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March 10, 2024 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Lent A Mt. Zion Lenten Road Trip Guided to the Cross: Yield

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

PRELUDEAll Are Welcomeby Haughen

CALL TO WORSHIP

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. Yield—slow down—make room for others.

L: Avoid the desire to get there fastest and be at the front of the line.

C: Yield—slow down—make room for others.

L: Make space for one another, always concerned about what is good for all.

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L: With your choices, equip others to travel safely on the road.

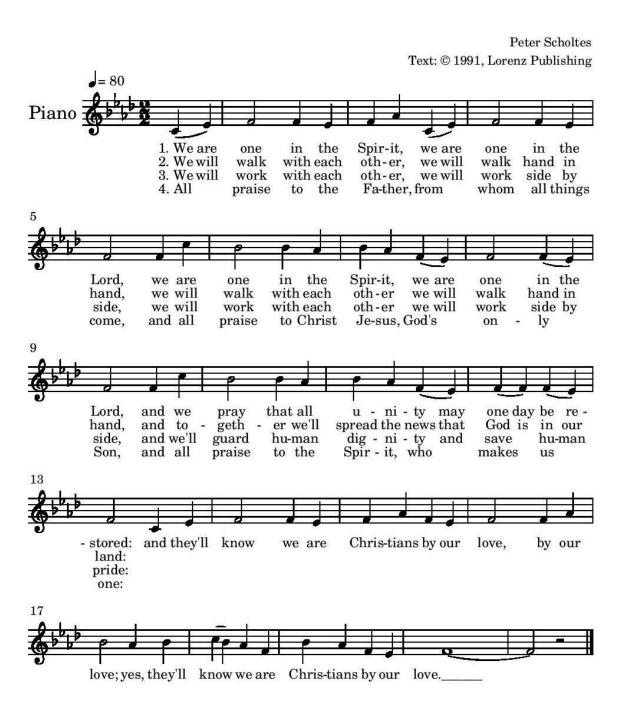
C: Yield—slow down—make room for others.

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.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 2223 NCH (FWS, see below) They'll Know We Are Christians

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love



*TIME OF CONFESSION3

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God our guide,

C: We are hesitant to confess, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. We find it hard to yield to make room for others, we fear it takes away from what feels rightfully ours. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to yield when our instinct is to keep moving, move us to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (see next page)

As We Walk the Road Before Us



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(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

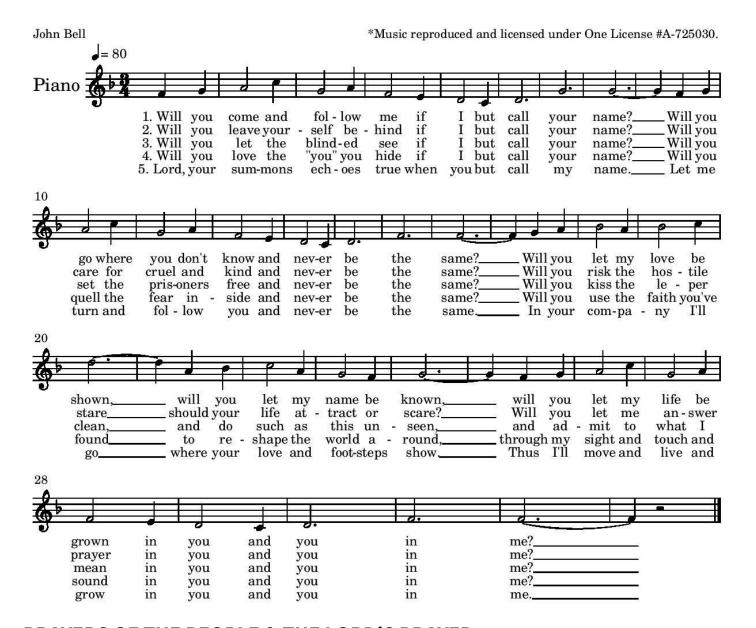
SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

MESSAGE ON YIELDING TO MAKE ROOM FOR OTHERS

Testimonies by Carol Hartman, Nancy Sleeger, and Connie Wolfe

The Summons



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 Interlude No. 3

arr. Tate

*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.

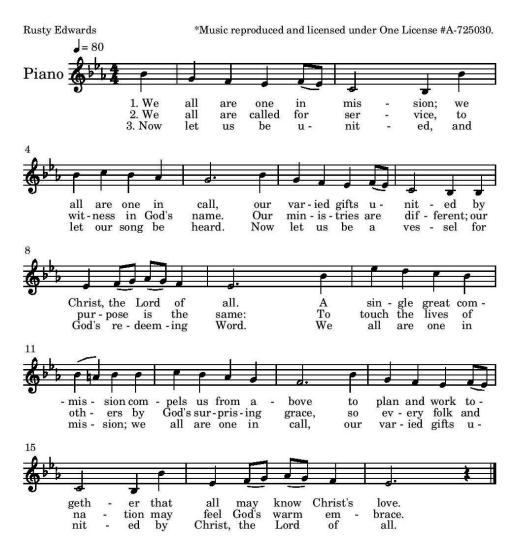
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 2243 FAITH WE SING (see below) We All Are One in Mission

We All Are One in Mission



Come Christians Join to Sing

arr. Tate

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 Act of Confession is adapted from the writings of Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/ and accessed on 3/4/24.

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Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

8:00 AM Welcome Team Members—John & Connie Wolfe

8:00 AM Tech Team— Denny Daugherty & John Kollasch

8:00 AM Liturgists—Diane Strine & Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—Caitlin & Jennifer Damon, Lana Fritz, & Robin Schriver

10:30 AM Tech Team—Ron Miles, Jen Miller, & John Schriver

10:30 AM Liturgist—Brenda Beyer & Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Praise Team—Barb Neff

<u>Testimonies</u>—Carol Hartman, Nancy Sleeger, & Connie Wolfe

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