

WORSHIP SERVICE

JULY 7, 2024, 9:00AM

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PRELUDE

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

C. Hubert H. Parry

WORDS OF WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

God of our mothers and fathers, and our God:

**People: we come to this place to worship and praise You.**

Leader: We come because of a deep longing and aching for  
Your presence in our lives.

**People: We come as we are**

Leader: with joys and sorrows,

**People: with successes and failures,**

Leader: wanting to know You and be known by You,

**People: wanting to bridge the distance that we have  
allowed to grow between us.**

Leader: O Lord, draw close to us now.

**People: Draw closer to us than our own breathing.**

Leader: Look upon our brokenness—

**People: and make us whole.**

Leader: See into the darkness of our lives—

**People: and make us light.**

Leader: Hear the silent confessions of our hearts—

**People: and extend to us Your forgiveness...**

(Silence)

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love for us is greater than the sin we commit against God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the Good News we proclaim in this place: when we confess our sins before God and one another, we are forgiven.

**People: Alleluia! Amen!**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you**

*Children in grades Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> recess to the combined classroom.*

\*HYMN (*page 6*)

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and

proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

WWJP (What Would Jesus Pack)  
Marianna Kilbride

SERMON RESPONSE

Go Light Your World

Chris Rice

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

Calvin Hampton

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As a congregation, we pray together – through word, silence, and  
The Lord's Prayer (sins)

\*HYMN (*page 7*)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondeau (from *Sinfonie de Fanfares*)

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Jacob Kozar, trumpet

\*Congregation please stand.

COLLECTION OF OFFERING

Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates provided  
as you enter or leave this morning.

Thank you to Peter Farnsworth for hosting our fellowship time  
this morning. Please join us on the front lawn immediately  
following the service.

## MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Director of Music Ministries (DMM) Search Committee is thrilled to announce a successful conclusion to our search process, as Nerva Altino has formally accepted our offer to join us as a full-time member of the church staff.

Nerva is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, where he received his Master's Degree in Music, and of Atlantic Union College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in piano, with an emphasis in Sacred Music and Pipe Organ Studies. He immigrated to New York City from Haiti with his family as a child and grew up in Queens. His father was a church pianist who encouraged Nerva's love of music at a young age, and along with his brother, Nerva is part of a piano duo known as the Altino Brothers. Together, they've been blessed to perform in such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Yale University's Woolsey Hall, and The Library of Congress, and have also appeared on numerous television programs, including CBS NY Sunday Morning, NBC's Today Show and the TBN Hour of Power in the Crystal Cathedral.

Nerva also has over 35 years of experience as a church organist, including over 25 years as a Music Director/Choral Leader, and his goal has always been to serve God wherever he makes music. He served for twelve years as the Director of Music Ministry at Alexandria Presbyterian Church in Milford, NJ, and as the Director of Music Ministry for the past nine years at his home church, the Linden Seventh Day Adventist Church in Laurelton, New York. He also has deep experience working with and teaching music to children, in both church choirs and through private instruction. Nerva currently resides in Brooklyn, NY with his wife, Jelaine, and they have two adult daughters.

Although his official start date with us will be on August 15, he is planning to attend a few services this summer in order to get to know us better, and we are eager for you all to meet him. Please introduce yourself to him and warmly welcome him into our church family.

### ARE YOU VISITING OUR CHURCH TODAY?

Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us! If you have questions about our church or wish to join us for our next new member class, please contact Anna Rogers at (203) 274-0097 or [welcoming@godsacre.org](mailto:welcoming@godsacre.org).

### NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

#### FELLOWSHIP SUMMER SOCIAL - JULY 18

Join us at the parsonage from 6:30-8:30pm on Thursday, July 18, for our summer social. Gather with your church friends and enjoy an evening of adult conversation and fellowship. Light bites and desserts will be served; please bring your favorite beverage to share. RSVP to Laurel Carr at [laurel@godsacre.org](mailto:laurel@godsacre.org) by Monday, July 15.

