



SERVICE FOR THE  
LORD'S DAY  
AUGUST 9, 2020  
11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Choral*

Joseph Jongen

*During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.*

*God of mercy,  
grant that the Word you speak this day  
may take root in my heart  
and bear fruit to your honor and glory,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

INTROIT

*Cantate Domino*

Giuseppe Pitoni

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

All: **On the day I called, you answered me.**

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

One: Let us worship the Lord our God!

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy triune God,  
we confess that we have not lived for your glory.  
You claim us as your people,  
but we seek out other saviors.  
You welcome us into your house,  
but we bring conflict and division.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Restore and rebuild us  
so that we may be ready to live  
in the eternal home you promise.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:  
**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**  
One: And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

## RESPONSE: HYMN 581

## GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*God Be in My Head*

Hal H. Hopson

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:20-34

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Our Thieving Lord*

Dr. Thomas E. Evans

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

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

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*O Jesus, My Savior*

David W. Music

### DOXOLOGY

#### HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

### HYMN 629

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
(words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

ST. AGNES

*Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

*Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall  
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.*

*O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!*

*But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show.  
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.*

*Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.  
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

#### HYMN 175, VERSE 1

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

SEEK YE FIRST

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Epilogue*

Norman Gilbert

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Thomas E. Evans  
Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr.  
Rev. Joanne R. Hull  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Director  
Marcia Andrews, Organist

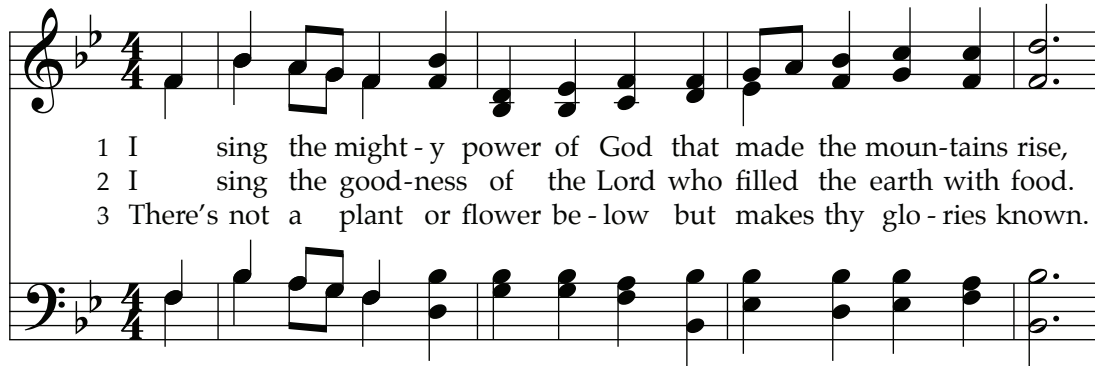
### Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail  
Lisa Cunningham  
Reel Robertson  
Paul MacPhail

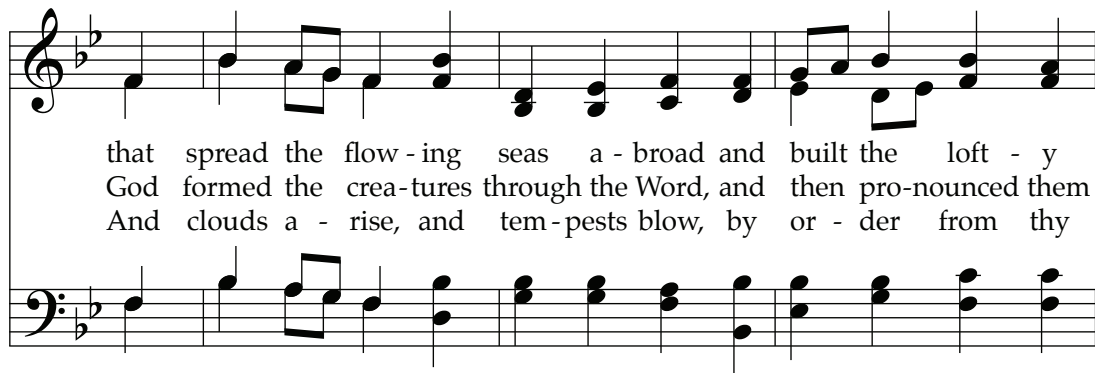
### *Today's Floral Memorial:*

*In loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger F. Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas G. Fanos  
by Jerry and Jennifer Howe.*

