MnM's Fellowship is on summer break.

5:00-7:00 PM Summer Sizzle All-Church Fellowship & Potluck (home of Tyler & Deborah Momsen-Hudson at 1339 Holden Roberts Farm Rd, Hillsborough))

Monday, August 12

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews

6:00 PM

Christian Education Committee (via Zoom)
Property Committee (CE Building, Room 205)

6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee (via Zoom)

7:00 PM Worship and the Arts Committee (via Zoom)

Tuesday, August 13

Newsletter Today

Wednesday, August 14

1:00 PM All Staff (Daye Meeting Room)

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

The Chancel Choir is on summer break.

Thursday, August 15

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews

Friday, August 16

5:00 PM Guest Wedding Rehearsal (sanctuary)

Saturday, August 17

11:30 AM Guest Wedding Ceremony (sanctuary)

Sunday, August 18

13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation Class for Children
Lectionary Class for Adults

11:00 AM Worship

The MnM's Fellowship is on summer break.

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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