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February 18, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

First Sunday of Lent A Mt. Zion Lenten Road Trip Guided to the Cross: No Outlet

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS JOYS & CONCERNS PRELUDE TO

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Cloud's Veil

by Lawton

- L: The prophet Jeremiah calls forth to the generations:
- C: Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the road that you take. For so many roadways have no outlet.
- L: Avoid the highways that promise quick and easy pathways to our destination.
- C: There is no outlet to recharge our faith in these wilderness places.
- L: Avoid the road side stops of life distraction, that promise cheap and short-lived satisfaction.
- C: There is no outlet to recharge our faith in these wilderness places.

L: Avoid the temptation to go off the beaten path and leave all signs to direct you behind.

C: There is no outlet to recharge our faith in these wilderness places.

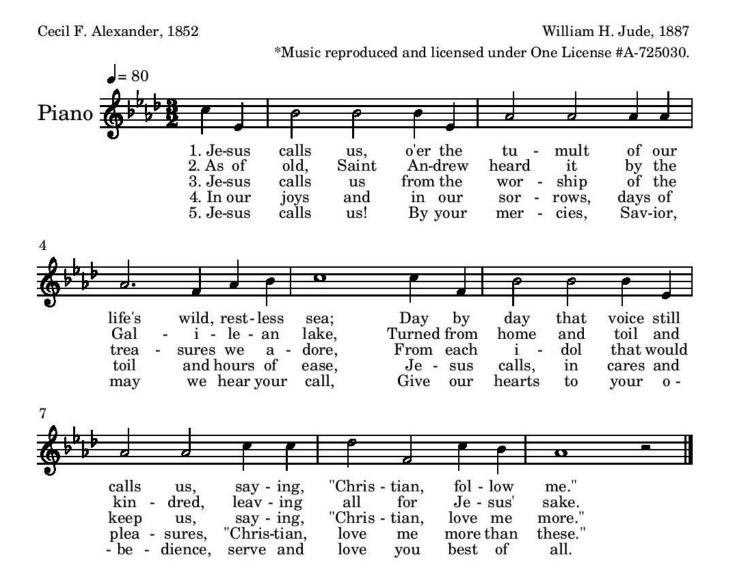
L: This Lent, may we be guided to the cross,

C: May we seek strength, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness. May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 172 NCH (black hymnal, see below)

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult



*TIME OF CONFESSION3

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Loving Lord,

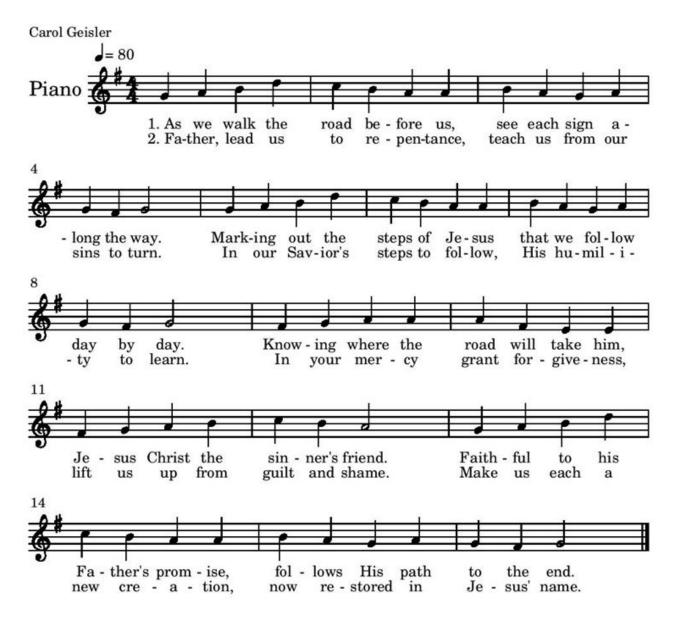
C: at the beginning of this Lenten season, we are met with the challenge of handing over every bit of our lives that do not come from You. To rid ourselves of what clutters our lives, and all that distracts us from the simple truth of Your love for us. Your prophets have called us to change the way we live—to make internal sacrifices instead of external ones. To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with You each and every one of our days. If we don't give anything up for Lent, then let us at least give up this: that we might live cease living in ways that disconnect us from You, Forgive us for the ways we give into temptation and walk in ways that are not your own. Perhaps this Lent, we can give up our way and give ourselves to Your way for us. So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way. May we walk with Jesus toward the hill just outside of Jerusalem. May we like Him take up our cross and follow, spending each moment of our lives living responsively to You, just as Christ Himself did. For that is the faithful way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ACT OF PRAISE (see next page)