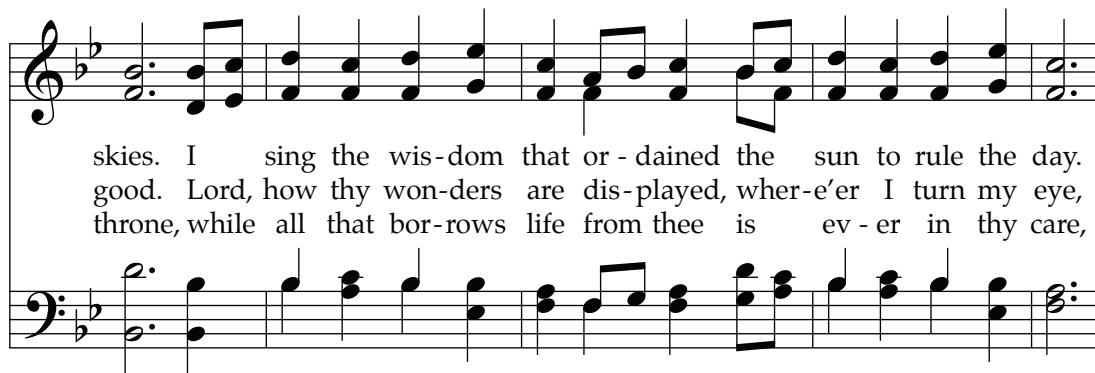
# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



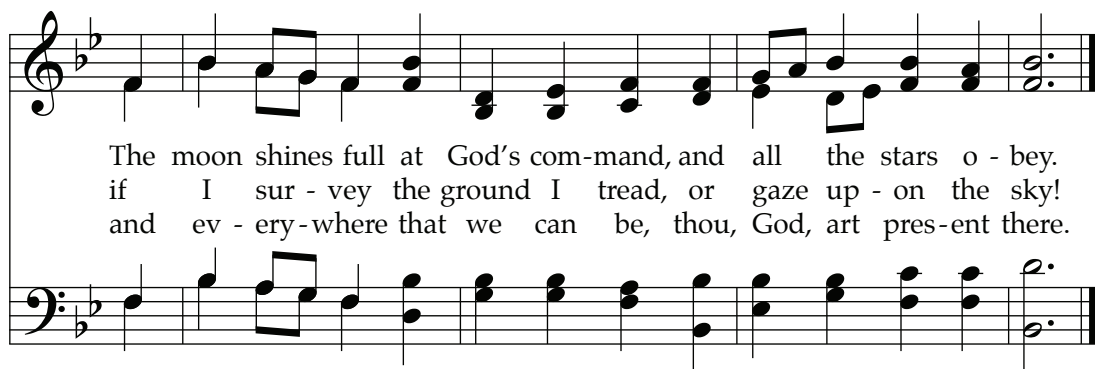
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



