

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025, 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Ringling of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Prelude in A Minor

J.S. Bach, arr. Whitford

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Students

Presentation of Hymnal

Spiritual Formation Team

Mateo Diaz-Atkinson, entering kindergarten

Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Call to Worship

In a world where lies surround us, **your word is like fire, God nearby!**

In a world full of false prophets and empty promises, **your word is like fire, God nearby!**

In a world where words don't have meaning, **your word is like fire, God nearby!**

We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.

We are here to worship the God who is nearby!

*Hymn 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*Opening Prayer

God of the ages, when we face raging fires and imprisoning chains,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we encounter the edge of violence,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we are persecuted and tormented by the evils of this world,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we have to go about in disguise because we can't be ourselves,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we wander in deserts and mountains and hide in caves and holes in the ground,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

Even when we know we may not see the fruit of our labor, even if we can't reach the promised land,

give us the faith of our ancestors.

We give thanks that perseverance will one day bear fruit, that we don't run this race alone,
and that our ancestors go with us now and always. **Amen.**

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes. With a welder's fierce fire, you fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with impurities. In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us. Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us. Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship you rightly.

Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print.*

*Assurance of Pardon

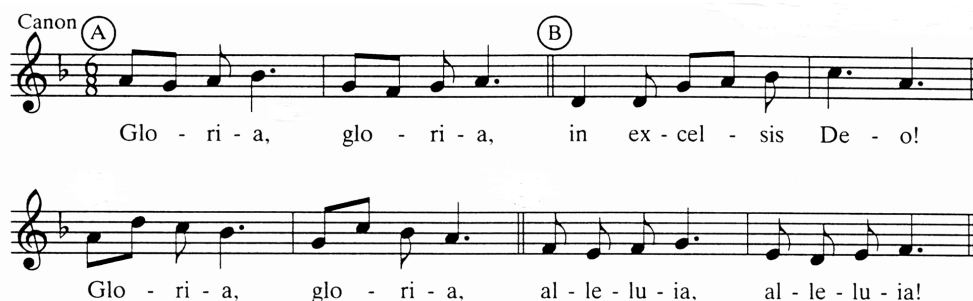
Believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*Sung Response Hymn 583

Gloria, Gloria

GLORIA (Taizé)

Sung once in unison, twice in canon (A = North, B = South)



*The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Fred Kilgallin

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 5:1–7

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

Epistle

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

Gospel

Luke 12:49–56

Rev. Glenn Hodges

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**
... Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

If You Love Me

Joel Raney

*My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,
and I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me, if you love me,
if you love me keep my commands.*

*Though I may leave you, I will return,
I'll go prepare a place beside me.
And if you love me, if you love me,
if you love me keep my commands.*

*Because I live, you too, shall live.
I bring you peace that the world cannot give.
My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,
and I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me, if you love me,
if you love me keep my commands.
If you love me.*

*Presentation Hymn 608

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*Blessing and Charge

The kingdom of God, the power of Christ, and the glory of the Spirit be with you forever. **Alleluia!**
Go in peace to love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Jubilate Deo

G.F. Handel

IN WORSHIP TODAY

“Kingdom” or “Kindom” in the Lord's Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing for Amy Guthrie, Wayne Friedemann, Barbara Kronholz, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, and Martha Snowden. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for Brooklyn and all those involved in her care, Evanna (Wayne Friedemann's sister), Patricia McCoy Delancey, Thaddeus Gillon, and Aidan (grandson of Sue Safford). We pray for the staff and volunteers of Second Harvest of the Big Bend as well as those of all our mission partners. We pray for victims of gun violence in our community and our country. We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. We pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie. **We also pray for all students** starting a new school year this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the door to the Narthex. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T-telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large Print Versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

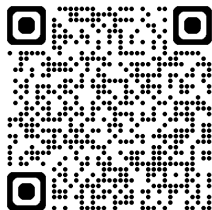
Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or about church membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members after worship on the second Sunday of each month.

The Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering will be held next Sunday, August 24, from 3:30–5 PM in the Westminster Room. Childcare will be provided.

Check-In



Let us know you came
to Worship today!



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4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny;
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

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This Is My Song

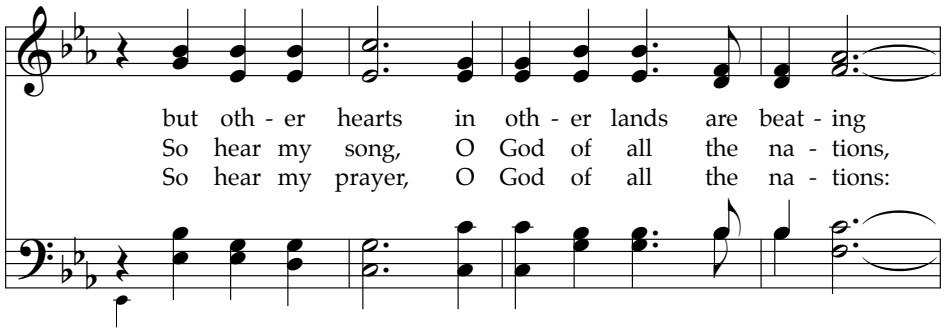
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

The first system of the musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G3, a half note A3, and a half note B3. The system concludes with a double bar line.



