

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 10, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr! (All Glory Be to God on High)* Max Reger
Dan Lawhon

Welcome Erica Cooper

Choral Introit *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* DARWALL'S 148TH

Processional Hymn No. 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA
[Hymn sheet on page 3](#)

Call to Worship Bria McInvale

One: Gather around, draw close! You are welcome here!

All: We are longing for Good News.

One: Scoot over, make room! God speaks to us today!

All: We are waiting for Good News.

One: Come in, relax! Open your hearts!

All: We are ready for Good News!

Prayer of Invocation Nancy Yarbrough

Hymn *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN
[Hymn sheet on page 4](#)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps *Blessing of the Backpacks* Cindy Ponder

Presentation of Bibles Lindsey Bloodworth and Cindy Ponder

Sunday School Teacher Recognition Cindy Ponder

Hymn No. 644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
[Hymn sheet on page 5](#)

Psalter Reading Psalm 33:16-22 Robbie Yarbrough

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer *Come and Fill Our Hearts* CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Eric Clark

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.

Gospel Reading	Luke 12:35-40	Erica Cooper
One: For the Word of God for the people of God,		
All: We give thanks to God.		

Anthem	<i>Keep Your Lamps!</i> Covenant Choir	Andre Thomas
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*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.*

*Children don't get weary,
Children don't get weary,*

*Children don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.*

*Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.*

Sermon	<i>Setting Our Tables</i>	Erica Cooper
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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment		Erica Cooper
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Hymn of Response No. 318	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i> Hymn sheet on page 6	ST. PETER
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Words of Dedication		Bria McInvale
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Reception of the Offering		Ushers
Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life. Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving .		

Offertory	<i>O Gott, du frommer Gott (O God, Thou Faithful God)</i> Dan Lawhon	Max Reger
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Offertory Response	<i>Doxology</i>	OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below;	Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.	