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



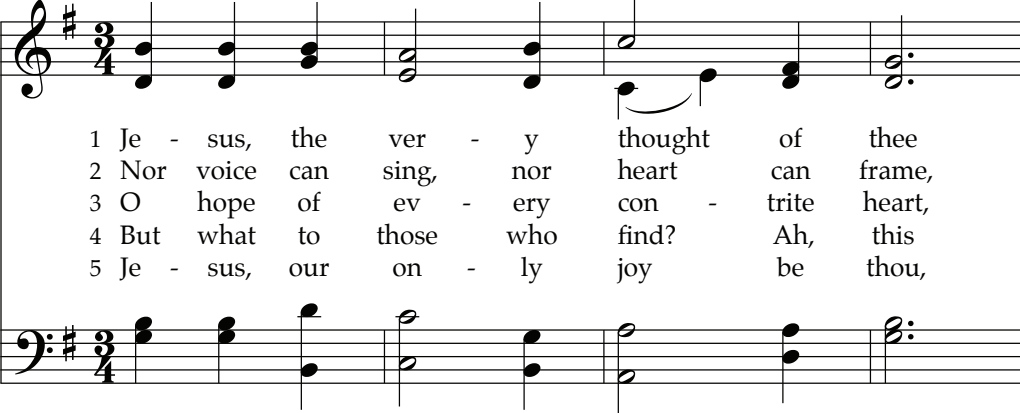
skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



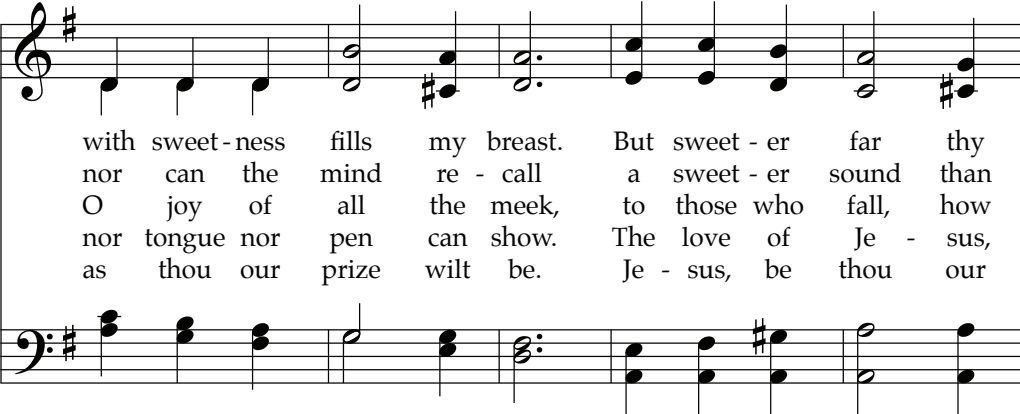
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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.

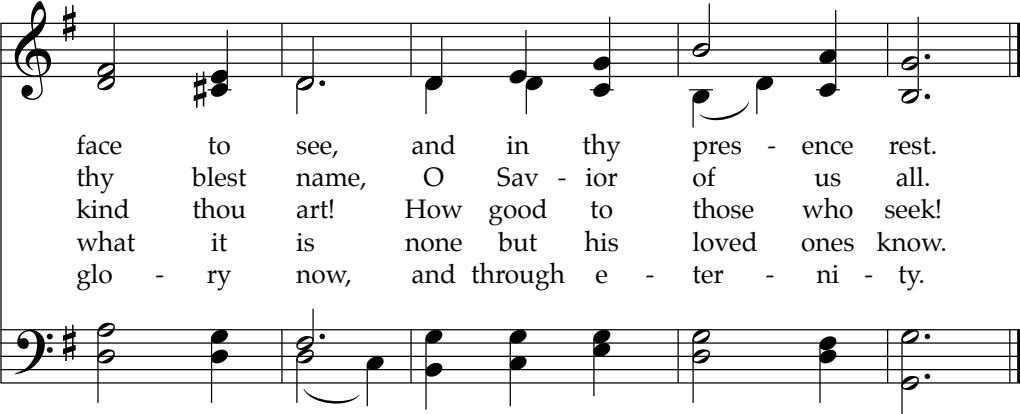
# Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,



with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy  
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our



face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of hope and healing. The best-known 19th-century translation is set here to a tune composed especially for these words.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; trans. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866, alt.

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