

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PARABLES THAT PREPARE US:

THE TALENTS

MARCH 26, 2023 | 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

**Bold text is read  
by the congregation.**  
**\*Asterisk indicates when to  
rise in body or in spirit.**

**Please sign the friendship  
pad** so we may take note of  
your presence and you may  
greet your neighbors by  
name.



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"ANDANTE TRANQUILLO"

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

HANDBELL PEAL (11:00)

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

INTROIT (11:00)

ARR. MOSES HOGAN

"WE SHALL WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY IN PEACE"

*We shall walk through the valley in peace. For Jesus himself will be our leader.  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.*



**Hymn No. 612:** The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.



**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (8:30)  
(11:00)

REV. POWERS  
THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

For the Lord is great;

**a great ruler over heaven and earth!**

**Let us worship the Lord, our God!**

**\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 612**

KREMSER

**"WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD"**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

REV. POWERS

We have failed to love you with all our heart  
and to be good stewards of your creation:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship  
and to be good stewards of your gospel:

**Christ, have mercy.**

We have failed to be faithful members of your church  
and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts:

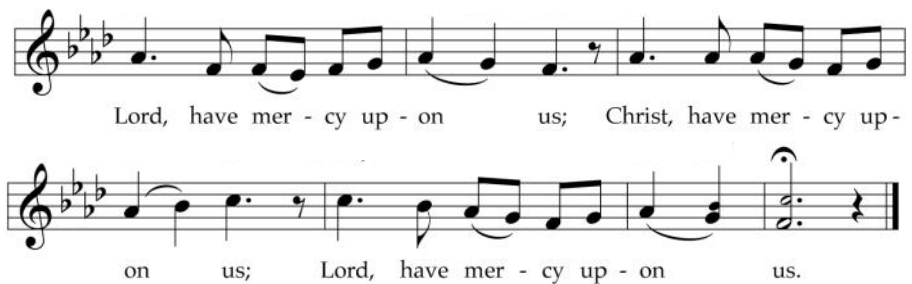
**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgiving One, meet us in our failings.

**By your mercy, make us new!**

(Silent Reflection)

**\*KYRIE**



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## We Praise You, O God

612



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.

MUSIC: *Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSE

12.11.12.11

(this tune in a lower key, 336)

*We sing in thanksgiving for the gifts of forgiveness and new life.*



*Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.*

*As children come forward during the gathering hymn, you are invited to pass your quarters to the center aisle for the children to collect for their offering. Quarters are sent to the Dougbe Presbyterian River School in Liberia.*



*Before we can know God, God knows us. Baptism is one of the two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in response to the grace of God, who calls us to be the people of God. We welcome children and adults into the fellowship of faith. The congregation promises to guide, nurture, and love the baptized person.*

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WE ARE FORGIVEN



## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. POWERS

LYDIA FORD

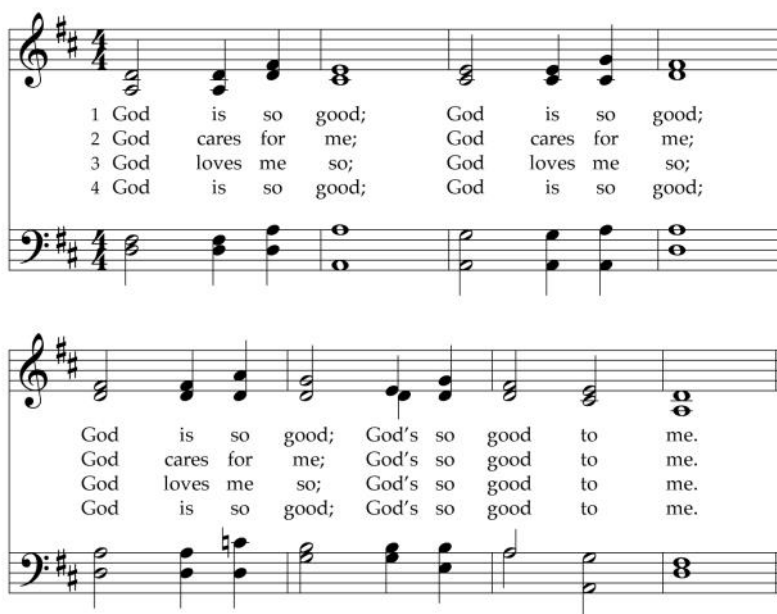
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

## HYMN OF GATHERING (11:00)

GOD IS SO GOOD

"GOD IS SO GOOD"



## TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

REV. POWERS &

THE REVEREND DR. CHARLIE DURHAM

JACK THOMAS BARBER

Son of Katie & Sam Barber, Brother of Olivia

## BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of blessing, child of promise,  
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you  
Unto love and grace divine.

Child of God, your loving Parent,  
Learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
Trust and love God more than all.

