



Rally SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

**Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song.
Sing praise in the assembly of the faithful.
*Psalm 149:1***

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Rally Sunday!

Prelude *Processional in C* Hopson

Tolling of the Bells

Call to Worship

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to God!

*Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Thank you, God, for gathering us here in your holy house—to sing and pray, to speak and listen, to wonder and grow. Teach us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit that we may go out sharing your great love with our neighbors, friends and those we have yet to meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Choir Introit *Praise His Holy Name* Hampton

*The Peace of Christ

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Blessing of the Devices

Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NRSV/The Message)

Blessing

Sermon

Anthem *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Larson

*The Choir invites the congregation to join in singing **verse 3**. Pay attention to your cue!*

You may rise in body or in spirit. Just be sure to sing out with your full breath!

Prayers of the People

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

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.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Air (from Water Music)

Handel

Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Blessed Assurance

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

Arr. Hopson



*Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body
or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission.*

You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

*All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be
difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can
deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.*

Our Core Values

- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

Our Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
- We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
- We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
- We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
- We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).

GOD

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Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

From A Festival of Hymns (45/1641L)

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Words by
Christian H. Bateman, 1843

SATB and Piano with opt. Orchestra

Arranged by **Lloyd Larson**

Tune: MADRID

Traditional Spanish Melody

Broadly ♩ = ca. 92

45 *f* +Congregation

Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Musical notation for measures 45-48, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

49

Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia!

Musical notation for measures 49-51, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

52

A - men! On heav - en's bliss - ful shore—

Musical notation for measures 52-54, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

55

His good - ness we'll a - dore, sing - ing for -

Musical notation for measures 55-57, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

58

ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A -

Musical notation for measures 58-60, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

61

men!

Musical notation for measures 61-62, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



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87 Edgell Road, Framingham, MA**

September 30, 10 AM – 2 PM

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Open & Affirming Covenant

We believe all people are created in the image of God, and we embrace Jesus' call to love one another. We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of being an Open and Affirming congregation. We strive, with God's grace, to welcome all persons into our community. We celebrate our differences, including age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socioeconomic status, mental and physical ability, and spiritual tradition. We invite all to share fully the life, leadership, ministry, and sacraments of this church. Trusting in the Holy Spirit, we journey together in faith.



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