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MITZRAYIM - EGYPT

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE (8:30)

I. TRUMPET AIR

JAMES BREMMER

II. PRESTO

JOHN CHRISTOPHER MOLLER

(11:00)

FAITHFULNESS

ARR. BRADLEY ANDERSON

THE HANDBELL CHOIR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30)

THE REVEREND DAVID POWERS

(11:00)

SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

Come, people of God,
from every place we have wandered and every place we have felt confined.

We gather to worship the God who sees us and knows us.

Come with your hopes, your burdens, your questions, and your praise.

We gather to worship the God who hears the cry of the people.

Come and remember: no place of fear or bondage is beyond the reach of God.

We gather to worship the God who leads us toward freedom.

With joyful hearts, let us worship the Lord!

Hymn No. 32: With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.



*HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 32

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

ELLACOMBE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. POWERS

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

God of freedom, we confess that we grow accustomed to narrow places.

We settle for what diminishes life in us and in others.

Our fear makes us cling to control, comfort, and what we already know.

We fail to trust the new life toward which you call us.

We overlook the burdens carried by our neighbors
and the systems that keep others bound.

We forget that the freedom you desire is never ours alone.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Loose what binds us and lead us in the way of new life.

(Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. POWERS

REV. GALE

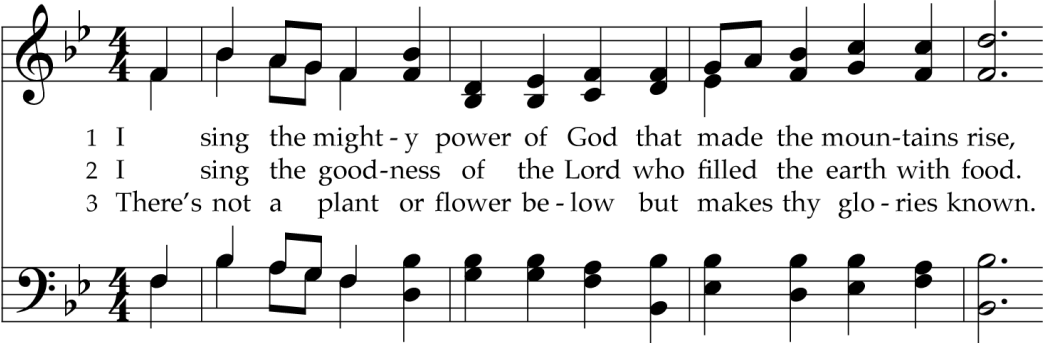
*RESPONSE No. 450

BE THOU MY VISION

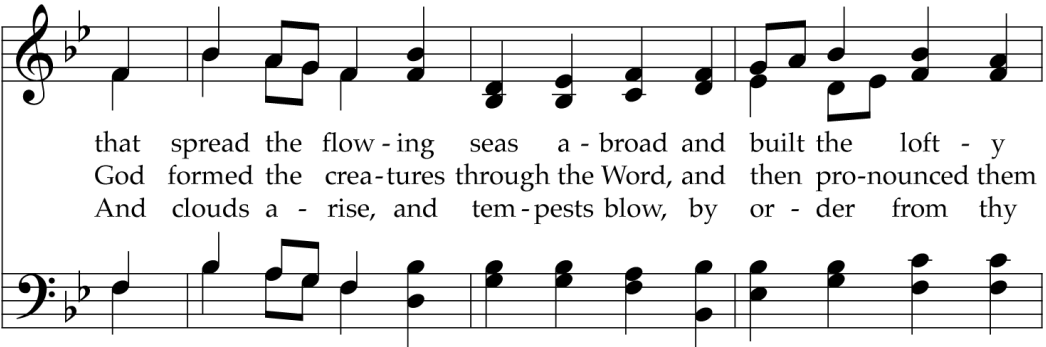
SLANE

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

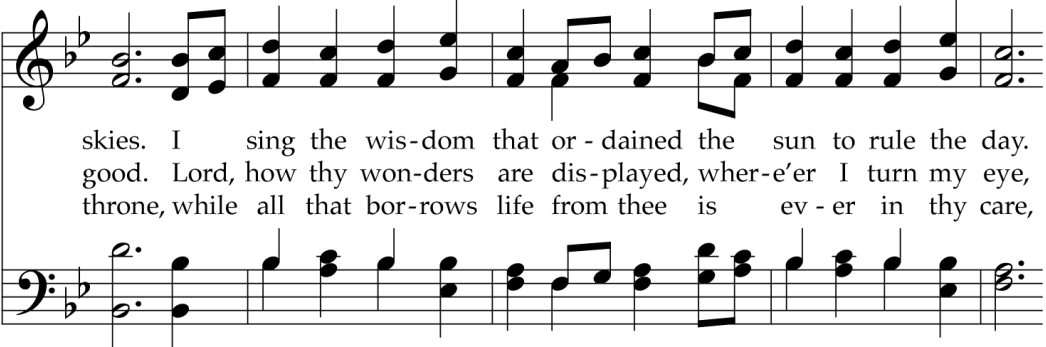
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