Cindy Ponder & Lindsey Bloodworth Recognition		Morgan Ponder
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Life of the Church		Sara Davison
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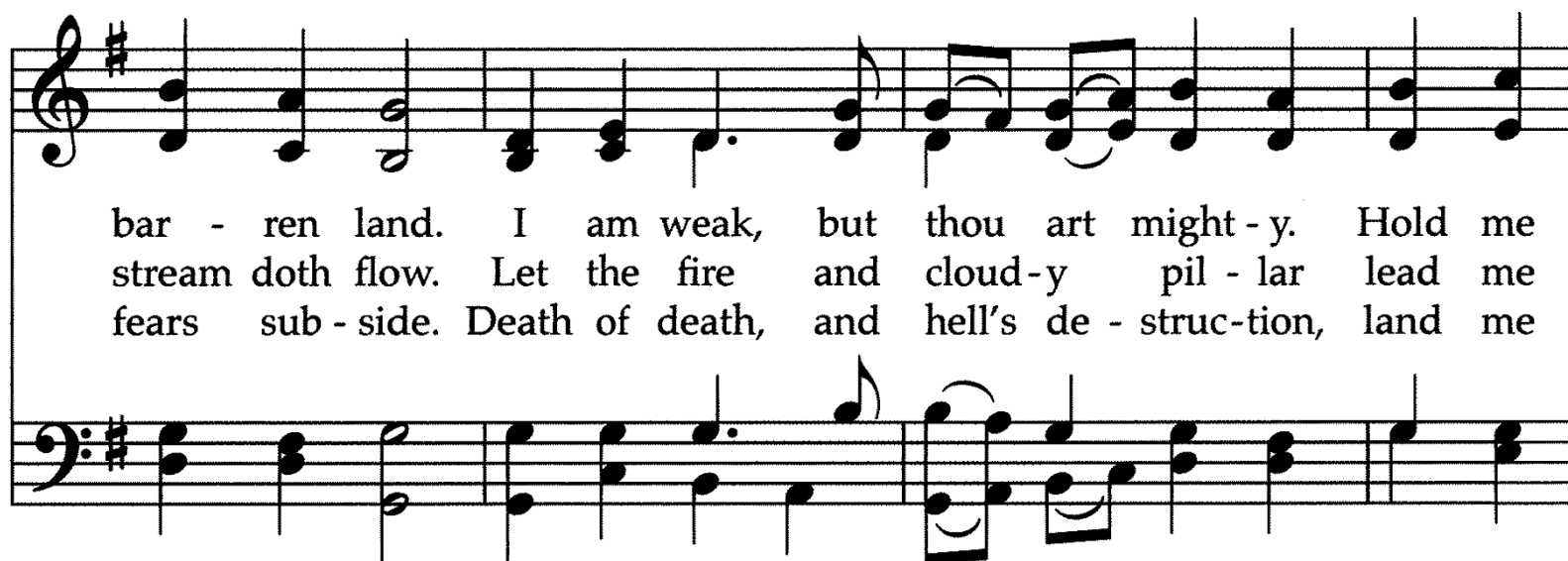
Benediction		Erica Cooper
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Postlude	<i>Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr! (All Glory Be to God on High)</i> Dan Lawhon	Max Reger
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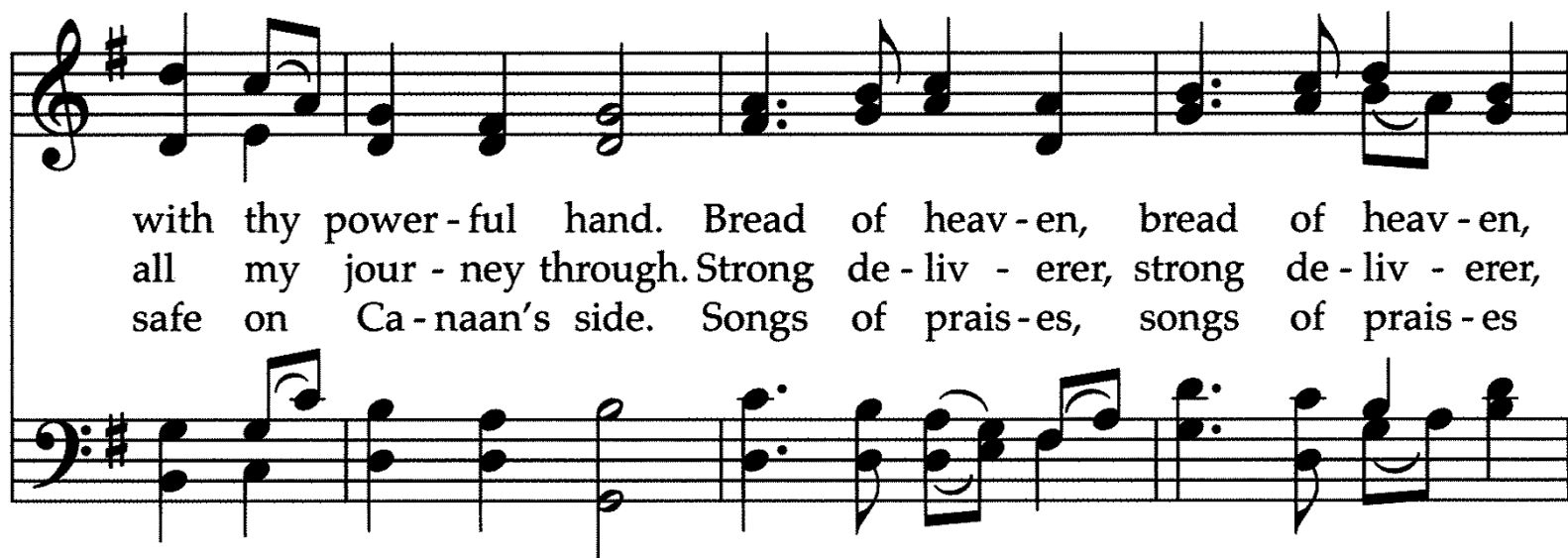
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



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
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



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

For Everyone Born



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2. For all who share life, a place at the ta - ble,
3. For those we ne - glect a place at the ta - ble,
4. For all who have breath, a place at the ta - ble,
5. For you and for me, a place at the ta - ble,
6. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



For ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread
 Re - vis - ing the roles, de - ci - ding the share,
 A voice to be heard, a part in the song
 A co - ven - ant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
 Though woun - ded and sore, with need to forgive,
 To live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be



