

Welcome to Roland Park Presbyterian Church.  
We're glad you're here!

**October 17, 2021**



*The problem is, many of the people in need of saving are in churches,  
and at least part of what they need saving from  
is the idea that God sees the world the same way they do.*

~ Barbara Brown Taylor



**ROLAND PARK**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY**

October 17, 2021                      10:30 AM

**CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

Children of the Heavenly Father  
Esther Lee, organ

Trygarre Kan Ingen Vara,  
Setting by Robert A. Hobby

**Words of Welcome**

*Thank you for joining us today. We hope that today's service will be meaningful for you.*

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*<https://www.rolandparkchurch.org/>*

*If this is your first time with us, you can email Pastor Mark to introduce yourself and learn more about the congregation: [pastor@rolandparkchurch.org](mailto:pastor@rolandparkchurch.org)*

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the evening and in the morning,  
**when we are comfortable and when we are anxious,**  
to young and old, God speaks.

**Some of us may not yet know what God's voice sounds like,**  
and some of us may have forgotten.

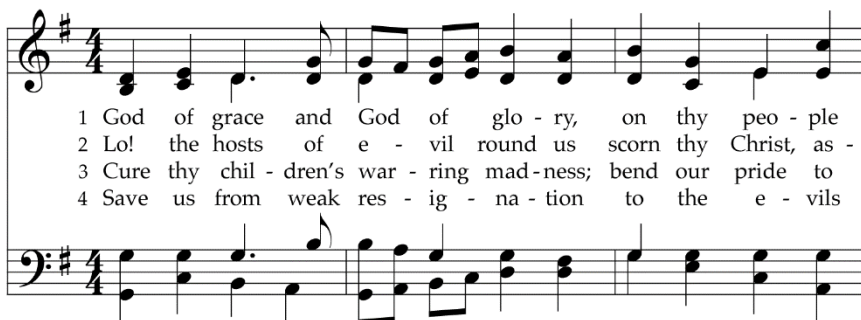
**Together we say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."**

**\*HYMN #307**

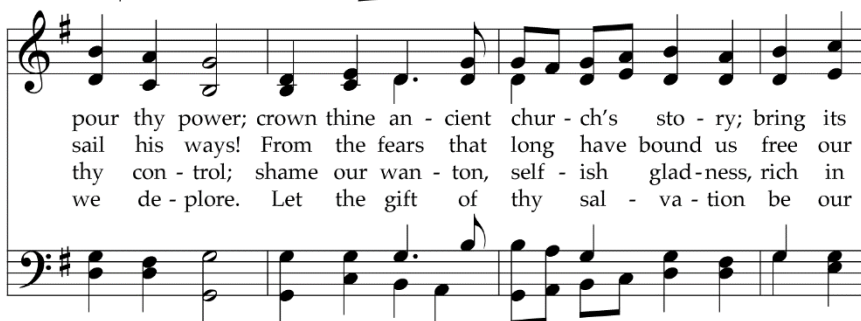
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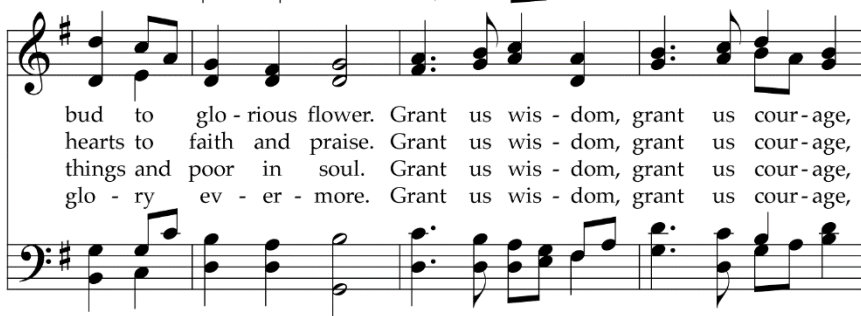
## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



