

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026

Preparation for Worship

*Almighty God,
We thank you for giving us nourishment from the flourishing fields of creation.
Form and reform us by your word, that we may rejoice in your bounty
and share inheritance of abundance, all the days of our lives. Amen.*

Voluntary

"Pasticcio" from the Organ Book

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Introit

Guide My Feet

African American Spiritual

Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

African American Spiritual

✦ Hymn 32 [\(see page 9\)](#)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLAMCOMBE

✦ Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

silent prayer

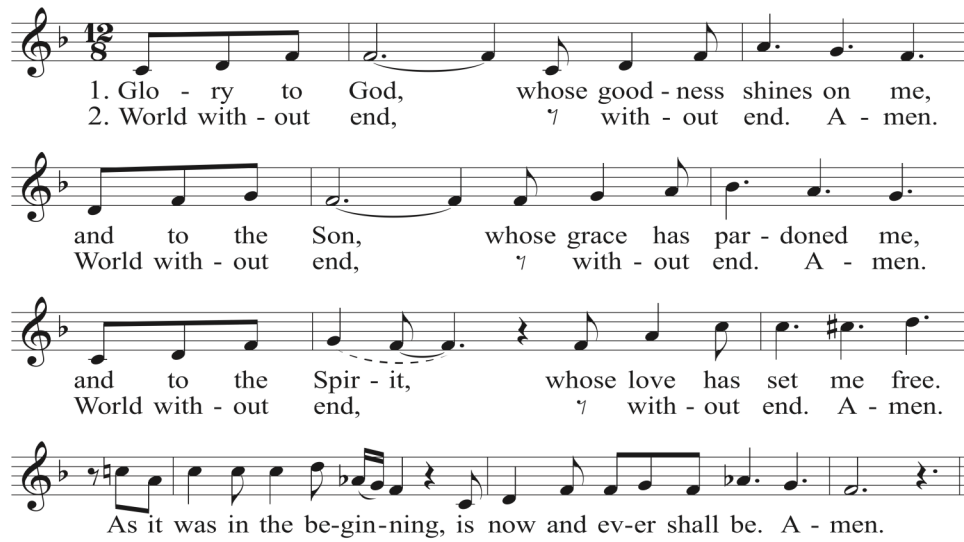
Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response

Paul Vasile



1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2. World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9

N.T. pg. 13-14

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Servant of Peace

K. Lee Scott
(b. 1950)

Lord, make us servants of your peace:
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light;
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, we may not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
But seek to love unselfishly.
For in our giving we receive,
And in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death's dark night to endless day.
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
To wake at last in heaven's light.

James Quinn (1919-2010)
Based on a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

‡ Hymn 308 ([see page 10](#))

O God in Whom All Life Begins

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‡ Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe

that God has entrusted the church

with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;

that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,

that the church is witness both by word and by deed

to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells,

that God's life-giving Word and Spirit

has conquered the powers of sin and death,

and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,

that God's life-giving Word and Spirit

will enable the church to live in a new obedience

which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering**Offertory***Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
 Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
 Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
 Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
 O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
 Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Early Irish

Transl. Mary Byrne (1880-1931), alt. Eleanor Hull

✦ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great and Mighty God,
 we thank you for all we received in Jesus Christ.

By your Spirit
give us freedom to love with his love,
to serve with his zeal,
and to embrace the world with his compassion. Amen.

✦ **Hymn 65** ([see page 11](#))*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

✦ **Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Voluntary"Dialogue sur les Mixtures" from *Suite Brève*

Jean Langlais

TODAYMUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP**SUMMER ORGAN SERIES****Emily Amos****Sunday, July 12 | 3 PM**

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Omar Rouchon | John W. Wurster

Liturgist

Roderick James

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | St. Philip Summer Choir | Tessa Larson, soprano | Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Dick Nunn and family in memory of wife, mother and grandmother Judy Nunn.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- Genesis 25:19-34 – *Esau trades his birthright to Jacob for bread and lentil stew.*
- Psalm 119:105-112 – *Your word is a lamp to my feet; I have promised to observe it.*
- Isaiah 55:10-13 – *The word of the Lord will go forth to flourish and bear fruit.*
- Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13 – *Praise is due to God, who blesses the earth with abundance.*
- Romans 8:1-11 – *The Spirit of life in Christ sets us free from the law of sin and death.*
- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 – *Jesus tells and explains the parable of the sower and the seeds.*

