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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

The Cloud's Veil

by Lawton

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

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

Cecil F. Alexander, 1852

William H. Jude, 1887

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Piano 

1. Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our
2. As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the
3. Je-sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5. Je-sus calls us! By your mer - cies, Sav-ior,

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life's wild, rest-less sea; Day by day that voice still
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
trea - sures we a - dore, From each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, Je - sus calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, Give our hearts to your o -

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calls us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
- be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

***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

Carol Geisler

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Piano

1. As we walk the road be - fore us, see each sign a -
2. Fa-ther, lead us to re - pen-tance, teach us from our

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- long the way. Mark-ing out the steps of Je-sus that we fol-low
sins to turn. In our Sav-ior's steps to fol-low, His hu-mil-i-

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day by day. Know - ing where the road will take him,
- ty to learn. In your mer - cy grant for - give - ness,

11
Je - sus Christ the sin - ner's friend. Faith - ful to his
lift us up from guilt and shame. Make us each a

14
Fa - ther's prom - ise, fol - lows His path to the end.
new cre - a - tion, now re - stored in Je - sus' name.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix

African American Spiritual

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Piano

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

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I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

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all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing;
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

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Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus 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

I Surrender All

arr. Johnson

A TIME FOR SHARING

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


Horatio Go. Spafford, 1873

Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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Piano



1. When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each
2. Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should
3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
4. O God, speed the day that is filled with your

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day, when sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll, What - ev - er my
come, let this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re -
thought - my sin, not in part, but the whole - Is nailed to the
light, when clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall

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lot, you have taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my
- gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my
cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my
sound and the Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so" it is well with my

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soul." It is well with my soul, it is
soul:
soul!
soul.

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well, it is well with my soul.

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 Sleeper, & 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