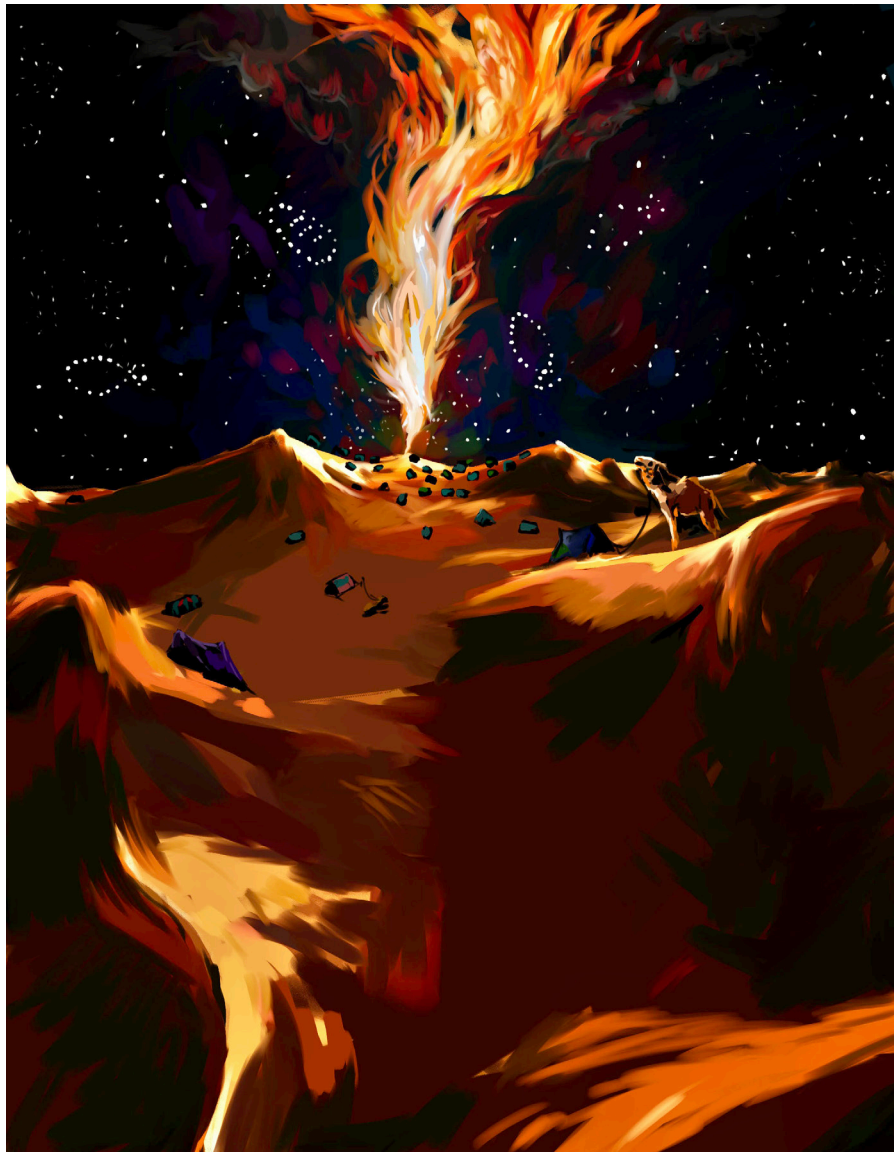




Sunday, March 14, 2021
Service for The Lord's Day
11 a.m.



Painting by Jonas Gravel

YOUTH SUNDAY

How does God provide, if not by a pillar of fire or cloud?

Exodus 13:17-22 Luke 9: 1-17

Gathering Around the Word

Preservice Music

Ashokan Farewell
Connor Holloway, violin; Vicki Fey, keyboard

Jay Ungar/arr. Calvin Custer

Amazing Grace
Wiley Lum, alto saxophone; Brady Lum, guitar

early American hymn tune

Wondrous Love
Wiley Lum, alto saxophone; Brady Lum, guitar

American folk hymn

Welcome

Keller Rentz-Baker

Prayer of Adoration

Izzy Wood

Hymn 53, Stanzas 1, 3

O God, Who Gives Us Life
Susannah Tusher, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

NOEL

**O God, who gives us life and breath,
who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death,
then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill
the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spirit still
is making all things new.**

**O God of covenant and law,
revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe;
we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you
and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew
the covenant of love.**

Call to Confession

Ally Bliss

Prayer of Confession

Lucia Gravel

How often do we turn away from you, O God? It seems that every day we find new ways to be distracted from you. Often times we forget that your promise to be faithful and walk off the path you are guiding us on. We ignore your signs and doubt your love for us.