NEGRO SPIRITUAL MUSIC

Today's worship service includes traditional Negro Spiritual music. The Black composers of this music are unknown to history and therefore unable to receive royalties directed to their estates for the use of their songs. To remedy this inequity, a fund has been created and approved by the Session where we will collect voluntary "royalties" for using this music. Anyone may donate to the fund by going to the saintphilip.net homepage and selecting *Make a Contribution*, then selecting Negro Spiritual as the fund. You may also contribute by writing a check with *Negro Spirituals* in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. This small gesture of reparation seeks to help heal the long history of injury to Black persons. Contributions received over the course of the year will be donated annually to a local organization supporting Black musical traditions.

MUSIC NOTES

Jean Langlais, longtime organist titulaire at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde on Paris's Left Bank, left a large body of organ music that is highly varied in nature and quality. The **Pasticcio** from his 1956 *Organ Book* combines fanfare motives with more subdued material for a brief but festive musical "main dish." (In Italian a "pasticcio" is a baked meat pie.) His *Suite Brève* (Short Suite) includes a perky **Dialogue** on the mixture stops, which refer to ranks of small pipes whose combination adds brilliance to the ensemble. Among other compositional devices, Langlais delighted in musical surprises, and this piece offers more than a few.

The African American spiritual "**Guide My Feet**" contains themes that can be traced back to early Hebrews, who compared Christian life to running a race, leaving behind sin and moving towards the assurance found in Jesus on the cross. The song has continued to be a source of hope in the face of injustice, beginning in times of slavery and throughout the fight for civil rights.

Adapted from the Catholic Prayer of St. Francis, our **anthem** sets familiar passages in an original tune by K. Lee Scott written in 1994. The original prayer has been used widely to promote peace over the last century, with millions of copies distributed during and after World War II. This version of the text by Scottish priest James Quinn beautifully captures the original spirit, aided by Scott's reassuring tune.

Be Thou My Vision is perhaps the most commonly sung hymn in the Presbyterian church. Normally sung to the tune SLANE, the familiar text is set here by English composer Bob Chilcott using a new tune, which retains the hymn's original metric structure, supported by a flowing organ accompaniment.

– Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

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IN OUR PRAYERS

A memorial service for Judy Nunn, wife of Dick Nunn, is scheduled for July 13 at 2 p.m.

Karen Winship and family upon the death of husband David on July 5. A memorial service is scheduled for July 16, at 2:00 p.m.

Family and friends upon the death of Nancy Everheart Johnson who died on July 3. A memorial service is scheduled for July 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Scott Easterly upon the death of husband Bill Holden on June 24 in Hoschton, Georgia.

Rev. Sally Stockley Johnson, who served as interim associate pastor at St. Philip 1998-1999, died last month in Little Rock, Arkansas. Her ministry at St. Philip was marked by a commitment to inclusiveness and the formation of a monthly discussion group that continues today as the Social Justice Study Group. A memorial services will be held later in the summer at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.

St. Philippians and their families – Carolyn Keeble; John Bobbitt; Linda Miller; Gary Whitney; Margaret King; Jane Malczewskyj; Molly Boren; Charlotte Kibler; Laney Miller; Laurie Sims; Jan Meyer; Emily Estill; Joy Maguire; Bonnie Moore; Bob Ardell; Diane Clarke; Mary Herlitz; Eleanor Grant; Don Padgett; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Barbara Torpy – sister of Gary Willis; Bill Davis – brother of Meg Scott-Johnson; Lara Bain – niece of Jo Helland; Jonathan Castro – brother of David Castro; Jo Hadley Smith – cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes – daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; Joan Boelens; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolph; Lorraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; and Mary Sinderson.

