

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

In this time when we cannot be together in person, we are trying to worship together, remotely, as best we can. It's not perfect, but it is helpful, to know that at the same time, no matter where we are, we are worshipping together. Even if we can't see or hear one another. You can participate in worship with the whole CGS community by joining us online. At 10:00am on Sunday morning, go on your computer as if you will browse the internet, and type in: www.cgslc.org

Right there, on our church's website you will be able to watch our worship service. If you go there before Sunday morning, it will just be a picture of our sanctuary telling you how much time until we start. During the week, you can go to our website and click the words "CGS Worship Channel" to see our past worship services.

If you don't care to go online and join us via the internet, you can call in to worship and listen through your phone.

At 10:00 am on Sunday, call (669) 900-6833.

Then, enter the Meeting ID: 837 4670 1077

and Password: 1550

If any of this information is overwhelming, or if you'd rather talk it through, we understand! This is a lot. Please call Pr. Manda at 773-915-3455 and she will help you get set up.

When we gather for worship, we will sing together, pray together, hear God's word together, give offerings together, receive Holy Communion together, and be blessed for discipleship together. To participate fully, you will want to gather these things:

A Bible

Bread (or crackers) and wine (or juice) for communion

Your worship bulletin

You can set up a home altar by gathering items that remind you of the presence of Christ (something like a candle, cross, or other token) or by laying out a special cloth for your home communion table. If you are with people, you can serve communion to one another when the time comes.

No matter how you participate, we're glad that you'll be worshipping with us at all.

Through the Word and Sacrament, Christ binds us together.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor With nature in its power and beauty, with rain and wind and
sunshine; with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,

All We gather in praise of God

Sarah With believers and seekers all over the world, with people in every nation, and
speakers of every language,

All we gather in praise of God

Jerry With the saints who have gone before us, with reverence for the first people
of this place, with all who have made us who we are,

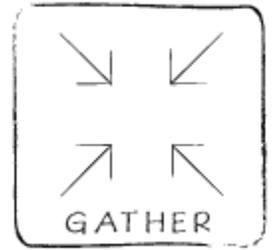
All we gather in praise of God

Isabelle With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers her
blessings,

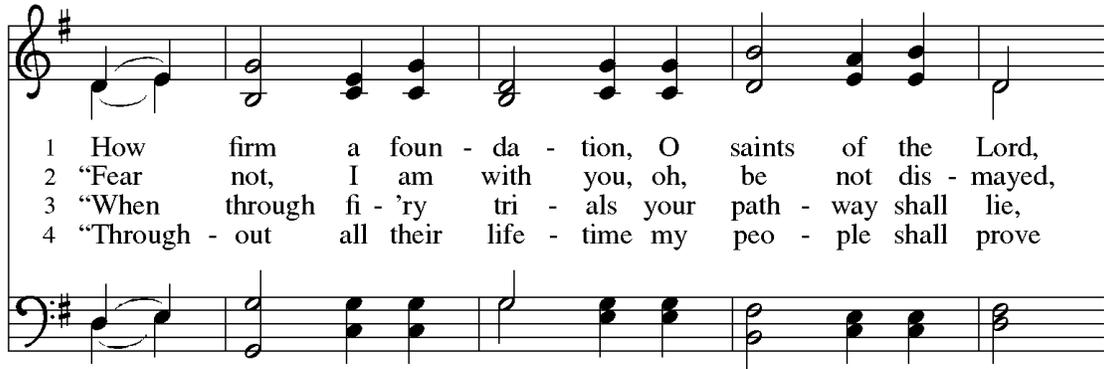
All We gather in praise of God.

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.



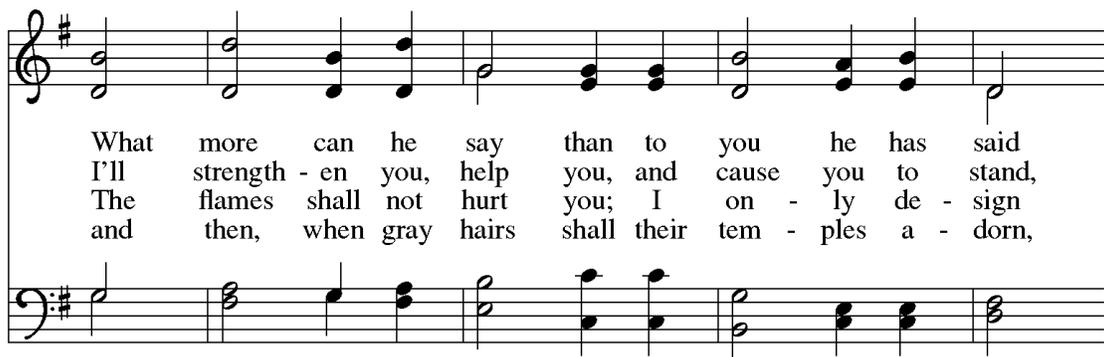
GATHERING SONG
HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING

Isabelle Listen for God's word coming to us in scripture.

