

We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship *More Love to Thee, O Christ* arr. Hayes

‡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!

*‡Hymn No. **32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

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

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.

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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Kelsey Wise, Organist

Liturgy comes from/is adapted from: [BibleWorm Liturgy](#) by Terri Peterson for September 20, 2020

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

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.