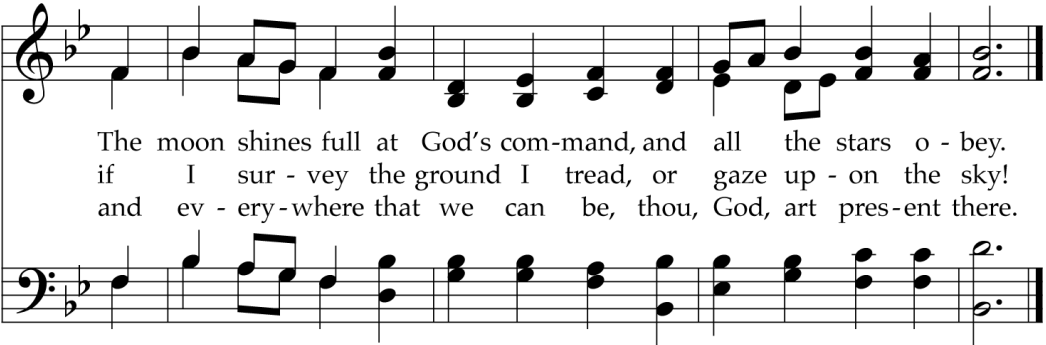
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



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.

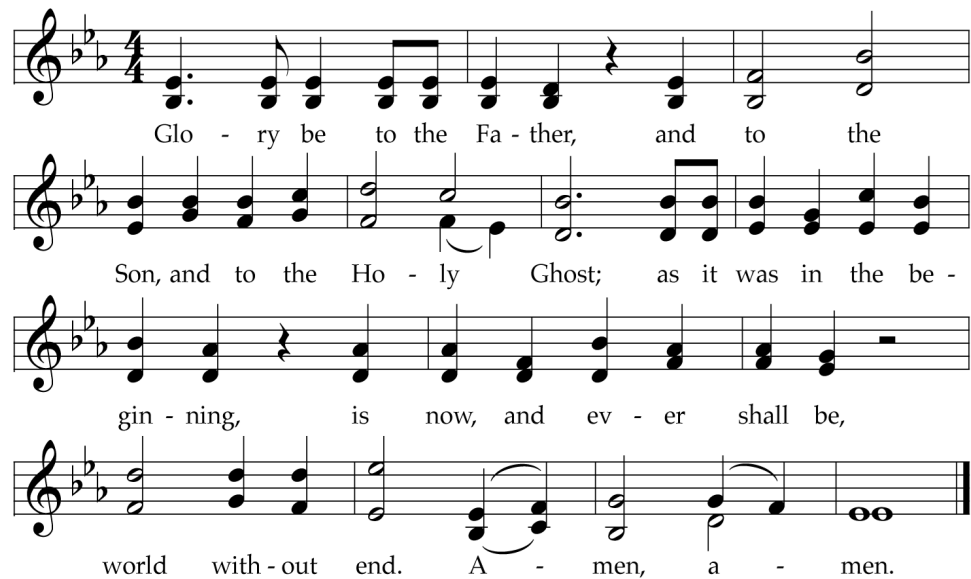
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*RESPONSE No. 581

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.

As children come forward during the time of 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.

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



Found on page 53 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30) (11:00)

REV. POWERS
HEIDI MURPHY

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

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

MANNA JUBILEE
THE HANDBELL CHOIR

SONDRA TUCKER

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

WHITNEY GETMAN

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

REV. POWERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 1:8-14

SERMON

HEBREW 101 - MITZRAYIM (EGYPT)

REV. POWERS

SILENT REFLECTION



Today's Affirmation of Faith is
from *A Brief Statement of Faith*.



Room in the Inn: On Thursday
evenings, Idlewild partners
with Room in the Inn to host
women in need of shelter.
Offering dinner, access to
showers, a secure and
comfortable place to sleep,
and breakfast the following
morning.

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. POWERS
WHITNEY GETMAN

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

**We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

**Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

ROOM IN THE INN

AMANDA RAY

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.



This morning's offertory anthem is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.



OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (8:30) (11:00)

REV. POWERS
REV. GALE

OFFERTORY (8:30)

BE STILL, MY SOUL
JOHN SANBORN, TENOR

SIBELIUS; ARR. TAIT

(11:00)

O HOW AMIABLE
THE CHANCEL CHOIR

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the house of the Lord: My heart and my
flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her
young: even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee.

