



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 29, 2025 | 10:00 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.



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installation of a pastor, this
text is really about the
mutual ministry shared by all
members of a worshipping
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Christmas associations for
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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

PAVANE

ROBERT ELMORE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ALESIA O'CONNOR

Where can we go from God's Spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence?

Our God is nearer to us than the wind.

If we go down to the depths, if we go to the limits of the sea,

Our God is nearer to us than the very truth.

In the heights of the mountains, in the darkness of the valleys,

Our God is nearer to us than even silence.

We come to worship the Lord,

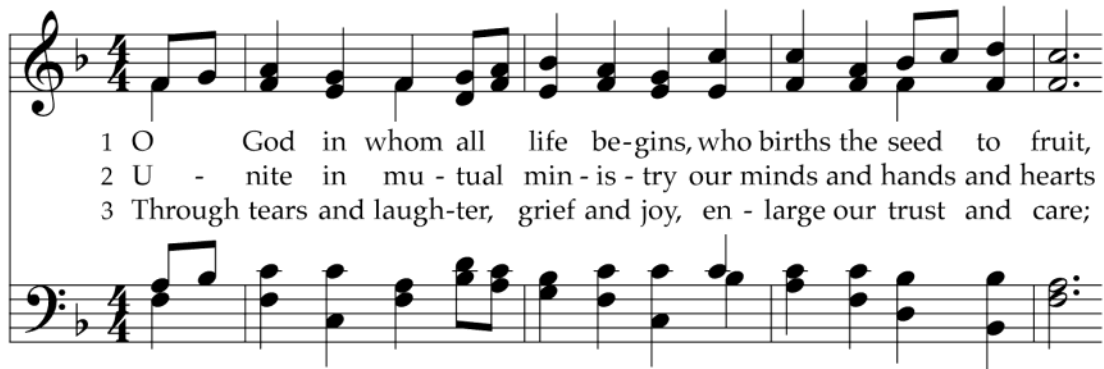
The One who is nearer than our very breath.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 308**

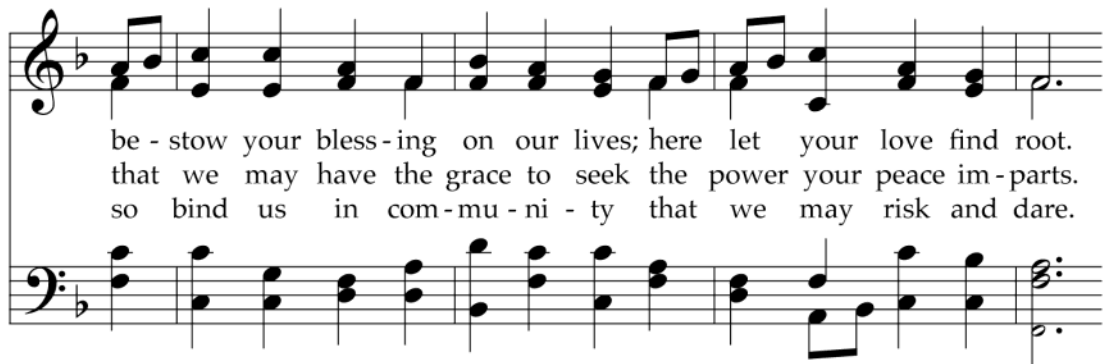
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O GOD IN WHOM ALL LIFE BEGINS

O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



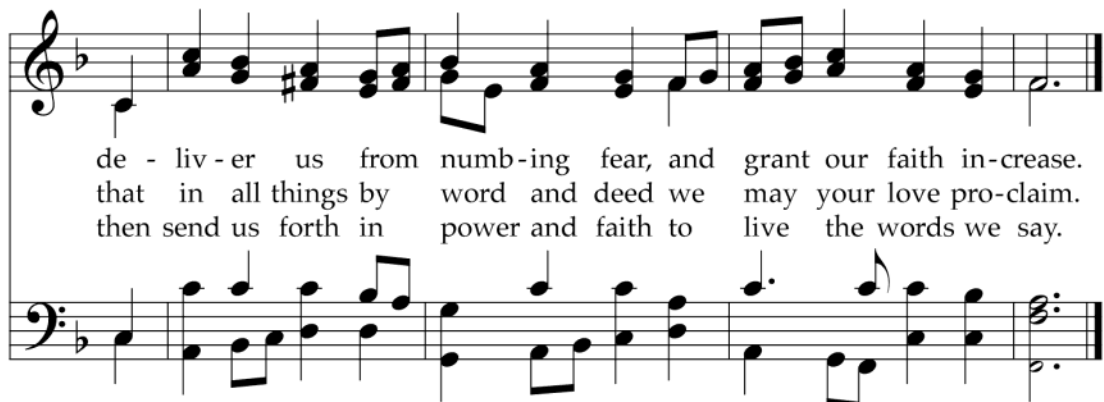
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