#### JULY PLATE OFFERING

The July plate offering will go towards Open Doors in Norwalk. Open Doors' mission strives to make a direct impact in the greater Norwalk area by guiding every person in the cycle of homelessness towards housing stability.

#### NEXT STATION TO HEAVEN - SUMMER PODCAST

*Next Station to Heaven* will feature weekly podcast episodes on "Faith Basics" throughout the summer. Look for the email prompt each Monday or go to your favorite podcast outlet to enjoy our summer series.

#### SUMMER SERVICE RECOVERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Recovery Community Development can use your help renovating sober living houses in Bridgeport this summer. The work includes a variety of construction tasks and can be coordinated to suit your schedule and skill level. To learn more or to schedule a time, contact Leigh Engen at [leigh.engen@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.engen@gmail.com).

#### SUMMER WORSHIP ON GOD'S ACRE – 9:00AM WORSHIP

In the summer months, we will have one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Memorial Garden. Nursery care will be available for children ages 3 and under. We will also offer an optional combined church school class from June 16 - July 21 for children ages 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

## God of Grace and God of Glory

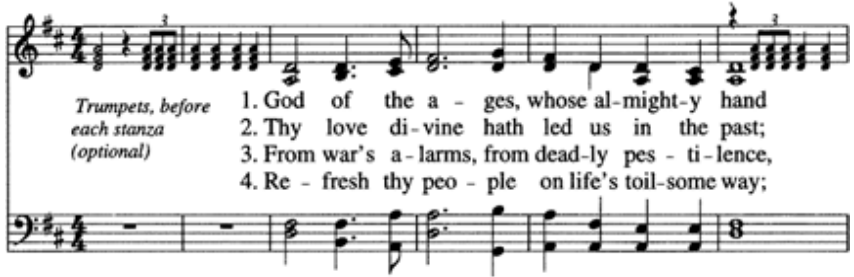
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -  
 3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; now ful - fill your church - 's sto - ry; bring its bud to  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

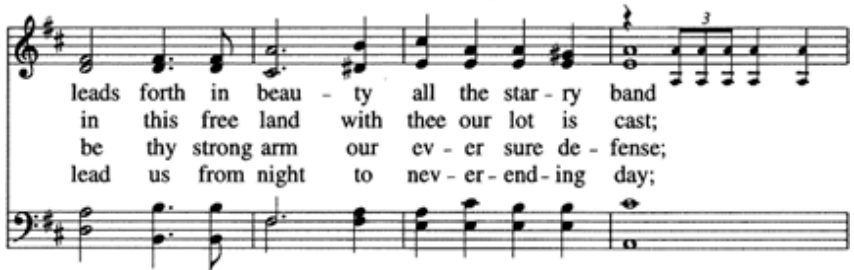
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your heav'n - ly goal, lest we miss your heav'n - ly goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

# God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

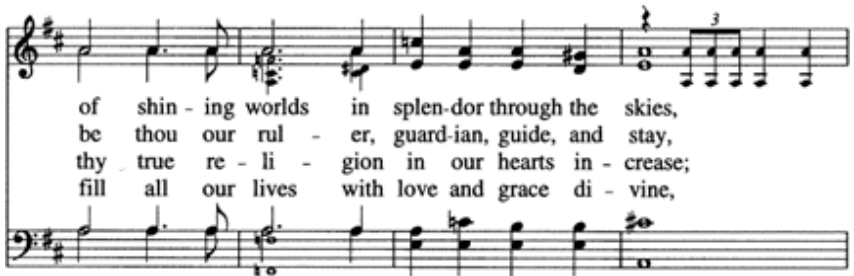


*Trumpets, before each stanza (optional)*


1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh thy peo - ple on life's toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,  
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP:

Marianna Kilbride

*Director of Spiritual Formation*

Dr. Michael Burnette

*Interim Director of Music Ministries*

Anne Maguire, mezzo-soprano

*Soloist*

DEACON

Teri Reed

We are a welcoming, inclusive and compassionate church community where difference and diversity are valued. We gather to promote the love and knowledge of the God revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Redeemer and Friend, and welcome all to participate in the life of our church regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, ability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

We invite you to make an offering today.

