

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

October 11, 2026



We think of the Ten Commandments as ten things we'd really like to do but God doesn't want us to, so to please God let's don't. But we miss the way the commandments begin—I am the Lord your God, I brought you out of slavery into the land of freedom and this is the shape of freedom. You are so free you don't even have to have any other gods. You have been given so much you are free not to covet what is your neighbor's. You are free to have the Sabbath day and to keep it holy. It's not a list of rules; it's the shape of freedom.

~ Thomas G. Long



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.*

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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
October 11, 2026 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The One who gives life calls to us
and we come up to hear and respond.
The One who names us treasured and holy calls to us
and we come up to hear and respond.
The One who teaches us how to live calls to us
and we come up to hear and respond.

***HYMN #65**

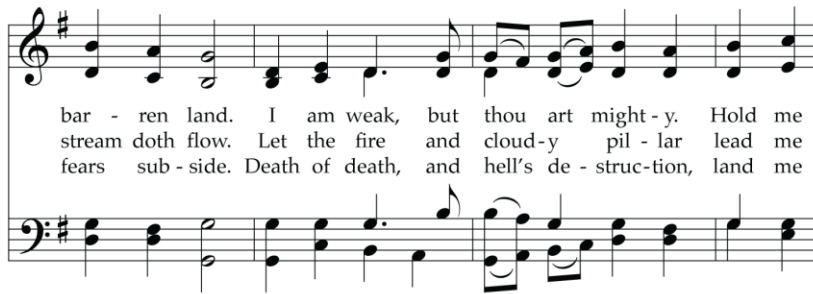
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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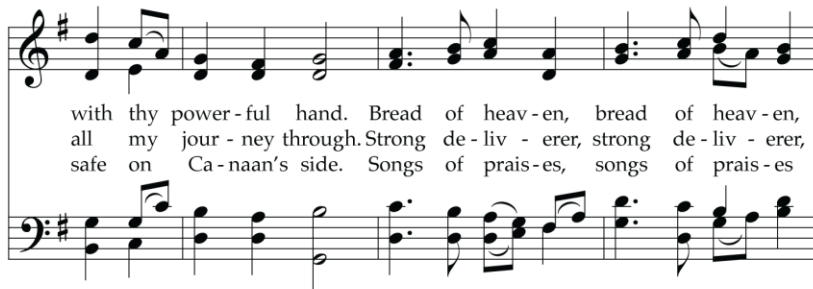
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,
you defeat the powers of death,
and set us free to live anew with you.
We confess that we don't know how to do it,
and so we turn your way of life into rules
and use them to build a box to hold you and others in.
You command us not to set our image of you in stone
and we confess that we do not like the thought of you moving or changing
so we imagine you static, always right where we left you, just the way we like you.
Forgive us for flattening your word into a checklist,
and then applying it to others more than ourselves.
Forgive us for our workarounds and loopholes,
our very good reasons why we can't live according to your commandments.
Forgive us, and free us once again from the ways we imprison ourselves and others
that we may come into your promise and live as your people,
here and now.
Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends, hear this good news: before we have a chance to earn it, the Holy Spirit brings us into God's presence and calls us beloved, and this love is for the thousandth generation. Know that God's grace is for you, leading you into life. **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

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PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Liberating God, you carry us to yourself, moving us out of the narrow place into the good and broad land of your grace. Open us today, to hear more than just an ancient story, to see more than just a simple two-dimensional symbol, to know you more fully as your beloved people. Amen.

GOD'S STORY

Exodus 19:3-7; 20: 1-17

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

Then God spoke all these words,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

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

The Shape of Freedom

Pastor Mark

***HYMN #419**

I Long for Your Commandments

WOHN DENEN, DIE DA WANDELN

64 I Long for Your Commandments

(Psalm 119)

1 I long for your com - mand - ments; your judg - ments all are
 2 With - out your lamp to guide me I wan - der from the
 3 O God, I love your knowl - edge, more pre - cious than pure

just. With - in your words is wis - dom, your teach - ings
 way. With - out your laws and pre - cepts I stum - ble
 gold. It sat - is - fies like hon - ey, a sweet - ness

un - der - stood are com - fort to my spir - it's need and
 in the dark. Your un - der - stand - ings are my hope that
 on my tongue. It leads me to sal - va - tion's door where

in the night my so - lace. Your stat - utes are my song.
 I may run in free - dom. Your ways are my re - lease.
 you have spread your ta - ble. O, lead me to your home.

Although this paraphrase is based on only a small part of Psalm 119, it incorporates many of the synonyms that weave through this extended acrostic psalm celebrating God's Law: commandments, judgments, words, teachings, wisdom, statutes, laws, precepts, understandings, ways.

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

Spirit of the Living God
Chancel Soloists

arr. Brandon Williams

*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 #53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

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.

***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), **Cheryl Thurber** (mother of Phoebe Evans Letocha), **Farrell Silverberg** (father of soloist Hannah Silverberg), **Darlene George**, **Jim Elmore**, 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*: Mary Agnes Evans, Elaine Gradowski, Emily Gradowski*, Sharon Halm, Katie Hosier*, Troy Koger*, Carolyn Kramer, Charlotte Kutz*, Peter Murphy*, Dave Patron, Ginny Rutherford, Sandy Rybczynski, Barrie Sigler, Hannah Silverberg*, Jennifer Smith*, Steven Soltow*, Kobe Stephens*, John Walkup

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

*Denotes soloist

IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Benny Wolfgang

IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

October 18, 2026, 10:30 AM Worship. Scripture: Joshua 24: 1-15 **Message:** Choose This Day

IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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the Presbytery of Baltimore.*

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