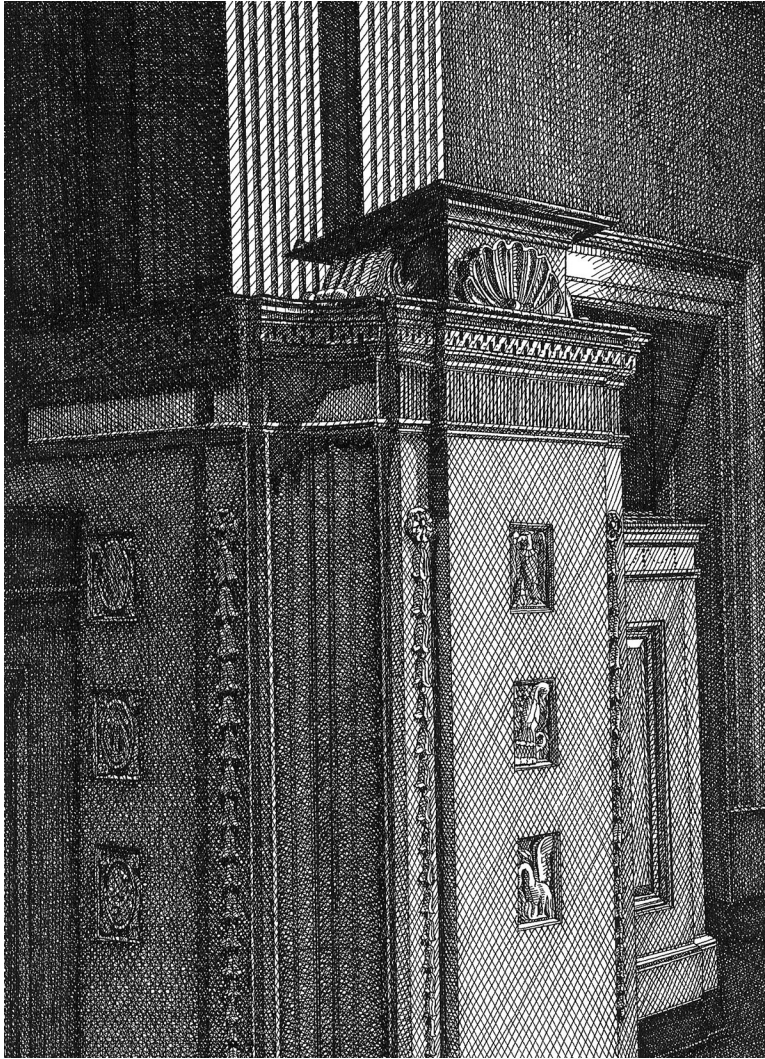




THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

When we worship God as we ought that's when the nations listen.

EDMUND CLOWNEY (1917-2005)

PASTOR, THEOLOGIAN, AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF
WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (1966-1984)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*

C. V. Stanford

The Announcements

Rev. Cooper

The Chiming of the Hour

•† The Ascription of Praise (8:30) – *sung by all*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.

**Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly forever adore Him.**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

Come, let us join with one accord in hymns around the throne;
This is the day our risen Lord has made and called His own.

Then let us in His name sing on, and hasten to that day
When our Redeemer shall come down, and shadows flee away.

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 103:20-22 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice
of His word!

Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

ALL: **Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

•† The Processional Hymn No. 217 *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

† The Apostles' Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

•† The Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

SEEKING GOD’S FACE

The Call to Confession – Acts 3:19-20

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The Missions Update

Mr. John Weiss, *Ruling Elder*

The Pastoral Prayer

•† The Hymn No. 94 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* HANOVER

The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7*

The Anthem (8:30)

O All Ye Nations
The Chamber Ensemble

Heinrich Schütz

O all ye nations, praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, all ye people.

Praise ye Jehovah in His strength;

All that hath life and breath now praise Jehovah.

God’s loving kindness unto us is great and merciful.

With heart and voice in Him rejoice;

For His truth endureth evermore.

Alleluia, sing praises! Praise ye the Lord!

from Psalm 117

Crown Him the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Prince of Peace.
Crown Him the one who died and rose again to live forevermore.
Crown Him the Bread of Life, high and holy Priest, bright and morning star.
He holds the keys of death. He holds the keys of hell.
He is ruler of the kings of the earth. Crown Him, behold your King.
See Him coming with the clouds. Every eye shall see Him whom they have pierced.
See Him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega.
He is the Living One. He who is and was and who is to come.
He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by His blood. He is the mighty Son of God.
Crown Him, behold your King. Behold the Lord of lords and King of kings. Crown Him!