Friends of St. Philippians – Christiane Richter – friend of Roderick James; Ann Swanson – friend of Deborah Unruh; Tanya Voinche & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Keith Kirby, Tandi Porter, Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte – friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan & Tom Barnett – friends of Robin & Gary Willis; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: deacons@saintphilip.net

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

WE CHOOSE WELCOME

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
**PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
FOLLOWING WORSHIP | RM 205

NO NEED TO RSVP, JUST SHOW UP!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DENISE WILBORN
AT DWILBORN55@GMAIL.COM

WE CHOOSE WELCOME

PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE
COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO
~ 5TH SUNDAY ~
SPEAKER SERIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP
ROOM 201

READY, SET, VOTE!
REBECCA MCILWAIN
SPEAKER | HOUSTON FAITH VOTES

LIGHT BITES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL: DENISE WILBORN
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NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find that our Nursery is located in the hallway off of the Gathering Area. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON SUMMER RECESS AND RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

Visit our website (www.saintphilip.net) to learn about all of the Christian Education programs we offer for children, youth, young adults, senior adults and families. Classes are offered on Sundays, as well as weekdays. If you would like to be a leader in classes next fall please contact Omar Rouchon via email at :

omar@saintphilip.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—We have Children's Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples (K-5th grade) learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **August 13**, it will be a social. Watch your email for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

BELLS FOR BEGINNERS!

Have you ever wanted to make music in a fun and welcoming group setting? Join us for "Bells for Beginners" at St. Philip this summer on **TODAY** in the Sanctuary immediately after church.

No experience or equipment needed — just come as you are to learn the basics of handbell ringing while playing beautiful music together. Perfect for teens and adults. Come ring with us and discover the joy of handbells! For more information, contact our director of music, Justin Langham, at justin@saintphilip.net.

CHURCH LIBRARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you enjoy books, organization, and helping others? Consider serving in our church library. Library volunteers help keep our collection organized, shelve returned materials, and create a welcoming space for all ages to explore and grow in faith.

Volunteers gather only a few times each year. No library experience is necessary — just a willingness to help. Interested in seeing what it's all about? Join us on Thursday **July 23** from 9:30 a.m. to noon to try it out. We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Judith Hiott or Beth Atkinson (bethatkinson2020@gmail.com) with any questions.

CCSC BACK TO SCHOOL

The Mission Committee is seeking volunteers to form a St. Philip group at the Christian Community Center's Saturday, **July 25**. Back to School supplies assembly program at the Bellaire Methodist Church, located at 4417 Bellaire Boulevard, Bellaire, Texas 77041. St. Philip has volunteered at this back to school program (where we assemble backpacks filled with school supplies) for a number of years. We work from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and always have fun providing this valuable service to low income children who otherwise would not have school supplies for the coming year. Please join us at the Bellaire Methodist Church before 9 a.m. Email David Castro dmc.davidcastro@gmail.com for more information.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Continuing through **August 21**, the church office will be closed on Fridays. This schedule helps us conserve energy and better cover staff vacations. We will return to regular Friday office hours on **August 28**.



[GUEST BOOK]

Welcome to Worship at St. Philip
Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphilip.net.

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.

WE LONG
for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the Narthex on the way into the Sanctuary. Resources such as noise-dampening headphones and fidget tools for our neurodivergent neighbors and anyone needing sensory support can be found there too.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 AM–12:30 PM. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery has returned to the Education Bldg. and can be accessed from the hall off the Gathering Area on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A **Hearing Loop** is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your "T switch" to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones.

LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY'S BULLETINS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.



[MAKE A CONTRIBUTION]

I Give Electronically –in response to parents' hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.

Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

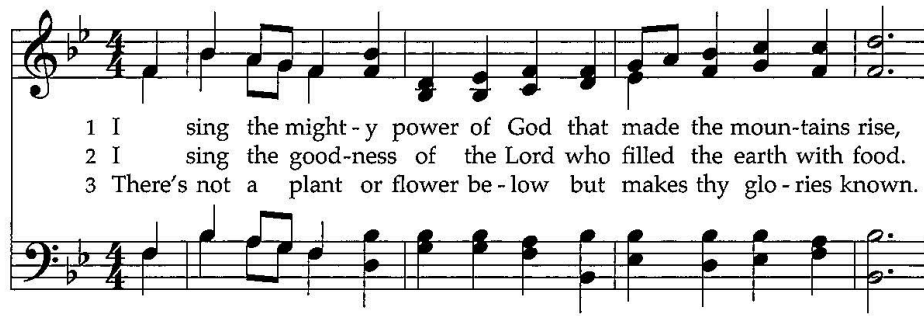
Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 AM Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

Lost & Found—did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.