Like the Israelites, we turn to other idols for guidance. Investing in trivial things that do not fulfill us or give us eternal life. We much rather take the easy way out, than believing that you control all things and provide for us in numerous ways.

God, we often take the blessings you give us and forget that we are to bless others. You called your disciples to do miracles in the name of Jesus, and as Christians, we at times curse those you have called us to love and provide for. Forgive us God, and provide us the way you want us to live.

Assurance of Pardon

Liam Bray

Passing of The Peace

Hymn Response

Our God Is an Awesome God
Jerusalem Choir; Karen Brown, piano

AWESOME GOD

**Our God is an awesome God
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome God!**

Proclaiming The Word

Children's Sermon

Christian Antwi and Hope Bradford

Scripture Reading

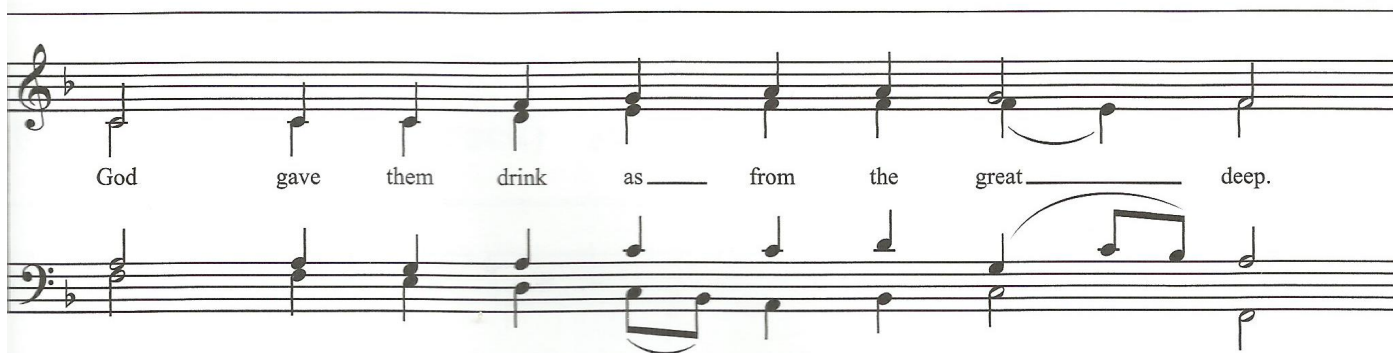
Exodous 13:17-22

Susannah Tusher

PSALTER

Psalm 78:1-2; 12-16
Zac Hilimire, cantor; Vicki Fey, keyboard; Ally Bliss and Tyler Bliss, lectors

Refrain text: Carl Daw



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Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. [REFRAIN]

[God] worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt,
in the field of Zoan. [God] split open the sea and let them pass through;
[and] made the waters stand up like walls. [REFRAIN]

[God] led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.
[God] split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.
[God] brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. [REFRAIN]

Scripture reading	Luke 9: 1-17	Wiley Lum
Sermon	How does God provide, if not by a pillar of fire or cloud?	Amelia Green
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Invitation to Reflection on the Word		Fiona Bray
Anthem	God Will Provide <i>Jerusalem Choir; Ally Bliss, soloist; Karen Brown, piano</i>	Mark Patterson

Responding to and Sending the word

Prayers of The People	Drew, Zac and Kaitlyn Hilimire
The Lord's Prayer	David Byers

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word into The World

Hymn 65, Stanzas 1, 2

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Wiley Lum, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