All Our hearts and minds are open.

Genesis 15:1-6 (NRSV)

Isabelle God be in our listening. God be in our understanding.

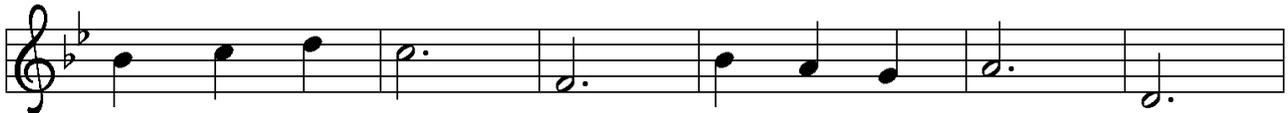
All Thanks be to God.



SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

TOUCH THE EARTH LIGHTLY



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

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 Music: TENDERNESS, Colin Gibson, b. 1933
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sarah Let us pray...God in your mercy,

All Hear our Prayer

Sarah For what else do the people of God pray?

Please share your prayers in the chat

Sarah All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all

All And also with you

ANNOUNCEMENT AND OFFERING

We invite you to make an offering for the ministry of our community. You can send cash or check to 1550 Meridian Ave. San Jose, CA 95125 or make a donation online at cgslc.org/donate.



OFFERTORY



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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, — fill to the brim our
cup of — bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; — u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

HOLY COMMUNION

Just as Christ welcomes all people, at CGS all people are welcome at Christ's table. We invite you to share communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, mental health, or ability. Put your bread and wine (or substitutes) in front of you while the Eucharistic Prayer is being spoken. Pastor Manda will tell you when it is time to eat and drink. When you eat the bread (or serve it to another person) say "The body of Christ, broken for you." When you drink the wine (or serve it to another person) say "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Pastor The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Pastor Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up to God

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All We give God our thanks and praise

Pastor *Words of Institution*

You are invited to pray in the language of your own choosing.

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

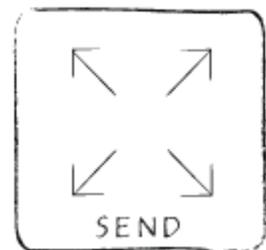
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

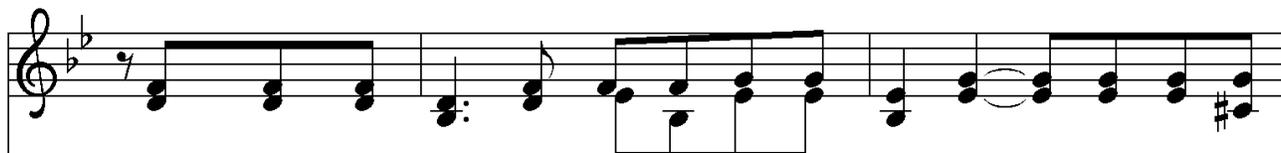
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Special music from Keynote Vocal Group

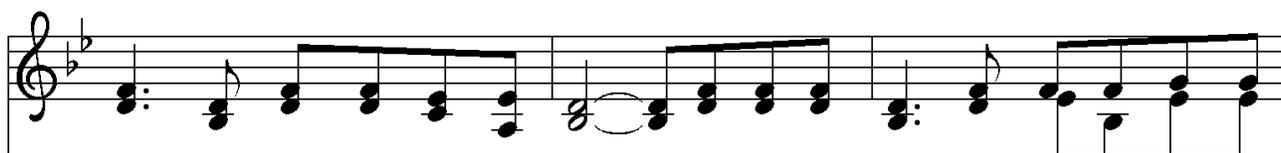
BLESSING



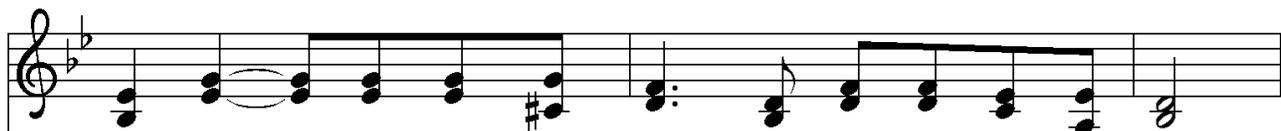
SENDING SONG
HOW GREAT THOU ART



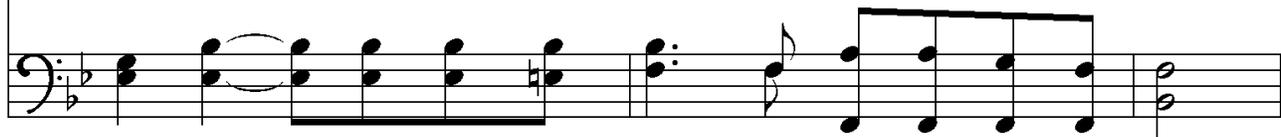
1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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DISMISSAL

Sarah Go in peace, serve the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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