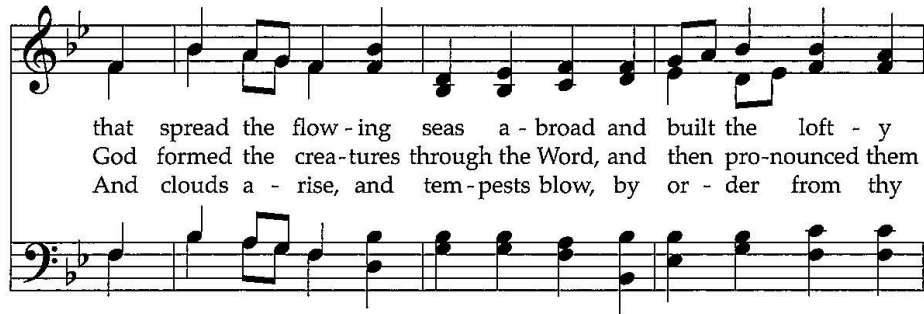
Nametags—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be replaced on the boards in the narthex before the following Sunday morning. Visitor nametags are available in the pews and from an usher.

St. Philip Day School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. (www.stphilipdayschool.org) To support the school, **please make all contributions payable directly to St. Philip Day School** or visit their website for online donations. You are welcome to leave in the church offering plate or mail to St. Philip Day School, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, 77056. If you have any questions, please email: Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

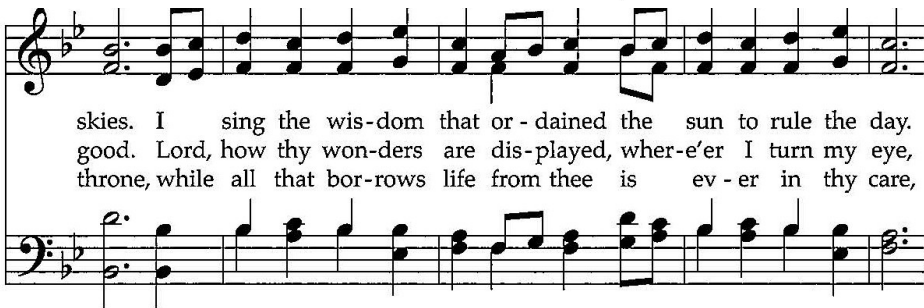
Hymn 32

I Sing the Might Power of God


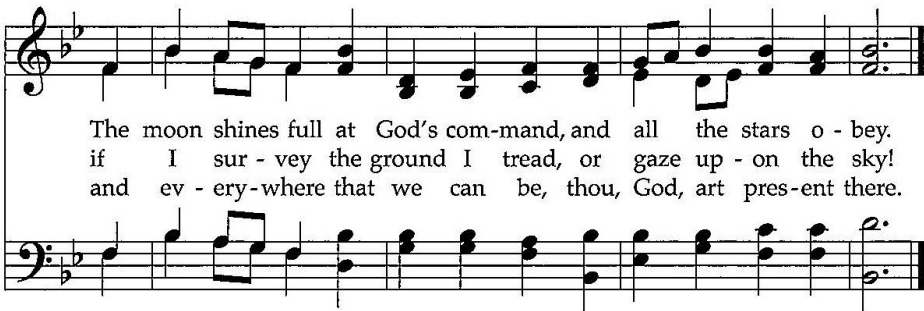
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,
 2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea - tures through the Word, and then pro - nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy



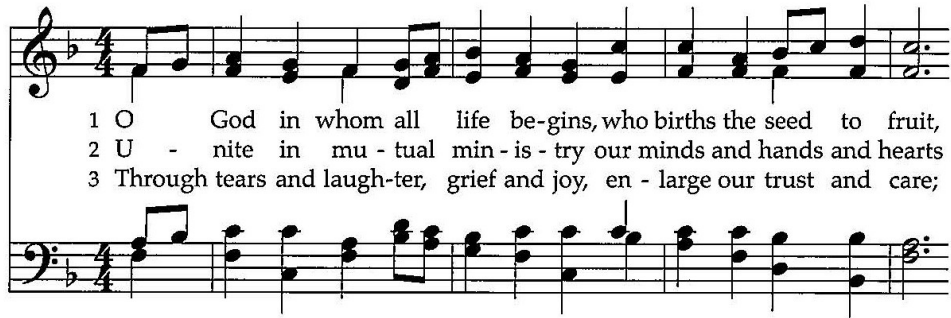
skies. I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