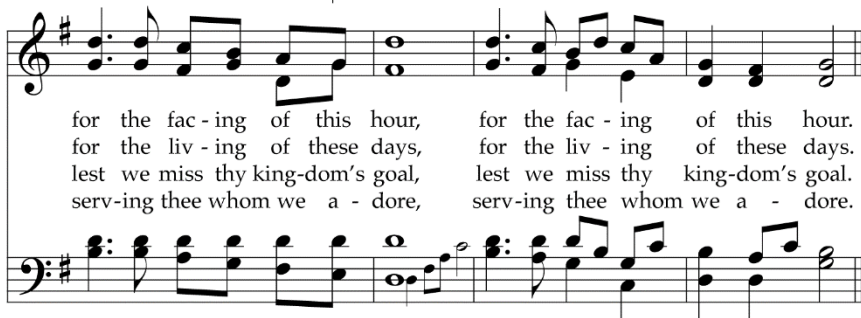
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We thank you, O God, for your persistence, for we confess that we are not usually listening for your voice, and we aren't sure we would recognize it. We admit that we didn't think you were speaking to or through the young people and their naive protests and questions, especially not the ones who don't even go to Sunday School. Yet here you are, asking us to not only mentor but to listen as they bear your message to us. We confess we don't really want to hear it, though, because we're comfortable as we are, hiding behind our belief that there's nothing we can do about those big problems. Forgive us for overlooking wrongdoing, believing it was out of our control. Forgive us, God, for complacency has blurred our vision. Forgive us for ignoring your word because it comes from an unexpected voice. Forgive us, and bring us to your kingdom of truth and love, even now. Amen.

*Time of Silent Prayer*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven!  
We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

## \*GLORIA PATRI (HYMN #583)

GLORIA

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

## PASSING THE PEACE

## TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

## ANTHEM

O Love  
Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

*The words of this anthem can be found as verses 1 & 3 of Hymn #833*

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

You are a God who calls, and calls, and calls again. You have things to say, Lord, and we pray you would give us fresh ears to hear. Maybe even more than ears, we pray for hearts and minds to receive and wills to speak and act. Your word brings all things into being, and makes a new world possible. Give us the boldness of youth, the experience of age, and a teachable spirit that we may faithfully live your vision. Amen.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

For the Word of God in scripture,  
 For the Word of God among us,  
 For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

God's Persistent Calling

Pastor Mark

\*HYMN #410

God is Calling through the Whisper

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GATHERING

# 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*During the prayer there will be a time for you to give voice to your own prayers, after which the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," or "Lord, we give thanks," and the entire congregation responds, "Hear our 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.**

## GIVING TESTOMONIAL

### OFFERING

Offertory

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown  
Jennifer Smith & Katie Hosier, soloists

Scottish Melody  
arr. K. Lee Scott

*Come, O thou traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see; my company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee; with thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day. I need not tell thee who I am; my sin and misery declare; thyself hast called me by my name; look on they hands, and read it there. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now. 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart; the morning breaks, the shadows flee; pure universal love thou art. To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and thy name is Love!*

\*Doxology (Hymn #606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN#749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED



# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Following today's service you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.*

**\*SENDING MUSIC #549**

**May the Love of the Lord**

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SENDING

**May the Love of the Lord 549**  
唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈



May the love of the Lord rest up-on your soul.  
唯願神的愛撫慰你的靈。



May God's love dwell in you, through-out ev-ery day.  
每時刻他的愛住在你心裡，



May God's coun- te-nance shine up-on you and be gra-cious to you.  
他的榮光照耀你，慈愛伴隨你，



May God's Spir- it be up-on you as you leave this place.  
無論何處他的靈都永遠伴隨你。

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TODAY

*We look to our Lord for strength and healing. We look to each other to see our Lord in action. We remember all those in harm's way, those recovering from natural disasters, refugees and people in conflict, and facing new challenges. Among our church family: **Joan Buttner, Sandy Budd** (daughter-in-law of Margaret Budd), **Jim McBride** (father of Tonya Robles), **Mark Moran** (friend of Mike Robles), the friends and loved ones of **Kent Moore, Sharon Halm**, the friends and loved ones of **Sony Florendo**, the community of Roland Park and **David & Danny Guillaume** along with the staff and children of **Kay Papa Nou & Unity House**.*

## IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**October 24, 2021**  
10:30 AM Worship

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14  
Message: God Calls David



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Erin Wilk (2024\*)

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Audrey Hanna, Annelise Olsen

\* indicates 1st term, \*\* 2nd term



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