As We Walk the Road Before Us



As We Walk the Road Before Us



(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE Proverbs 4:11-15 (NRSV) Matthew 4:1-11(NRSV)

Lord,

I want

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix African American Spiritual *Music reproduced and licensed under One License #A-725030. = 80 Piano Ι 1. want Je - sus to walk with me; In tri - als, Lord, walk with my me; 3. When I'm trou-ble, Lord, walk with in me; 5 Je to walk with I want sus me; in my Lord, walk with als, tri me; when I'm in trou ble, Lord, walk with me; pil all a long grim jour my ney, when my heart is al most break - ing; bowed when my head is in sor row, 13 Lord, Je I want to walk with sus me. Lord, I want Je to walk with sus me.

to walk with

me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM A TIME FOR SHARING

I Surrender All

arr. Johnson

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY A Lent Medley

arr. Tate

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 448 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

Take My Life God, Let It Be

ALL SING: Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow. Take me now and help me be part of Christ's community.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 438 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

It Is Well with My Soul

*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

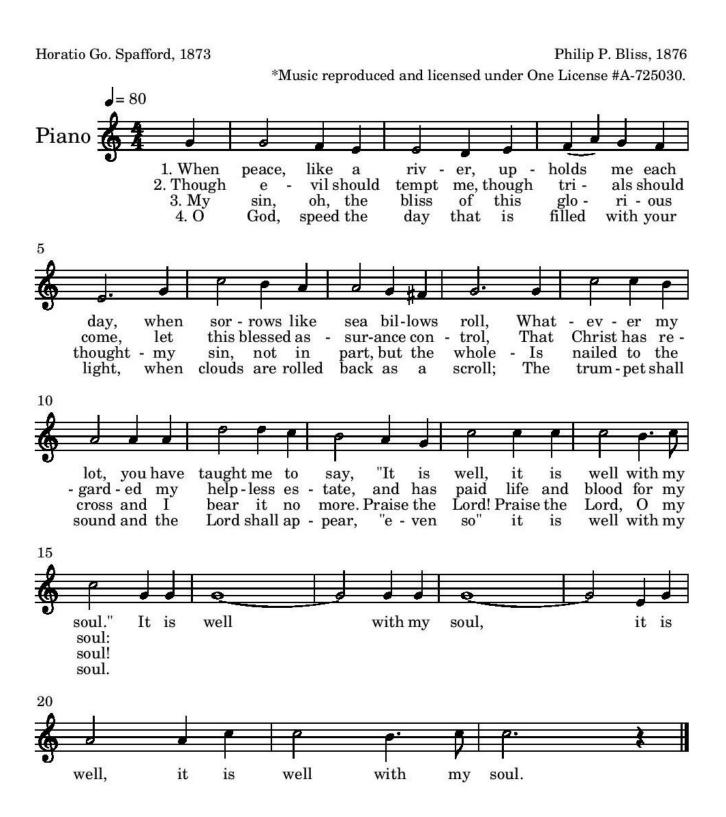
by Bennard

References

¹The Call to Worship is inspired by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. http://rev-o-lution.org/ and accessed for use on 2/12/24.

²The Prayer of Confession is written by Patrick Ryan, Pastor at Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church in Barboursville, West Virginia and accessed for use on 2/14/24.

When Peace Like a River



Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

8:00 AM Welcome Team Members—Nancy & Barry Schwartz

8:00 AM Tech Team— Denny Daugherty & Dave Firestone

8:00 AM Liturgist—Tama Allison

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—Vanessa Bicher, Jeff & Nancy Sleeger, & Tom Muligan

10:30 AM Tech Team—George DeMers, Paul Ramsey, & John Schriver

10:30 AM Liturgist—Charlie Hull

10:30 AM Worship Choir— Andrea Adams, Tom Bair, Brenda Beyer, Braden Bicher, Debbie Butcher, Carol Hartman, Lana Fritz, Michael Maletz, & Barb Neff