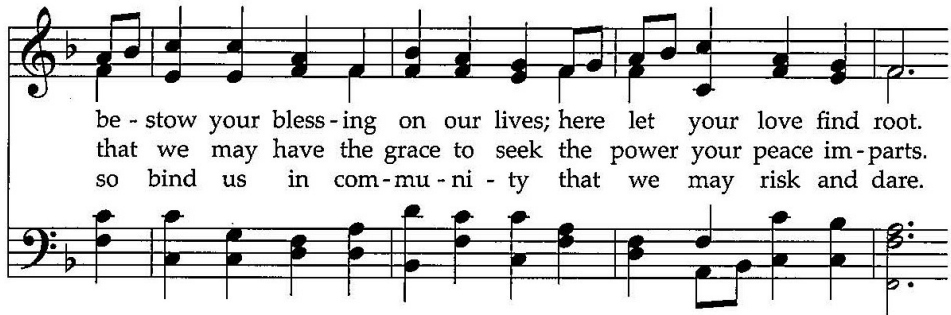
The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that we can be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

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Hymn 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins


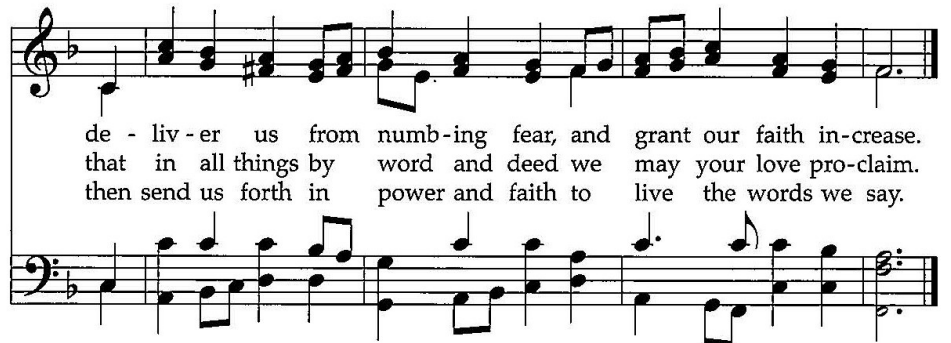
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



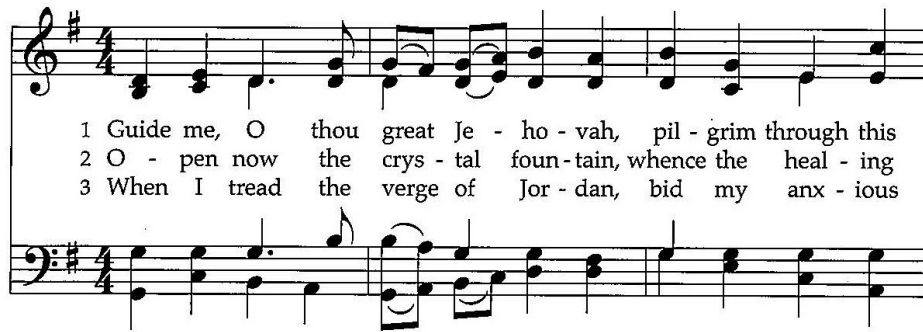
Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

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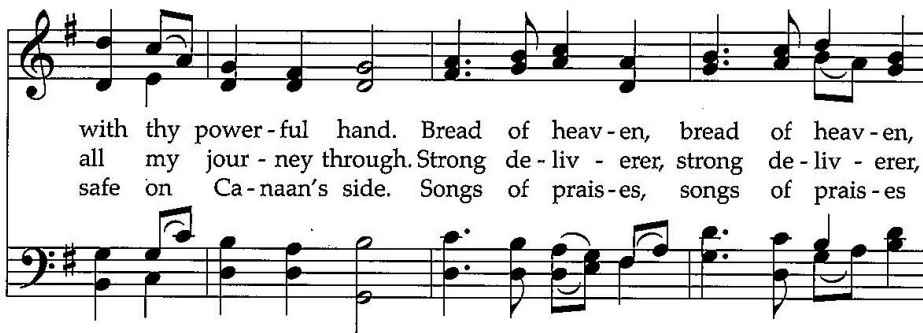
Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah


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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