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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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

Holy God, we call upon your presence in our lives,
and in the next breath tell you how we expect you to act.
We offer our hearts and live on our terms.
We make sure you know when we think you've gone wrong.
We are full of human thoughts
and there's little room for your thoughts.
We are full of human concerns
and there is little room for your breath to fill what remains.
Forgive us again. Correct us.
Turn us around, and teach us your ways.
Lead us as we let go of all that we have grasped so tightly,
that we may feel your Spirit as near to us as our next breath.

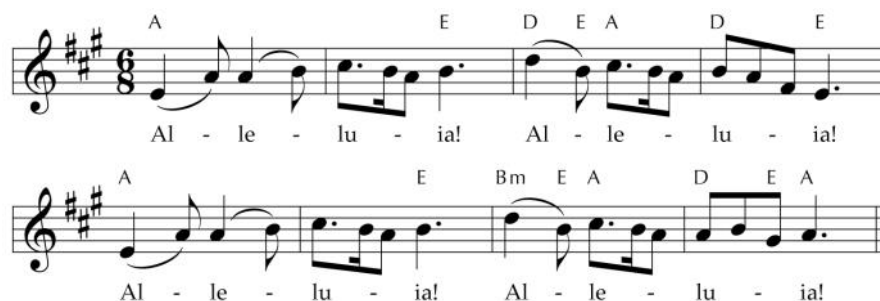
(Silent Confession)



*RESPONSE NO. 587

ALLELUIA

CELTIC ALLELUIA



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE NO. 581

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

GLORIA PATRI



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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

REV. VEAZEY

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!



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.



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



Found on page 2 Of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

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

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 175

LAFFERTY

SEEK YE FIRST



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,
and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

CHAD BRADDOCK

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.

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

THE REVEREND JOSHUA H. NARCISSE

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. NARCISSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

GENESIS 2:4-8

SERMON

NEARER THAN BREATH

SILENT REFLECTION



Today's Affirmation of Faith
is from *The Confession of*
1967.



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.



RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SHANE O'CONNOR

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives
of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing
power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful humankind.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord
and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created the world of space and time
to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.

In its beauty and vastness,
sublimity and awfulness,
order and disorder,
the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty
and the mystery of its Creator.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

JESSICA JOSHI

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

REV. VEAZEY

OFFERTORY

HALLELUJAH, AMEN (JUDAS MACCABAEUS) GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL
SUMMER CHOIR

Hallelujah, Amen! O Judah, rejoice. Rejoice, O Judah,
with songs divine, with cherubim and seraphim, harmonious join.



Hymn No. 286: In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

***RESPONSE**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Christ all crea - tures
here be - low Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more Praise Tri - une God whom we a -
dore Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

REV. VEAZEY

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

***HYMN OF SENDING No. 286**

TRENTHAM

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD
NOAH LIVINGSTON, FLUTE SOLOIST