CWM RHONDDA

**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 and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

Blessing and Benediction

Tyler Bliss

Choral Response

On Eagle's Wings
Jerusalem Choir, Kaitlyn Hilimire, soloist; Karen Brown, piano

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

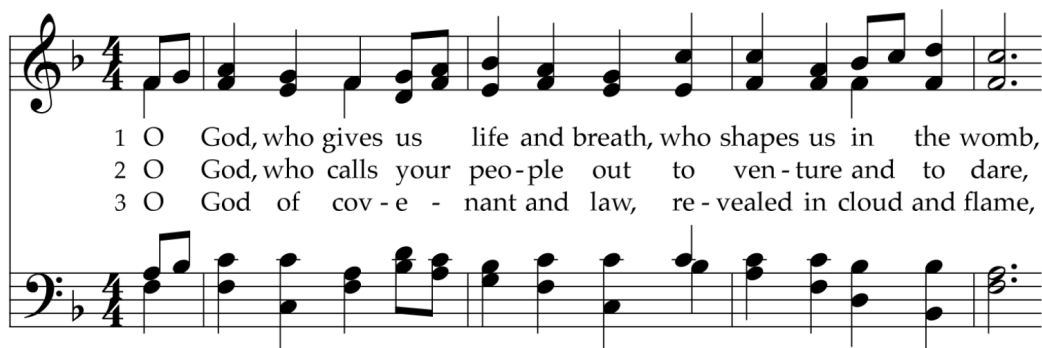
Sending Music

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Youth Bell Choir, recorded March 4, 2018

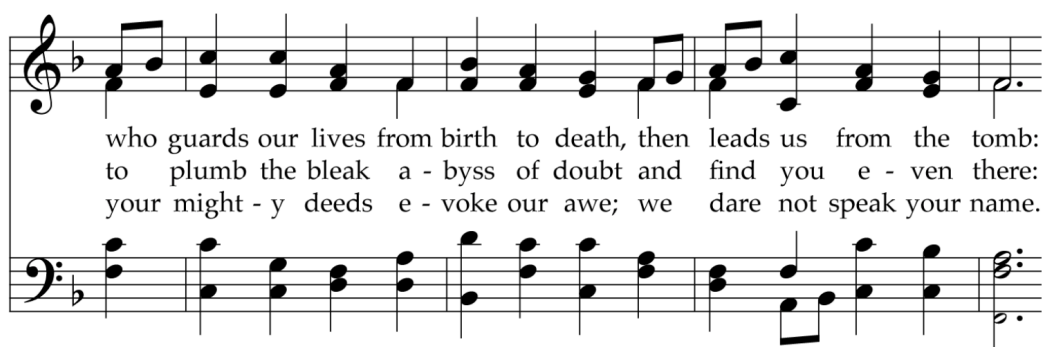
arr. Kevin McChesney

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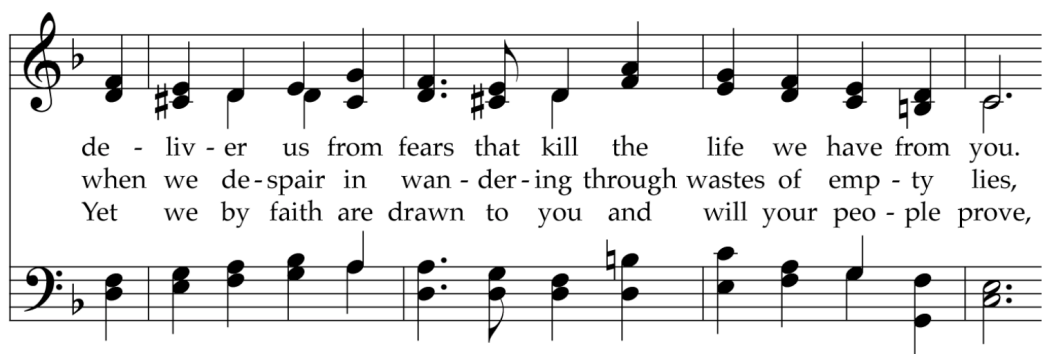
53 O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e-nant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a-byss of doubt and find you e-ven there:
 your might-y deeds e-voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de-liv-er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan-der-ing through wastes of emp-ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo-ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir-it still is mak-ing all things new.
 re-fresh us with the liv-ing spring of hope that nev-er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a-new the cov-e-nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

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.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.