We Gather as the People of God

#Musical Call to Worship More Love to Thee, O Christ

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#Greeting and Invitation to Discipleship

‡*Opening Sentences

Leader: Come — the God of every blessing calls us to worship.

People: We offer God our thanks and praise.

Leader: Come — the God who longs for relationship calls us to worship.

People: We bring our whole selves, trusting and doubting, to meet the living God.

Leader: Come — the God who is faithful to every promise calls us to worship. **People:** We trust God's goodness and seek to be faithful in return.

All: Come, Let us worship God together!

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

God who makes and keeps promises, when we are worried that your timeline and ours don't seem to match up, and we get tired of waiting for your promise to come true: forgive us.

When we have narrowed our understanding of blessing, and our vision of your promise is too small: Forgive us, and open us to the fullness of your grace. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Psalm 27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Catherine Neelly Burton

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



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.

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

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. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory God is my shepherd

Dvořák

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: Cambridge Presbyterian Church **Ministry:** Nominating Team

Care and Comfort: Elizabeth Feemster, Hannah and Gabe Juhnke, Kathleen Warfield **Sympathy:** to Herb and Cindy Dethloff at the death of their daughter-in-law; to the family and friends of George Evans

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(Traditional)

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.

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

*Hymn No. **49** The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

*Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia! Amen. **People:** Alleluia! Amen.

The Postlude The Church's One Foundation arr. Krug

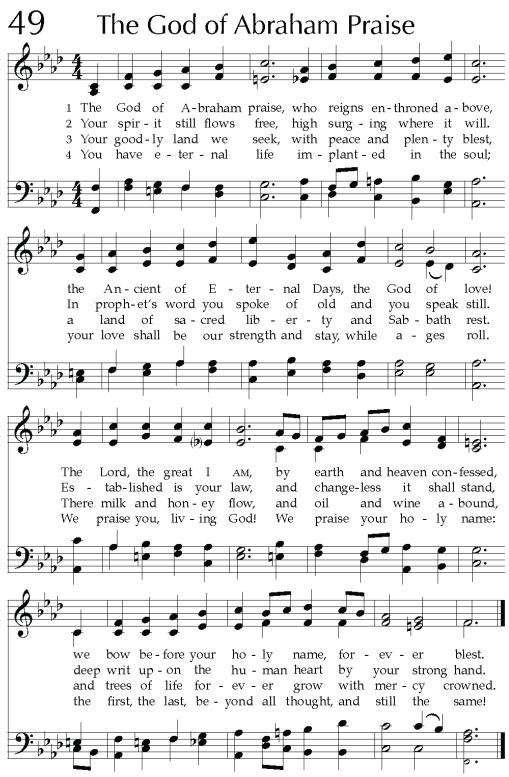
*(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

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Liturgy comes from/is adapted from: BibleWorm Liturgy by Terri Peterson for September 20, 2020



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.