

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

Reformed Church in America

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In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we welcome you to worship. Please greet those worshipping near you.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2026

10:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Lord, open my ears to hear your Word, spoken by human lips
but carried on the wings of your Spirit.*

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #319- "Blessed Assurance"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

WHAT DID GOD DO TO HELP US?

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

**THEY RECEIVED GOD'S COVENANT AND PREPARED THE WAY FOR JESUS TO
COME AS OUR SAVIOR.**

Let us call upon our one true God, believing in our own hearts,

**CONFESSING WITH OUR MOUTHS, AND WORSHIPPING HIM IN SPIRIT AND
TRUTH. PRAISE THE LORD!**

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

** Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

Call to Confession

MOST GRACIOUS AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS TO YOU AND TO ONE ANOTHER THAT TIME AFTER TIME WE ENTERED INTO YOUR PRESENCE WITH COUNTLESS PRAYERS, BUT OUR HEARTS HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO YOUR GRACE. WE HAVE LIFTED OUR HANDS TO YOU IN PRAISE, BUT WE HAVE STILL WALKED IN THE WAYS OF EVIL. WE HAVE REHEARSED YOUR COMMANDMENTS, BUT HAVE REFUSED TO SEE YOUR GRACE IN THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS. WE PRAY, LORD, THAT YOU FORGIVE OUR LACK OF FAITH AND PARDON OUR ACT OF INJUSTICE. GRANT US THE HEALING THAT COMES FROM YOUR PRESENCE AND THE CLEANSING OF YOUR POWERFUL WORD. THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #359 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power Unleashed!"

Scripture: I Kings 19:9-18 (vv.9-11,12-14,15-17,18)

Romans 10:5-15 (vv.5-7,8-10,11-13,14-15)

Sermon- "Pentecost Power Unleashed: Reveals the Problem with Presumption and the Righteousness of Steadfast Faith!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #395 - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

Choral Benediction- "Shalom to You" (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

* *Benediction (Pastor)*

* Please stand if able

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
Monday	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
Thursday	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
Saturday	12:00 noon	Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Casey * Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Owen * Mildred Shannon * Rev. Edwards * Rev. Correa * Carol Cintron * Regina Harvey * Theo Beksha * Lester * Maddie * Jeannie * Ed Bungert * Catherine Gomez * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Danielle * Carole Mahon * Pat * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

42 nurses laid off at Montefiore Hospital * Rob & family * Cintron family * Pat's family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Judy * Tony's Mom

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified,

Blessed Assurance — 319

FANNY J. CROSBY

PHOEBE P. KNAPP

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blest; Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

CHORUS
 Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
 Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,
 Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; This is my

sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

ASSURANCE AND TRUST

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

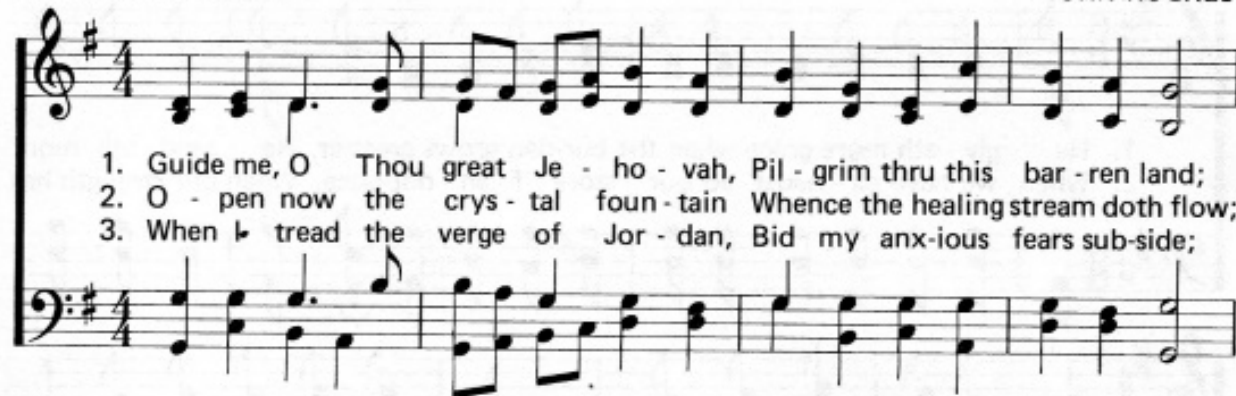
**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah — 359