A shel - ter, a space, a safe place for gro - wing,
 With wis - dom and grace, di - vi - ding the share,
 The hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 A rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,
 In an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 To work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



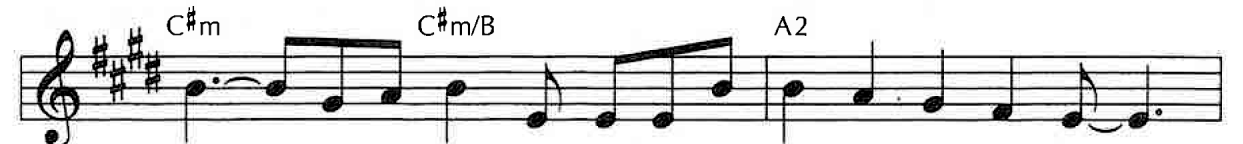
For ev - ery - one born, a star ov - er - head,
 For all who share life, a sys - tem that's fair,
 For those we ne - glect the right to be - long
 For all who have breath the cha - lice of grace,
 For you and for me, a new way to live,
 For ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus-tice and joy!

Give Thanks, O Christian People 644



1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

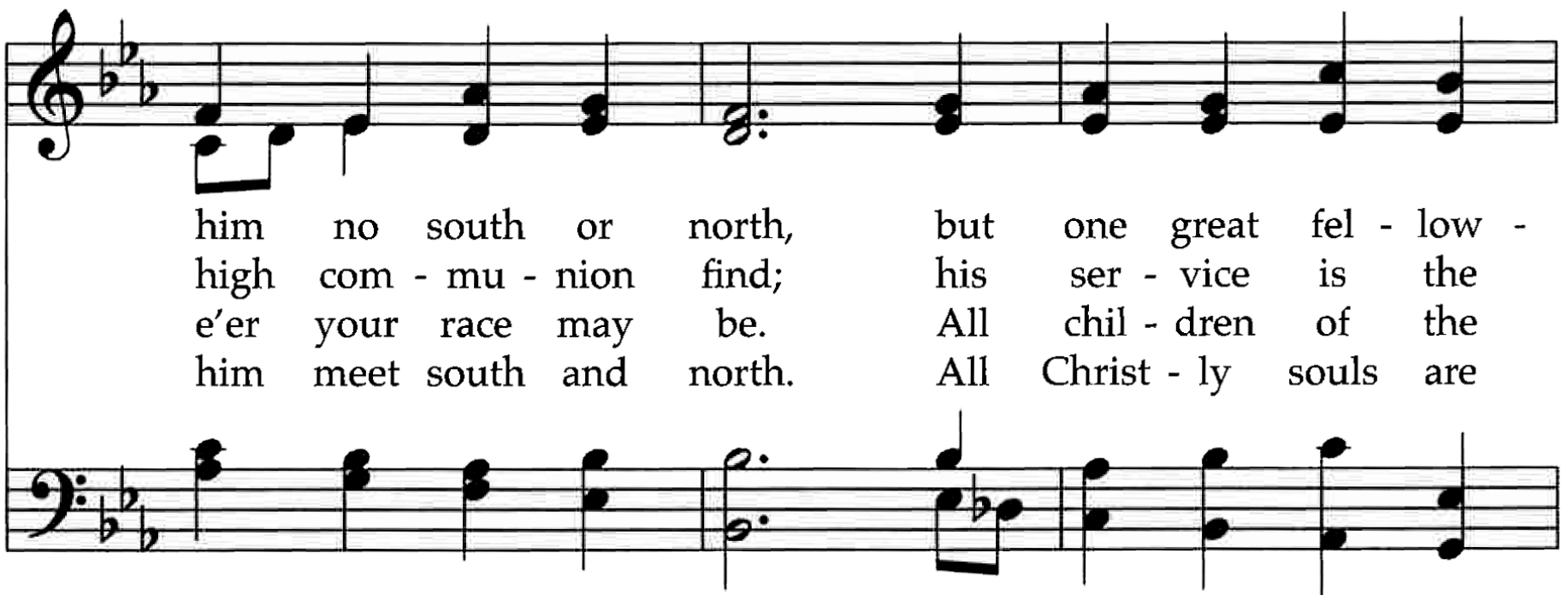
to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

