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# *Come and Worship the Lord*

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to transform all communities in Jesus' name!**

**Leader:** What does it look like to transform a community?

**People:** **Communities are transformed when love is shared, God's name is praised and seeds of hope are planted for the future.**

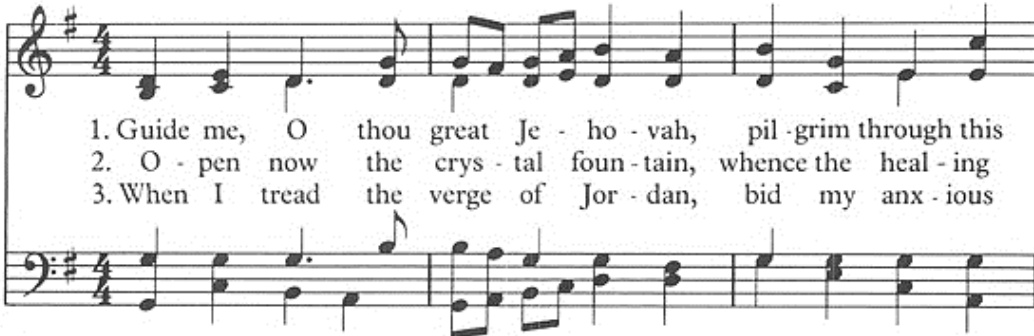
## **Prelude**

The Faithful Shepherd

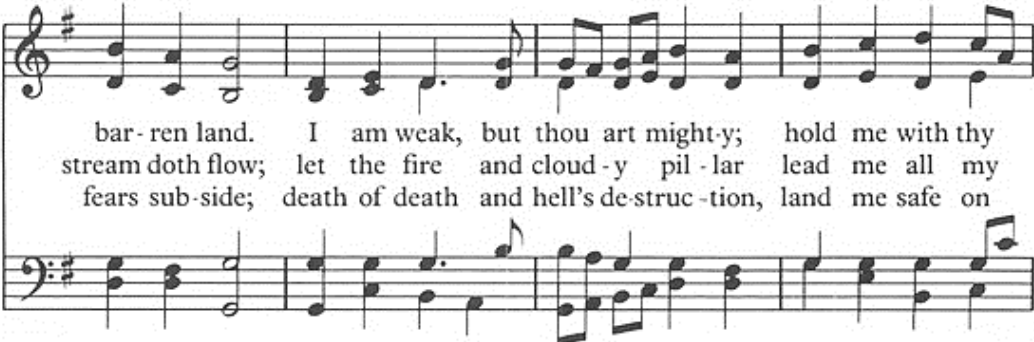
G. F. Handel

## Hymn

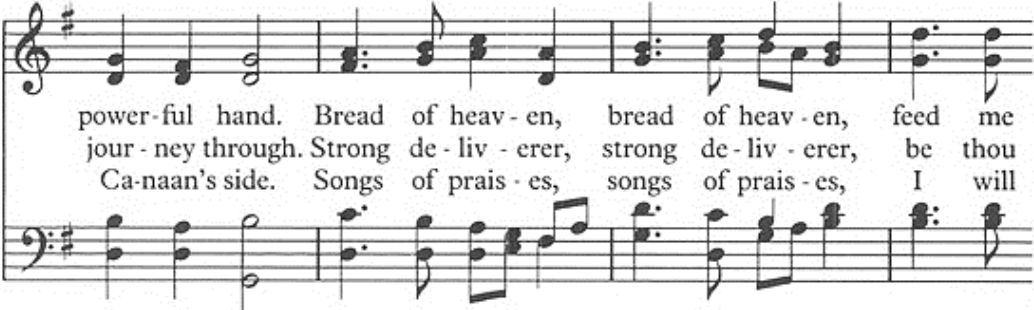
## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah




1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me  
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will



till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.  
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.  
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

## Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down. Here we are, Lord. Send us. Send us to the communities that need transformation. Almighty God, equip us, strengthen us and then send us! Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Chorus

Let There Be Love

*(sing twice)*

Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes.  
May now your love sweep this nation, cause us, O Lord to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding of brotherly love that is real.  
Let there be love shared among us. Let there be love.

#### Senior Choir

Pray a Li'l More

Patsy Ford Simms

## Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

#### Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

#### Message

## *Transforming All Communities*

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

#### Offertory

Lamb of God

arr. John Carter

#### Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Hymn

## I Know Whom I Have Believed

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he  
 2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he  
 3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing  
 4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or

hath made known, nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-  
 did im-part, nor how be-liev-ing in his word wrought  
 us of sin, re-veal-ing Je-sus through the word, cre-  
 noon-day fair, nor if I walk the vale with him, or

*Refrain*

deemed me for his own.  
 peace with-in my heart. But I know whom I have be-  
 at-ing faith in him.  
 meet him in the air.

liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is a-ble to  
 keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day.

## Benediction

## Postlude

## Voluntary in D

George Dyson

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