

May 9, 2021

Morning Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Slackwood Presbyterian Church

10:30 a.m.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

*As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please
turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.*

Bell of Preparation for Worship
Welcome & Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

L: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of
chaos,

P: our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

L: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

**P: we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all
week long.**

L: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in
God's love.

P: to lift our songs of faith.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn

CWM RHONDDA

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire of cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you;
you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from
neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.
We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and
divisiveness.**

**Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you
move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and
receive mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(*Time of Silent Confession*)

Words of Assurance

Anthem

“As the Wind Song”

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 10:44-48

*While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all
who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had
come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit
had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them
speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can
anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who
have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered
them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they
invited him to stay for several days.*

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bailie Gregory

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Call for Offering

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

Pastor: The Rev. Ryan Irmer

Parish Associate: The Rev. James Klotz

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Director of Family Ministries: Starr Alleyne

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting we hope you will feel very welcome. In an effort to provide a safe worship place, masks will be worn and physical distancing will be observed.

Announcements

The **Adult Forum** meets at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday via Zoom conferencing. The link is sent in the weekly announcements email.

The **Property & Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The **Membership & Outreach Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The **Truth & Reconciliation Zoom Group** will meet on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Preaching Sunday, May 16 will be the Rev. James Klotz.

The **Deacons** will meet on Sunday, May 16 outdoors, following the morning service.

Music acknowledgements:

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," text: William Williams, 1762 (PD), trans. Peter Williams and William Williams, 1772 (PD); music: John Hughes, 1907 (PD). Piano & vocals by Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman, Slackwood Presbyterian Church, 2021. This performance is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International license (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>).

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