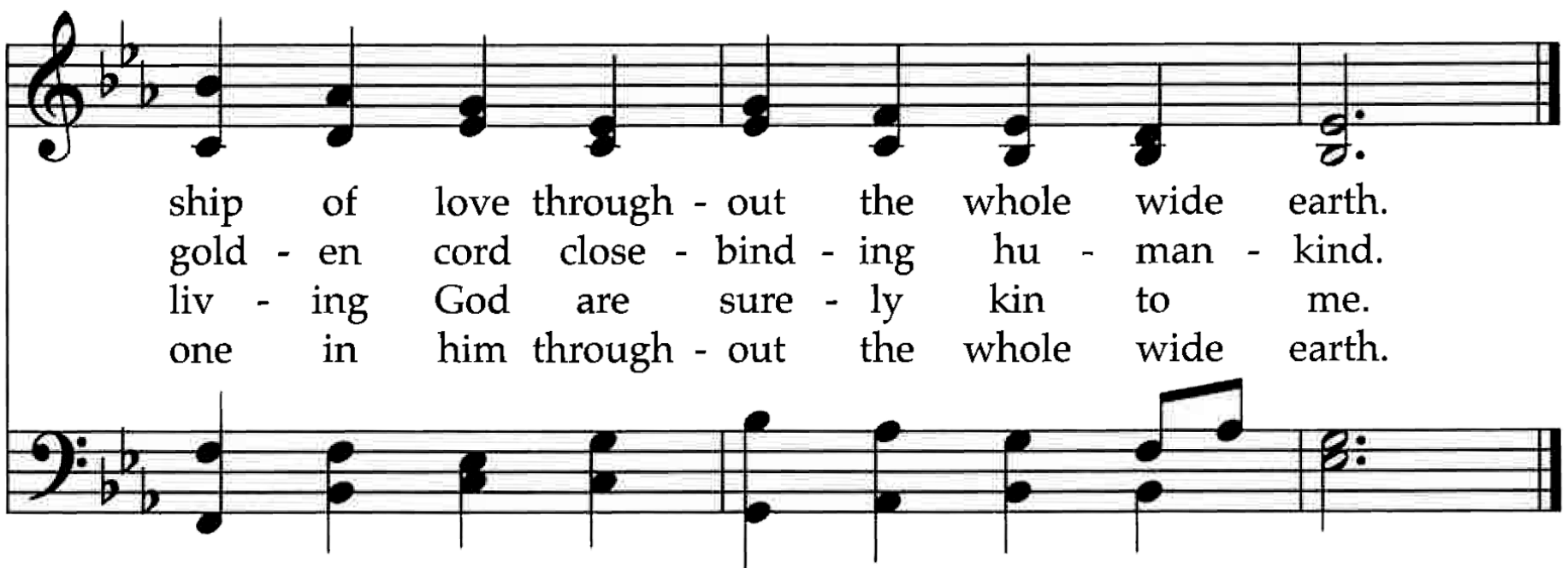
In Christ There Is No East or West 318



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in



him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

New Education Year begins today!

Our Sunday School classes are inviting you to sit with them! We have tables of acceptance no matter the age. Tables where people can speak their minds and worship in the ways they have been called to do. Details about this year's classes are in the bulletin insert.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Today at 5:00 pm

The monthly meeting of our Caregivers Support Group is meeting next Sunday from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The group facilitated by TJ Hunt-Felke will be gathering in the Bock Mayse center to explore aspects of caring for a family member. TJ Hunt-Felke, Ph.D., M.Div., is a clinical psychologist at Cahaba Psychology in Hoover. He brings experience leading church-based groups and individual support for general mental health conditions and is excited to serve the caregiving group now. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cindy Ponder.

YEARLY INTEREST SURVEY

Fill out today!



As we begin to look forward to next year, we want you to tell us how you would like to actively participate in the life of our church. You can complete the Interest Survey scanning the QR code.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Resumes August 13

Wednesday Night Fellowship programming resumes next month! Adults will participate in an arts-based program. Children will participate in *Raspberries and Rhinos: Tolerance Tales*, which is a publication from Teaching Tolerance.

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday, August 11 at noon.