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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 10:30 AM 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 WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

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.**

<sup>1</sup>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

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
 2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
 3. But we never can prove the delights of his love  
 4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glory he sheds on our way!  
 but our toil he doth richly repay;  
 until all on the altar we lay;  
 or we'll walk by his side in the way;

While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
 not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
 for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,  
 what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;

and with all who will trust and obey.  
 but is blest if we trust and obey.  
 are for them who will trust and obey.  
 never fear, on - ly trust and obey.

*Refrain*

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be  
 hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and obey.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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

Walter C. Smith

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. Im - mor-tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
2. Un - rest-ing, un - hast-ing, and si - lent as light, not
3. Your life is life - giv-ing, to both great and small; in
4. So per-fect your glo-ry, so bril-liant your light, your

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light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most bless-ed, most  
 want-ing, not wast-ing, but rul-ing in might; Your jus - tice like  
 all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all; We blos - som and  
 an - gels a - dore you, all veil-ing their sight; All praise we now

11

glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic -  
 moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove, your clouds which are  
 flour - ish as leaves and as flowers, then with - er and  
 ren - der as your an - gels do: in awe at the

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- to - rious, your great name we praise.  
 foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 per - ish, but naught dims your powers.  
 splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

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**\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>**

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*



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**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.**

**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

**References**

<sup>1</sup>The 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.

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## Be Still My Soul

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

Jean Sibelius, 1899

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*♩ = 80*

Piano

1. Be still my soul: for God is on your side; bear pa-tient -  
 2. Be still my soul: for God will un-der take to guide in  
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall

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- ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to  
 fu - ture days as in the past. Your hope, your con - fi -  
 be with God whom we a - dore, with dis - ap - point - ment

11

or - der and pro - vide; in ev - ery change God faith-ful will re -  
 - dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be clear at  
 gone, no grief nor fear, so-row re - placed with joy for-ev - er -

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- main. Be still my soul: your best e - ter - nal friend  
 - last. Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 - more. Be still my soul: when change and tears are past,

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through thorn-y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 how Je - sus' pow - er ruled them long a - go.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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## As We Walk the Road Before Us

Carol Geisler

*♩ = 80*

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 -

8

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

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

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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**

*Psalm 46 (NRSV)*  
*Luke 7:36-50 (NRSV)*

**MESSAGE**

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