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

REV. NARCISSE

POSTLUDE

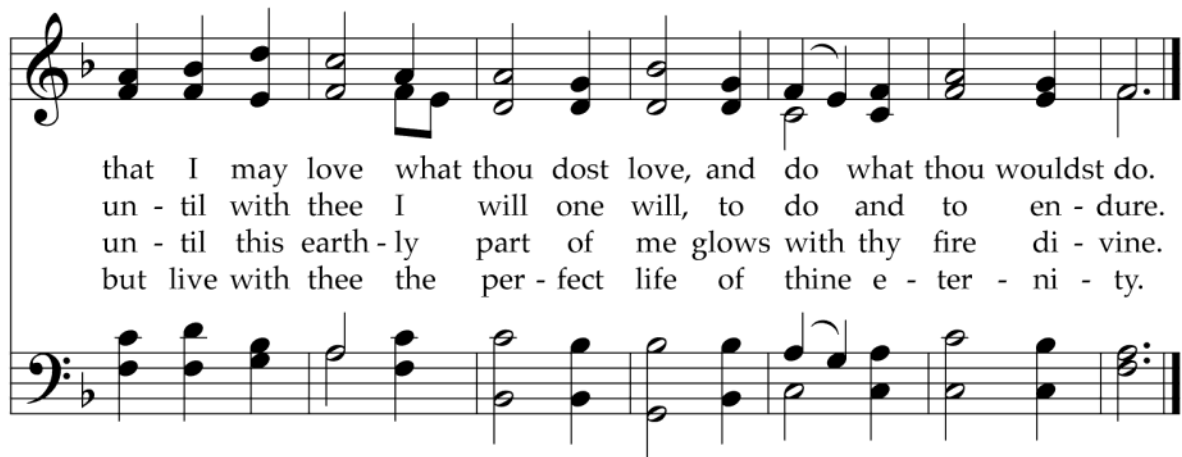
TOCCATA FESTIVA

GORDON YOUNG

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
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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. 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. During the sanctuary service there is a special Time with the Younger Church.



After, children ages 3 years— kindergarten may go to Worship and Wonder on the third floor of the Jones building. **If you would like your child to attend Worship and Wonder, registration is required** once each semester by scanning the QR code. Parents pick-up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship.

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Connect with a Pastor after worship.

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. Otherwise, you can fill out a Community Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or submit them by email to communityprayer@idlewildchurch.org.

If you have a hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call or text (901) 654-6872. The Pastor on Call will respond as soon as possible. You can also email pastor@idlewildchurch.org.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Chad Braddock, from his supper club. "...on the wings of eagles" - Isaiah 40:31

Sanctuary flowers are given in honor, celebration, or in appreciation of those we love. We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Sunday services. If you are interested in donating, find the registration page at idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication.

The 10:00 service is live at youtube.com/@idlewild.church/streams. 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 week in print* ♦

Church-Wide

Sunday School Sabbath (July 6): There will be no Sunday School classes for children or adults next Sunday.

Adult Ministry

Adult Forum (July 13, Montgomery Hall, 9 am): Join us for an update from the MidSouth Food Bank!

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays at 2 pm, Room 303): We are finishing *Slouching Towards Bethlehem* by Joan Didion. Our next book will be a novel by Alice McDermott entitled *Absolution*.

The Caregiver Support Group is not meeting on Tuesday, July 1. We will resume on August 5.

Outreach

Room in the Inn is a hospitality oriented ministry at Idlewild for our unsheltered neighbors. The Summer Season runs from May – September. Sign up to volunteer at the link below!

Fellowship and Recreation

Community and Connection @ Memphis Riverboat Cruise (July 15 at 2 pm): Join us for a 90-minute sight-seeing tour on the Mississippi River! Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Adults are \$20. Kids are \$15. Family cap is \$75. Register on Realm by July 11.

Open Mahjong Play—Now in the Evening! Our Mahjong Ministry at Idlewild is growing, and we're excited to add evening time slots! Sign up using the link in the *This Week at Idlewild* Newsletter or at idlewildchurch.org/fellowship-and-recreation.

Children & Youth Ministries

Summer Sunday School (9:00 - 9:45 am): Summer Sunday school is full of laid-back fun. Children ages 3 through 5th grade will gather in the Large Group Sunday School room (326). Middle & High schoolers can join the Adult Forums (Montgomery Hall) or help with Children's Sunday School.

Youth Summer Meetups: We'll have a short Bible lesson at each and lots of time for fellowship and fun. Join us!
Thursday, July 10 | 3:45 - 5:45 pm | Volunteer at More Than a Meal | Chapel
Sunday, July 27 | 3 - 5 pm | Snacks and Games | Youth Room (Jones Building)



Registrations, sign-ups, and other relevant links:
www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar.

A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

Jesus Christ is the center;
the mighty voice of God inspires us to love;
the Spirit joyfully sustains and nurtures seekers of every age,
stage, and circumstance.

Worship forms the core of community life;
prayer binds our brokenness and connects us in Christ's love
to God and to one another;
music, poetry, and art flourish in gratitude to our Creator;
the beauty of creation is treasured and preserved;
all the members of the church are ministers.

The focus is scripture and its meaning for today;
faith is formed and spirits nourished through reflection,
practice and shared learning;
the wisdom of other faith traditions is respected;
and a diverse membership enriches and unites us.

Justice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration;
all voices are heard;
recreation and play are a wellspring for fellowship,
celebration, and growth;
the love of God guides our minds and spirits,
leading us to right action in our hearts, our homes,
our community, our nation, and our world,

And all who enter find a home.



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Ministers: All the members of Idlewild Presbyterian Church

For staff phone numbers and emails visit www.idlewildchurch.org or call the church.

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