*At this time, three-year-olds to kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to the hallway with an adult and sign into Worship and Wonder.*

*The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.*

*The Affirmation of Faith this morning is from the Scots Confession.*



*During this time, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm or through the mail. Those in the sanctuary may place their offering in the plate as it is passed or through QR code.*

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. NARCISSE

SADIE LAWHEAD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON MATTHEW 25:14-30

REV. NARCISSE

SERMON

PARABLES THAT PREPARE US: THE TALENTS

SILENT REFLECTION

# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. GALE

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

Our faith and its assurance  
do not proceed from flesh and blood,  
that is to say, from natural powers within us,  
but are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost;  
whom we confess to be God,  
equal with the Father and with his Son,  
who sanctifies us,  
and brings us into all truth by its own working.  
Similarly, the cause of good works, we confess,  
is not our free will,  
but the Spirit of the Lord Jesus,  
who dwells in our hearts by true faith,  
brings forth such works as God has prepared for us to walk in.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

TEACHER APPRECIATION & APPEAL

BETH SIMPSON

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. VEAZEY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

REV. GALE



**Doxology literally means**  
*"words of glory." Doxologies  
 have long been used by  
 Jews and Christians to  
 praise God. We honor and  
 thank God "from whom all  
 blessings flow."*



**Hymn No. 716:** *God, Whose  
 Giving Knows No Ending This  
 text on stewardship was one  
 of about 450 submissions in  
 a search for such hymns  
 conducted by the Hymn  
 Society of America in 1961.  
 These words are well  
 grounded by their musical  
 setting, an early American  
 shape note tune named for a  
 Baptist church in Harris  
 County, Georgia.*



## OFFERTORY (8:30)

## "CONSECRATION"

JOHN NESS BECK, ARR. COURTNEY

(11:00)

## "BE THOU MY VISION"

ARR. CARLTON YOUNG

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
 Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
 Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
 May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. GALE

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS & REV. NARCISSE

## \*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 716

BEACH SPRING

"GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING"

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. NARCISSE

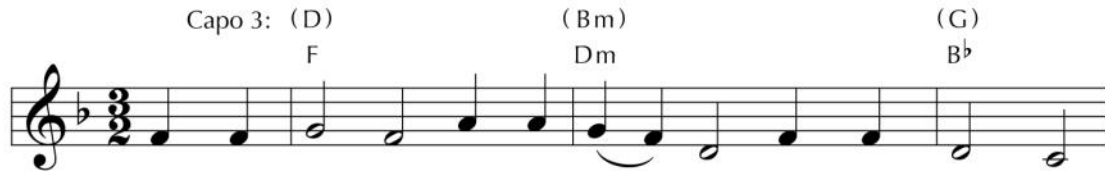
## POSTLUDE

"ALLA MARCIA"

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR



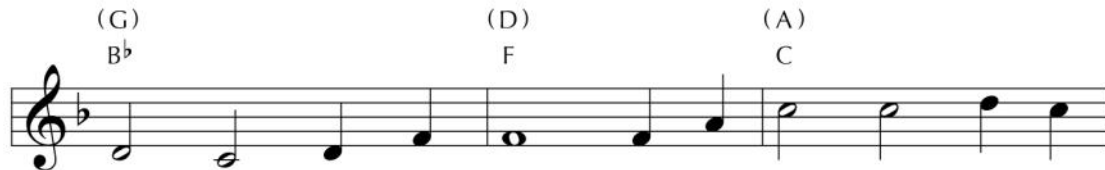
# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



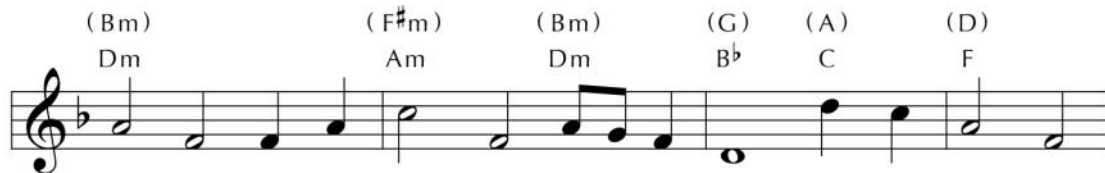
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING

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◆ *this week in print* ◆**Outreach Ministry**

**No Longer Strangers** sells Café Justo (Just Coffee), an organic fair trade coffee, after worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The cost is \$10 per pound (whole bean or ground), and the sales support Mexican coffee farmers.

**Room in the Inn** (Thursday, March 30): A multitude of volunteers are needed to provide a safe place for women to be housed for the evening. Please see the church calendar for more details about how to volunteer.

**Nurture Ministry**

**Yoga and Pottery:** Saturday, April 1 is the final opportunity to engage in these two spiritual practices this Lenten season. Yoga occurs from 9-10 a.m., and the pottery studio is open from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Come as you are able and enjoy sacred spaces for bodily and creative prayer.

**Adult & Young Adult Ministry**

**Presbytery of the Mid-South Spring Gathering** (Idlewild Sanctuary April 22): Coffee and pastries starts at 9 AM; the program begins at 10 with Rev. Joshua Narcisse as the speaker. Registration and more information can be found in Realm, or by contacting Barbara Denley.

**Johnson Auxiliary Chapel 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The Johnson Auxiliary, named for Idlewild associate pastor, was formed to support the now Regional One Health. To celebrate, we are asking for donations to update the Chapel. Use QR code to find more information.

