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March 3, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

***Third Sunday of Lent***  
***A Mt. Zion Lenten Road Trip***  
***Guided to the Cross: Do Not Enter***

*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**

*Shepherd Medley*

arr. Tate

**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. Pay attention and do not enter where God has advised you to steer clear.**

L: Turn away from roads of greed and glory.

**C: Do not enter roadways that God has closed.**

L: Turn away from selfish living that ignores all others on the road.

**C: Do not enter roadways that God has closed.**

L: Turn away from systems that hold others down instead of lifting them up.

**C: Do not enter roadways that God has closed.**

L: As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God.

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

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 459 NCH** (black hymnal, see below)

*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*


## Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson, 1758

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



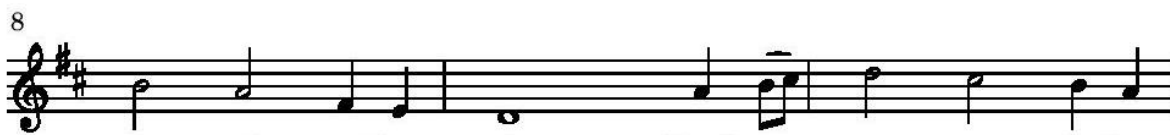
1. Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless - ing, tune my  
2. Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv-ing  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

4




heart to sing your grace; streams of mer - cy nev-er ceas-ing, call for  
thanks for hav-ing come, come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will  
I am drawn a - new! Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my

8




songs of end-less praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious  
guide me safe-ly home. Je - sus sought me when a  
wan - dering heart to you. Prone to wan - der, I can

11



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the  
strang - er, wan-dering from the fold of God, Came to  
feel it, wan - der from the love I've known: Here's my

14



mount I'm fixed up - on - it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.  
res - cue me from dan-ger, bless-ed bod - y pre-cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God our guide,

**C: Where are things heading? We confess we are lost on the road. Unless you are a God of justice and judgement, the future of this arrogant world seems dismal. Unless you are a God of grace and mercy, our place in your future seems hopeless. So often we enter roads you have closed—and our hearts carry the weight of this separation. With the anger of a temple cleansing, overthrow our greed and scatter our in difference. With the suffering of your crucified Son, forgive our sins and heal our diseases. With the mercy of justice and the justice of your unique mercy, lead us on towards the consummation of your kingdom. You alone are our help and hope. You alone are our health and happiness. You alone are the road to life. So forgive us, O God. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: 1. As we walk the road before us, see each sign along the way. 2. Father, lead us to re-pen-tance, teach us from our sins to turn. Mark-ing out the steps of Je-sus that we fol-low In our Sav-ior's steps to fol-low, His hu-mil-i-day by day. Know-ing where the road will take him, -ty to learn. In your mer-cy grant for-give-ness, Je-sus Christ the sin-ner's friend. Faith-ful to his lift us up from guilt and shame. Make us each a Fa-ther's prom-ise, fol-lows His path to the end. new cre-a-tion, now re-stored in Je-sus' name.

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,

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Je - sus Christ the sin - ner's friend. Faith - ful to his  
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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**

*Proverbs 4:10-27 (NRSV)  
Matthew 21:12-17 (NRSV)*

**MESSAGE**

# Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Piano 

1. Not my broth-er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,
2. Not the preach-er, nor the dea - con but it's me, O God,
3. Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O God,
4. Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's me, O God,

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stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth-er, nor my sis - ter but it's  
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not the preach-er, nor the dea - con but it's  
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not my fath - er, nor my moth - er, but it's  
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's

7 

me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's  
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

11 

me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer; It's me, it's

15 

me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Sacrament*

arr. Combs

\*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 use every power as Thou shalt choose.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Write Upon My Heart* Martin & Angerman

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: You who are weary, why have you come?

**C: To hear good news.**

L: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

**C: To heal our hearts.**

L: You who are captive, why have you come?

**C: To hear words of freedom.**

L: You who are prisoners of doubt and fear, why have you come?

**C: To be released from what binds us.**

L: You who mourn, why have you come?

**C: To receive comfort.**

L: Then you are welcome here in this place, at this table, where Jesus offers blessing for all.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

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.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God of our salvation,

**C: We continue this day on a journey that we have made before, a journey that will once again sweep us into unexpected places, always in pursuit of the path of your obedient Son. We thank you for feeding us, forgiving us, and filling us with life. Send your Holy Spirit to open our lips that our mouths may declare your praise and we may be guided on this path of penitence, prayer, and preparation. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 128 UM HYMNAL** (see next page)

*He Leadeth Me*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Guide Me O My Great Jehovah*

by Williams

### 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.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

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### Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**8:00 AM Welcome Team Members**—Rick & Cindy Hogentogler

**8:00 AM Tech Team**—John Kollasch & Joseph Vacante

**8:00 AM Liturgist**—Deb Herlocker

**10:30 AM Welcome Team Members**—Vanessa Bicher, Les & Doris Loucks, Melissa Shindler

**10:30 AM Tech Team**—George DeMers, Paul Ramsey, Joe Vacante

**10:30 AM Liturgist**—Carol Hartman

**10:30 AM Worship Choir**—Andrea Adams, Barb Neff, Carol Hartman, Debbie Butcher, Michael Maletz, Braden Bicher, Brenda Beyer

# He Leadeth Me

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862

William B. Bradbury, 1864

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*Piano*  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O  
 2. Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some  
 3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor  
 4. And when my task on earth is done, when

4

words with heaven-ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -  
 times where E - de's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er  
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent what - ev - er  
 by thy grace the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

7 *Refrain*

- e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he  
 trou - led sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.  
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

11

lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his faith - ful fol - lower

15

I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.