WILLIAM WILLIAMS
Trans. by Peter Williams

JOHN HUGHES



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim thru this bar - ren land;
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but Thou art might - y— Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand:
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my jour - ney thru:
Bear me thru the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me safe on Ca - naan's side:



Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more, (want no more,) Feed me till I want no more.
shield, (strength and shield,) Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee, (give to Thee,) I will ev - er give to Thee.*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

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GUIDANCE AND CARE

1 Kings 19: 9-18 (vv. 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18)

Romans 10: 5-15 (vv. 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-15)

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ ¹⁰ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ ¹¹ He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ ¹⁴ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because^[a] if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

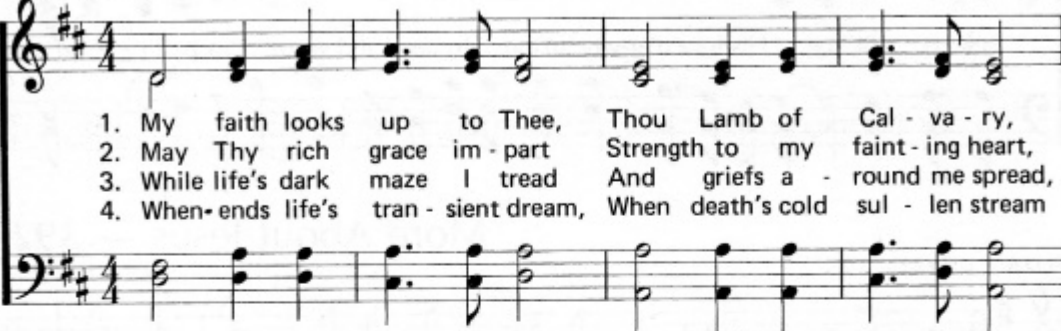
¹¹ The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

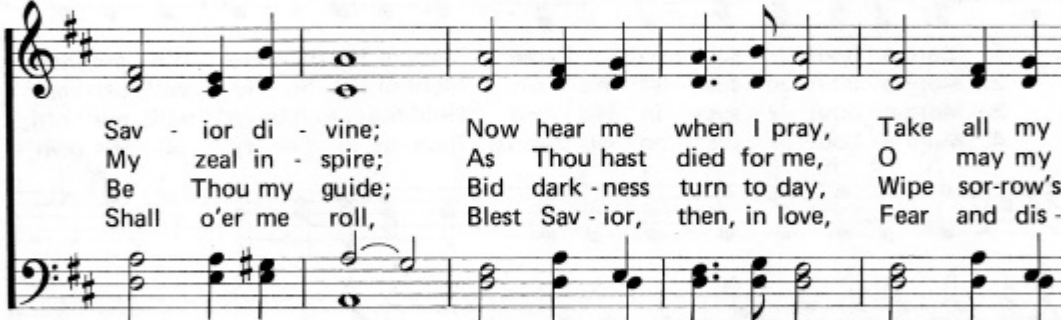
393 — My Faith Looks Up to Thee

RAY PALMER

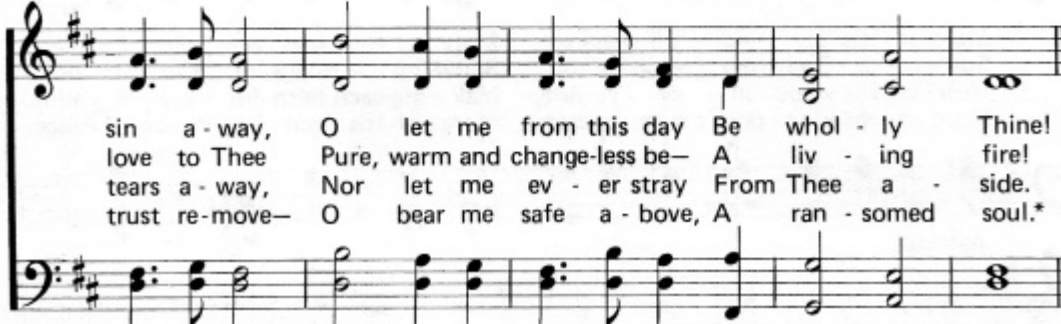
LOWELL MASON



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When - ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine; Now hear me when I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



sin a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm and change-less be— A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move— O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.*

Tune: OLIVET