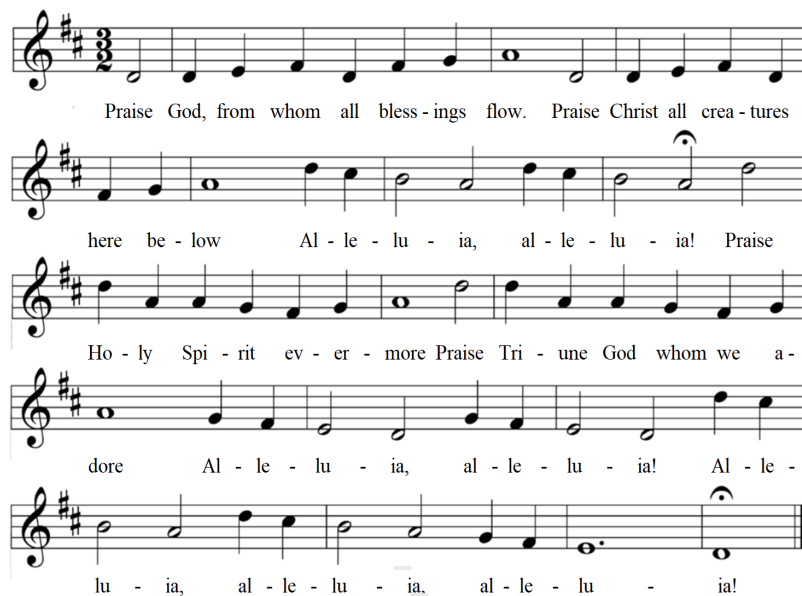
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands
upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. (Psalm 84 & 90)

*RESPONSE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30) (11:00)

REV. POWERS
REV. GALE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS



Hymn No. 772: *This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author’s first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women’s National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.*

SEND IN GOD’S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 772

TRURO

LIVE INTO HOPE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

TOLLITE HOSTIAS (PRAISE YE, THE LORD OF HOSTS)

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976

MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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TRURO

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♦ *this week in print* ♦

Church-Wide

Our Diaconate Connections Team helps to coordinate meals for our church family in times of joy and of sorrow. If you'd like to be added to the list of potential volunteers, or if you know of an individual or family in need, you can reach out to Carol Fields (carol.s.fields@gmail.com).

Adult Ministry

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays, 2pm, Parlor): This month Pat Kelly will lead a discussion on the book *East of Eden* by Nobel Prize winner, John Steinbeck. Published in 1952, it's a powerful and vastly ambitious novel that is at once a family saga and a modern retelling of the Book of Genesis. Contact stephanierodda@gmail.com for more information.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: The Idlewild Men's Bible Study meets each Tuesday morning at 9 am in Montgomery Hall for fellowship and breakfast. The church provides coffee and a full southern breakfast for a small fee. Please contact Charles Key for more information (voice or text 901-481-3321 or email ckey2012@icloud.com).

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon: The Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering will be Saturday, September 26 in Montgomery Hall from 11am-1pm. Please join us whether you are new to PW or returning for another year of fellowship and learning. Lunch is \$15. RSVP in Realm or email Sarah Prosser at sprosser901@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry

Second Grade Bible Workshop: Second graders and their families are invited to a fun, hands-on Bible Workshop following today's worship service! Enjoy lunch together and learn how to navigate and use the Bible. Parents and siblings are welcome! If you're interested in your second grader to attend, register on realm today.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: The Children's Ministry committee is looking for volunteers to teach and help with Sunday School this fall. Contact Whitney Getman (whitney@idlewildchurch.org) for more details.

Youth Ministry

Volunteers Needed: We're looking for caring adults to join our Sunday School teaching team this year. You don't need to be a Bible expert, just someone willing to listen, learn alongside our youth, and help create a warm, welcoming place where they can grow.

Fellowship & Recreation

NaCoMe - All Church Camp registration is now open. Get away with your church family and join us for a relaxed weekend filled with connection and fun by the creek at NaCoMe Oct 9-11th!

Stitchery Circle (Wednesdays, 10am-12pm, Parlor): Join your fellow stitchers for fellowship, support, and tips on various needlecrafts (such as knitting, embroidery, crochet, and even mending). Bring your own project/supplies. Drop in, no registration necessary.

Outreach

Immigrant Food Pantry Drive: September 20 - October 4, We are again collecting non-perishable food items for the Immigrant Pantry, which provides emergency food assistance to immigrant families in Memphis impacted by the Memphis Safe Task Force. Donations may be dropped off at the Jones Building front desk in the bin marked "immigrant Pantry." For questions, please contact Melissa Peeler at 901-674-3431 or email NoLongerStrangers@idlewildchurch.org.



Sign-ups and other relevant links can be found at 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. 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 today to the glory of God and in celebration and thanksgiving for Meredith Pritchett's 90th birthday, from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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. Make a donation 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**.



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