**Racial Justice Mini-Retreat** (April 1): Participants should have already invested in this work, ideally by participating in the 101 retreat and/or the Looking Inward, Moving Forward class. Led by Mary McIntosh. Register in Realm. *Minimum of 10 registrants required for class to take place.*

**Youth Ministry**

**Youth Group** tonight 6:00 – 7:30 in the youth room.

**Idlewild hoodies** for sale today, \$45 in the TK Young room, to support youth summer trips.

**Children's Ministry**

**Eggs needed** for Easter Egg Hunt. Bring donation of stuffed plastic eggs to the lobby of the Jones Bldg. by 11:00 a.m. on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stuff with nut-free candy, stickers, or small toys.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00-4:30, on the Idlewild playground. Bring your basket!

**VBS sign-up today** in the TK Young room. VBS is June 5-8, from 9:00 – 12:00, for 3-4 year olds through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders – graduating teenagers can sign up to be camp counselors.



Registration links, sign ups, and zoom links are located on our church calendar. Find the calendar by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar).



## WELCOME NOTICES

**Welcome to Idlewild!** We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to Idlewild, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At Idlewild, it is our hope that all who enter find a home.

**Children are always welcome in worship.** In addition, childcare for children newborns—3 years is available in the Jones Building in Room 153. During the 11:00 service there is a special Time with the Younger Church, after which children ages 3 years—kindergarten may go to Worship and Wonder located in the Old Library on the second level. Parents pick up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship. Children of all ages are invited to pick up a worship packet in the main hallway that can be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

**New members are received by the Session.** If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call (901)726-4681 during the week.

**Prayer requests** are prayed daily by the Community Prayer Ministry Team and the Confidential Prayer Partners. If your prayers are confidential, you may call (901-487-6062) or submit them by email to [confidentialprayers@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:confidentialprayers@idlewildchurch.org). Otherwise, you can fill out a Community Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or fill out the Community Prayer Request form on the church website.

**If you have a personal emergency,** hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office at (901)726-4681. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may leave a confidential message (please press one to reach the voicemail box). Messages are checked regularly so that pastoral needs can be directed to the clergy.

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**The sanctuary flowers** are given today to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Donna Jeanne Arceneaux, Mrs. Shirley Edmonds Harvel, Mr. Joseph Matthew McCormick, Mrs. June White McCormick, Mr. Robert Faye Sharpe, Sr., Mr. Robert Faye Sharpe, Jr., and Mr. Malcolm Barboro Wood, Sr., by Emily Sharpe and Cate Scruggs who were married last evening.

**The 11:00 service** is live at [livestream.com/idlewild](https://livestream.com/idlewild) (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices). As always, worship is available by way of the radio on AM560, 96.1FM, or 98.5FM **Music is printed** under Onelicense.net A-702280.

**This Sunday's ushers** are members of the IdleWILD Women. They are a Presbyterian Women's Circle that meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month. If an evening circle works best for your schedule, ask them about joining the IdleWILD Women.

**If your group is interested in ushering,** please contact Kathy Lohman or Barbara Jennings. They will meet with your group and explain how simple and fun it is to usher at Idlewild.

**The cantor** for the 8:30 a.m. service this morning is Desiree Howe.

**The bulletin art** is by Zoe Whelan.

Jesus tells this parable to his disciples to prepare them for the days ahead when their faith will be tested. The story depicts how the disciples are to demonstrate their faithfulness as they anticipate the return of the Lord. This parable asks — what does faithfulness look like in a time of waiting?

My present day example steers away from financial “talents” and uses gardening. I have always loved to garden with my mom growing up. Something about waiting for sprouts to peek from the ground and the fantastical magic of a bud in bloom or a vegetable that gets plucked before the squirrel have a chance. To me, gardening has everything to do with faithfulness in light of this parable’s parameters. Gardening takes time, devotion, and nurturing. And possibly most importantly, giving back to the earth when the time comes.

## Jones Scholarship

**Funded by a generous** gift from our former senior minister and his wife, the Paul T. and Anna H. Jones Scholarship is awarded annually. To apply, write a letter describing your accomplishments/honors during your high school or college career, your involvement at church, and plans for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please send your application to [jonesscholarship@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:jonesscholarship@idlewildchurch.org) by April 30.

# Easter Lily Order Form

Lilies are given in honor or in memory of a loved one or someone you want to celebrate for their life and ministry at the church.

Orders must be received by April 2 for names to be in the Easter bulletin. Individual acknowledgements will not be sent.

NAME _____
PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____
Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$13 each). Designate flowers in memory or honor of, as circled below.

*Circle either Memory or Honor for each name.*

*Please attach additional sheet if needed.*

*Please print names carefully.*

## IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

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Use this QR code to make your order online



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### MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Ministers: All the members of Idlewild Presbyterian Church

For staff phone numbers and emails visit [www.idlewildchurch.org](http://www.idlewildchurch.org) or call the church.

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**Courtney Veazey**  
*Designated Associate Pastor for Outreach & Nurture*  
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*Transitional Associate Pastor for Adult Formation & Care*

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