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February 25, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Lent A Mt. Zion Lenten Road Trip Guided to the Cross: Speed Limit

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

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, filled with false promises of quick and easy pathways to our destination.

C: Slow down—pay attention to the road--God's timing is right for us.

L: Avoid the thrill of speeding forward without a sense of where you're going.

C: Slow down—pay attention to the road--God's timing is right for us.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

8:00 AM Welcome Team Members-Kathy & Bob Ensminger

8:00 AM Tech Team-Ron Miles, Jack Herlocker

8:00 AM Liturgist—Connie Wolfe

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—Sarah Shaffer, Doris Loucks, Nancy & Jesse Smith, & Melissa Shindler

10:30 AM Tech Team—John Kollasch, Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Liturgist — Andrea Adams

10:30 AM Praise Team—Caitlin Damon, Tom Bair, Mike Gibbs, Denny Daugherty



L: Avoid the rush of impatience and impertinence when the pace is not what you desire.

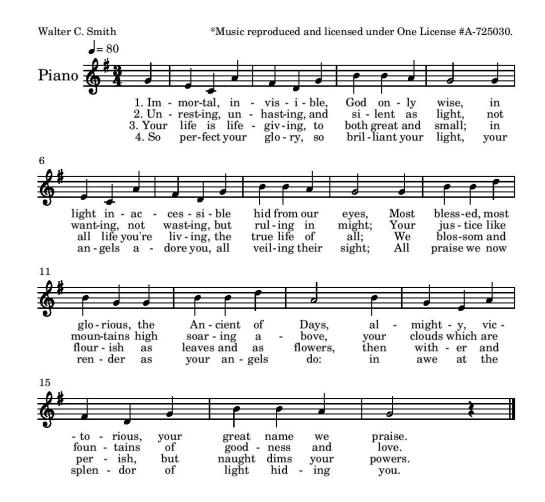
C: Slow down—pay attention to the road--God's timing is right for us.

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. 1 NCH (black hymnal, see below) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



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*TIME OF CONFESSION³

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God our Guide,

C: We confess that often times we ignore the plans you have for us, speeding on at our own pace. Instead of listening to your call in our lives to slow down, we think we know what is best. The thought of giving up control makes us anxious. The idea of setting our life to your rhythm and timing is at odds with our need to move forward-now. Forgive us for thinking we know what's best for us and how quickly it must be done. Help us to slow down-listen-and take your direction for our lives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (see next page)

As We Walk the Road Before Us



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.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP OFFERTORY *OFFERTORY RESPONSE 448 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

Take My Life God, Let It Be

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

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and us every power at Thou shalt choose. *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. (see next page)

Trust and Obey

***BENEDICTION** POSTLUDE

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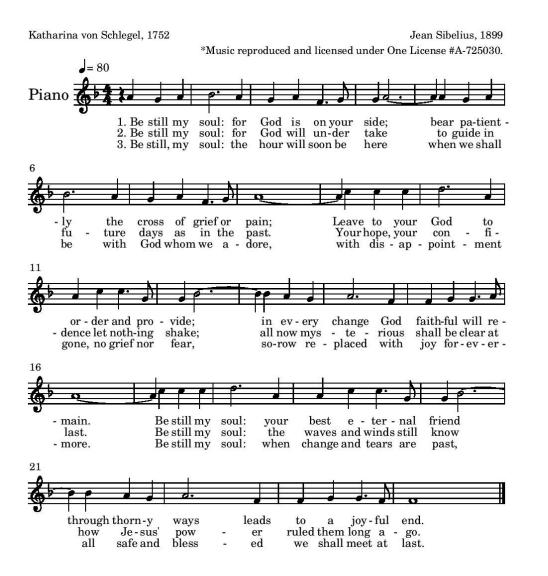
¹The Call to Worship is inspired by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. http://rev-o-lution.org/ and accessed for use on 2/12/24.

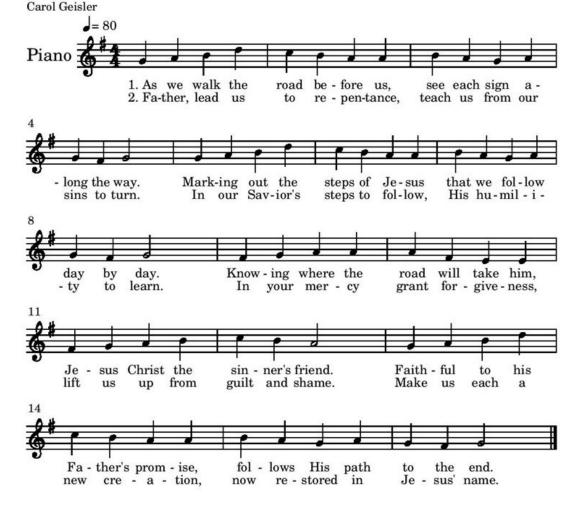


*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise. -3-

As We Walk the Road Before Us

Be Still My Soul





(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Psalm 46 (NRSV) Luke 7:36-50 (NRSV) MESSAGE