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Kurt Cooper

† The Reading of God's Word – Mark 1:1-13

pew Bible, page 1063

*If you are visiting today and do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,
please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.*

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

Isaiah 40:6b, 8

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
They may be picked up in Room E-100 after the service.*

The Sermon

God's Vision for the Desert

Dr. Argyris Petrou

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD’S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 463

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

† The Benediction of God’s Grace

† The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C

David Johnson

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Argyris Petrou

Professor at Greek Bible College

and ordained minister serving AMG International

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist & Music Associate*

GUEST MUSICIANS

Dr. Michael Huff, *trumpet*

Mr. Bryan Reeves, *trumpet*

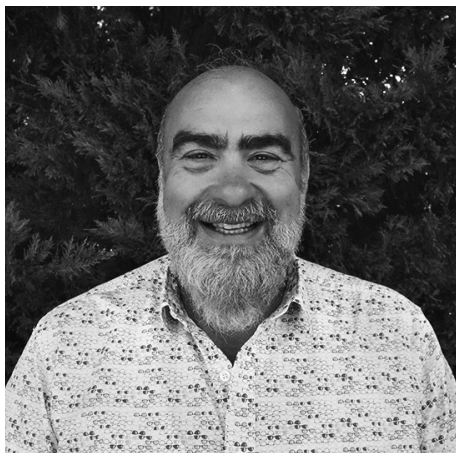
Dr. Brenda Luchsinger, *horn*

Dr. Jonathan Houghtling, *trombone*

SERMON NOTES

God's Vision for the Desert

Mark 1:1-13



Dr. Argyris Petrou

Dr. Petrou is a professor at the Greek Bible College where he has helped prepare many young men and women for ministry in Greece and southeastern Europe. He is an ordained teaching elder in the Greek Evangelical Church, with pastoral experience in Toronto, Canada; Piraeus, Greece; and several church plants in Athens, Greece. He is part of the leadership of the Greek Evangelical Alliance and is a published author through the Greek publishing house, O LOGOS.

He also facilitates the organizational development of Community House Damaris, a daily recovery program that helps female survivors of human trafficking and their children rebuild their lives and find lasting restoration. His wife, Dina, serves as the Director of Damaris House.

Additionally, Argyris proclaims the gospel and teaches the Bible through YouTube channels.



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Refrain
Unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, our
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, the
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, as
4. Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell of
5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone, cre -

King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
him who saves our souls from death and hell.
a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.

94 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
 and still he is nigh — his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
 all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

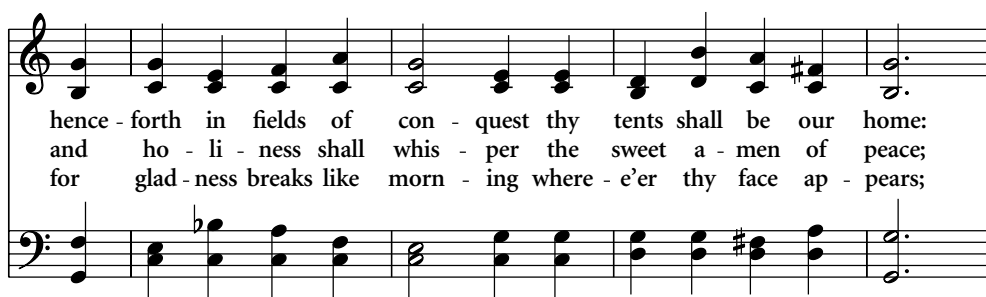
his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love.

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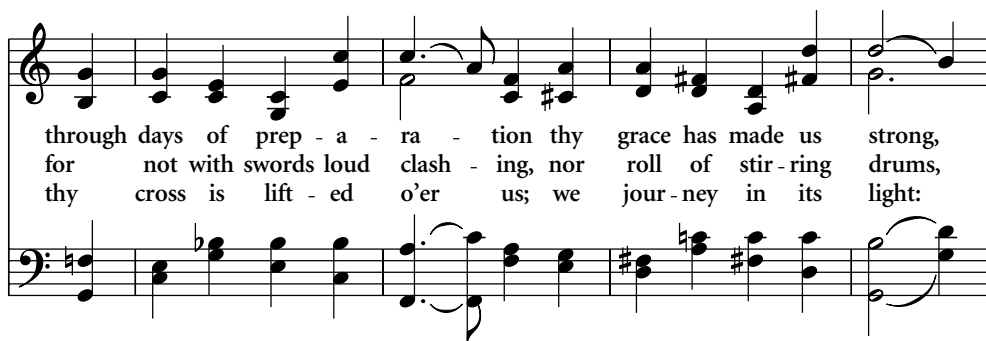
Lead On, O King Eternal



1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease;
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;



through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.