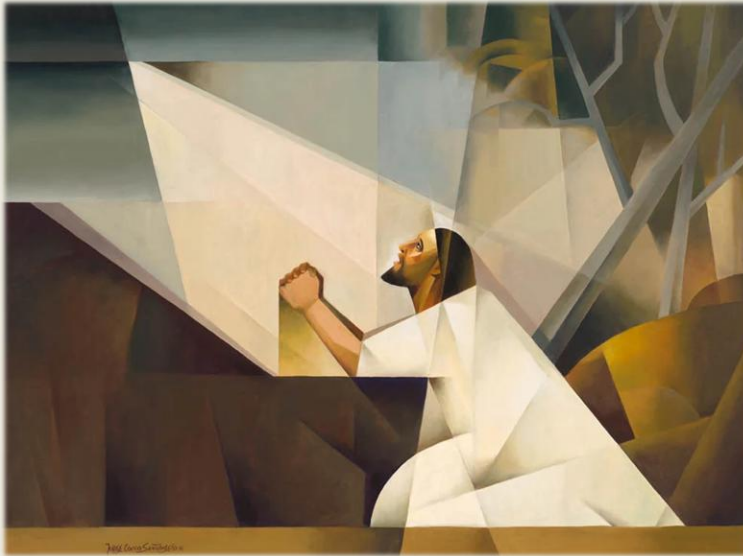


Welcome to Roland Park Presbyterian Church.
We're glad you're here!

August 30, 2026



*Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin
than about courageously and actively doing God's will.*

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer



ROLAND PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME

*Thank you for joining us today. We hope that today's service will be meaningful for you.
You can always visit our website for the latest happenings and information.*

<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*

*If you would like to connect with our Christian Education Program, please email our
Director of Christian Education, Dr. Shayla Redfearn: DCE@rolandparkchurch.org*

*To connect with our choirs, please email our Director of Music, Dr. Phillip Collister-Murray:
pcollister@towson.edu*

*All are welcome in our worship service, including infants and children. We also have a nursery room
where childcare is provided. With the exception of the first Sunday of each month, there is also an
optional "Bridge to Worship" time where children may choose to leave the sanctuary with our Christian
Education team to engage in an age-appropriate worship activity. It will be announced and children
will be invited to come forward. They will return to the sanctuary by the end of the service.*

*If you have any questions or need help finding anything,
please ask anyone wearing a name tag. We will be happy to help you.*

**If you are able, please stand.*

AUDIOFETCH HEARING ASSISTANCE



Stream Real Time Audio to Your Personal Device

1. Download and open the free AudioFetch app from the app store on your device.
2. In the sanctuary, connect your device Wi-Fi to the network: AudioFetchExpress.
3. Connect your device to air pods or earbuds to listen to real time audio streaming.

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

August 30, 2026 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Phillip Collister-Murray, piano

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to God with your honest prayers

Jesus shows us how.

Bring it all, don't hold back

the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.

For God, all things are possible

keep awake, therefore, to see what God will do.

***HYMN #694**

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You ask us to bear witness, O God —
to keep our eyes and hearts open to the suffering of others,
to stay alert to the reality of the world,
to stay with you through thick and thin.
We confess that we would rather go to sleep.
We numb ourselves when we can't handle it all —
we scroll, we binge, we keep busy, we check out, we hide under the covers.
We do not know what to say,
because we don't have the strength to do what you ask,
to keep awake and pay attention.
We admit that we don't know what to do anyway,
so in the waiting we just...zone out.
Forgive us for turning away from this world you so love.
Forgive us for turning away from our neighbors in need.
Forgive us for turning away from your breaking heart.
Wake us up today,
and through your Spirit give us trust to live toward your bigger picture.
We ask in the name of Jesus who prayed first for your will to be done.
Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends, hear and trust this good news: though we may falter, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs deeper than words. Rely not on your ability, but on the One whose powerful love overcomes even the power of death. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

The musical notation is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with an asterisk above the first measure. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, also with an asterisk above the first measure. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PASSING THE PEACE

SOLO

*Today's selection will be announced.
Steven Soltow, soloist*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Abba, Father, inspire us today
to be truthful rather than pretending,
so that we may receive the gift of your courage
to stand firm in our faith,
to trust you more than our fear,
to rely on your strong hand to steady us
as we live this and every moment
following Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

GOD'S STORY

Mark 14:32–42

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

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

Disputing with God:
God's Will be Done

Pastor Mark

HYMN SING

*Our summertime tradition continues!
You select your favorite hymns today.*

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.

OFFERING

We offer our time, talent and treasure in gratitude to God. Thank you for your gifts in support of our shared ministry. For your convenience, we offer these electronic giving options (fees involved): Use PayPal @RolandParkChurch or Text RPPC to 73256 and follow prompts.

Offertory

Today's selection will be announced.
Steven Soltow, soloist

*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

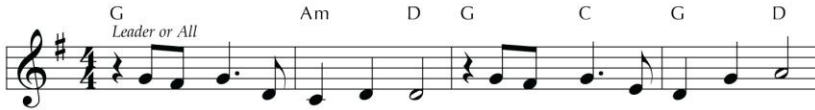
*HYMN #69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

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: **Mary Helen Matava** (sister of Kathy Matava), the friends and loved ones of **Janet Estes** (sister of Phillip Collister-Murray), **Farrell Silverberg** (father of soloist Hannah Silverberg), **Darlene George**, **Jim Elmore**, **Dave Patron and family** (on the loss of his father), the **community of Roland Park** and **David & Danny Guillaume** along with the staff and children of **Kay Papa Nou & Unity House**.*

IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR MUSIC MAKERS

Director of Music: Dr. Phillip Collister-Murray

Organist: Esther Lee

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Handbell Choir: Beth Bishop, Jackie Capecci, Elaine Gradowski, Sharon Halm, Laura Hirschfeld, Katie Hosier, Carolyn Kramer, Richard Letocha, Holden McAleer, Dylan Moyer, Dave Patron, Sandy Rybczynski, Jennifer Smith

*Denotes soloist

IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Mary Carey

IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

September 6, 2026, 10:30 AM Worship. Scripture: Genesis 6:5-22; 8: 6-12 **Message:** Begin Again: Flood and Promise Part I

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