

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

**August 9, 2026**



Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change.  
In fact, God loves you so that you can change.  
What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love.  
It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change.

~ Richard Rohr



**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](mailto:pastor@rolandparkchurch.org)*

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*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 9, 2026

10:30 AM

**PRELUDE**

Esther Lee

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

by Sheilagh Kesting

**In the name of God,**  
who created us,  
who holds us and the whole world in his hands

**In the name of the Son,**  
who came into the world,  
who reconciles us with God.

**In the name of the Holy Spirit,**  
who fills us with eternal life,  
who links us with all Christians  
and incites us to peace,  
we come together to offer our thanks and praise.

**\*HYMN #405**

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

# Praise God for This Holy Ground 405

Capo 2: (D)

(G)

(A)

(Bm)

E

A

B

C#m



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,  
 2 Praise God in whose word we find  
 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known  
 4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,  
 5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

(Em7)

(D/F#)

(Em7)

(Asus4) (A)

F#m7

E/G#

F#m7

Bsus4

B



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.  
 food for bod - y, soul, and mind.  
 all are loved and called God's own.  
 rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.  
 where God's will is glad - ly done.

Refrain

(D)

(G)

(Em7)

(A)

(F#7)

(Bm)

E

A

F#m7

B

G#7

C#m



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D)

(Em7)

(A7)

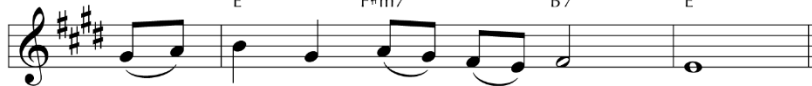
(D)

E

F#m7

B7

E



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Moira Laidlaw

The words of scripture describe you, O God, as hope, as salvation, as shelter. We who hear these healing words are invited to put all our confidence in you, to pour out our hearts to you, knowing that you hear.

Hear us now, O God, as we gather to worship and to praise you.

Forgive us when we listen to the voices which tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth; in whatever breakfast food can expand our brainpower, in whatever mode of transport can get us anywhere faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Renew our trust in you and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with you and to re-align our priorities with yours.

**Hear us now, Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather to worship and to praise you.**

Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed.

**Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks of faith.**

**Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

*Time of Silent Prayer*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

2 Corinthians 5: 17-18

Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## GLORY TO GOD

Capo 3: ( Bm ) ( Em ) ( A ) ( D )  
Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

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.*  
Tristan Jacobs, soloist

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GOD'S STORY

Ezekiel 18:30-32

*Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.*

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

Repairing the Breach: Rob Hirschfeld and Kathy Matava  
Making Different Choices

## \*HYMN #507

Come to the Table of Grace  
*Sing verses 1, 3, & 5*

TABLE OF GRACE

# Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)

F C Dm F7/C B<sup>b</sup>

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)

C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)

F/A B<sup>b</sup> F/C C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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.**

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION HYMN #518**

**Your Only Son**

**LAMB OF GOD**

Tristan Jacobs, soloist  
*Join in singing the refrain as you are able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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

Esther Lee, piano

**\*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**

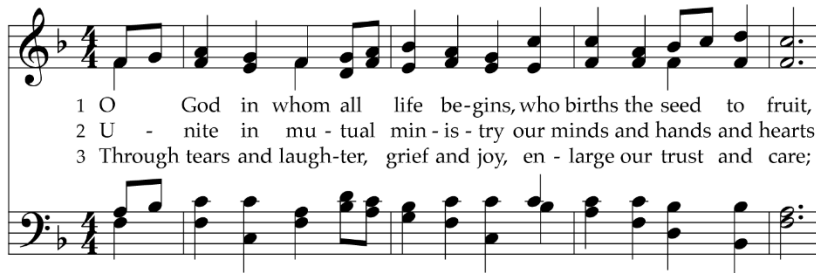
**\*HYMN #308**

**O God in Whom All Life Begins**

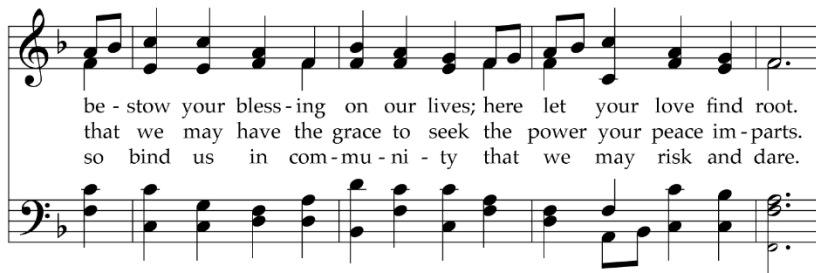
**NOEL**



## O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



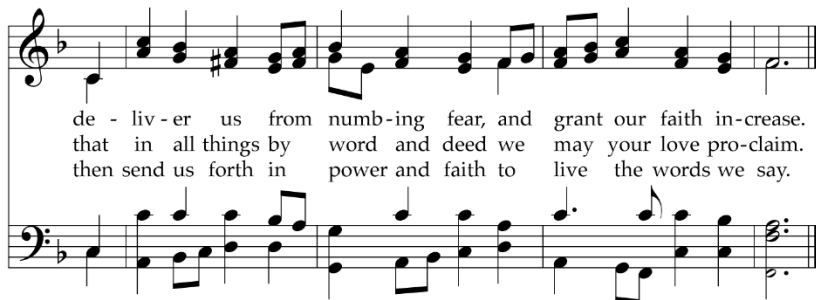
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

**\*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-Murry), **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

**Chancel Choir & Soloists\*:** John Bishop, Mary Agnes Evans, Elaine Gradowski, Emily Gradowski\*, Sharon Halm, Katie Hosier\*, Tristan Jacobs\*, Troy Koger\*, Carolyn Kramer, Dylan Moyar, Peter Murphy\*, Dave Patron, Fatima Petersen\*, Ginny Rutherford, Sandy Rybczynski, Barrie Sigler, Hannah Silverberg\*, Jennifer Smith\*, John Walkup, Steven Soltow\*

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

\*Denotes soloist

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