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

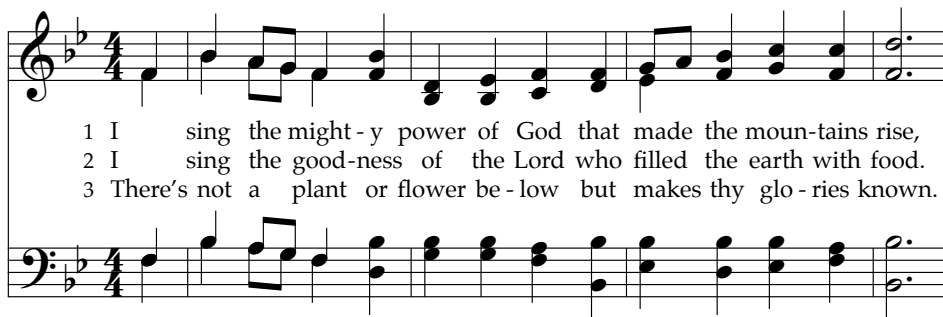
The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line continues with a half note C5, a half note D5, and a half note E5. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note C4, a half note D4, and a half note E4. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

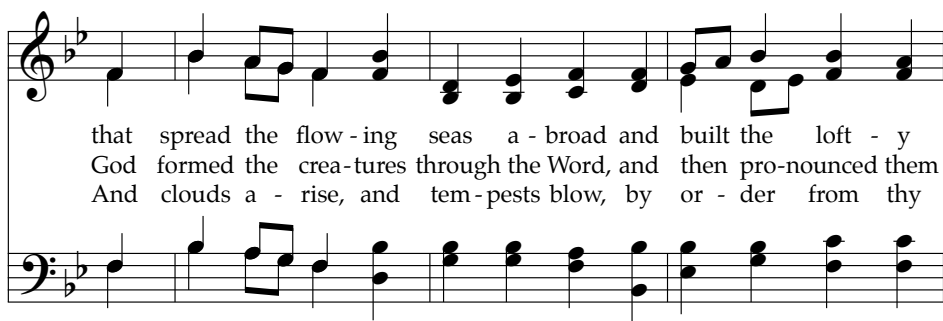
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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

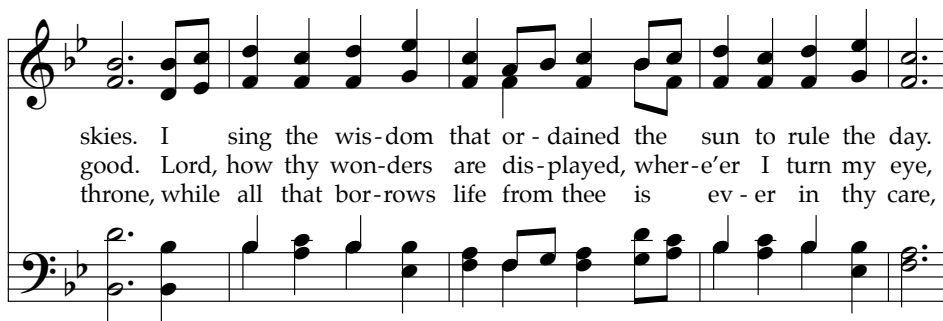
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



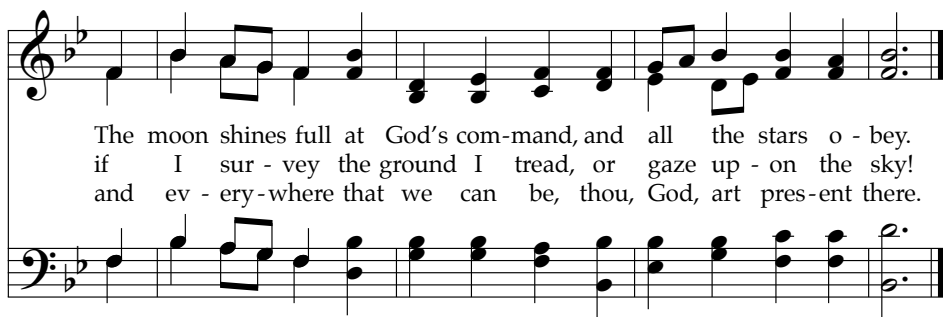
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



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.

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.