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March 17, 2024 8:00 & 10:30 AM

### Fifth Sunday of Lent A Mt. Zion Lenten Road Trip Guided to the Cross: Merge

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

Jesus, My Cross I Have Taken

arr. Labenske

#### 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. Merging takes awareness and persistence.

- L: Avoid the desire to sit on the sidelines.
- C: Let's merge and get in line with Christ.
- L: Don't remove yourself from hard conversations and hard actions.
- C: Let's merge and get in line with Christ.
- L: Stop silencing the Holy Spirit's calling.
- C: Let's merge and get in line with Christ.

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. 562 NCH (black hymnal, see below)

Take My Gifts

### Take My Gifts



#### \*TIME OF CONFESSION3

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God our guide,

C: We look for you in all the wrong places, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you would challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you will enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks. Forgive us. Grant us mercy. Gift us your grace. And help us get in line behind you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (see next page)

As We Walk the Road Before Us



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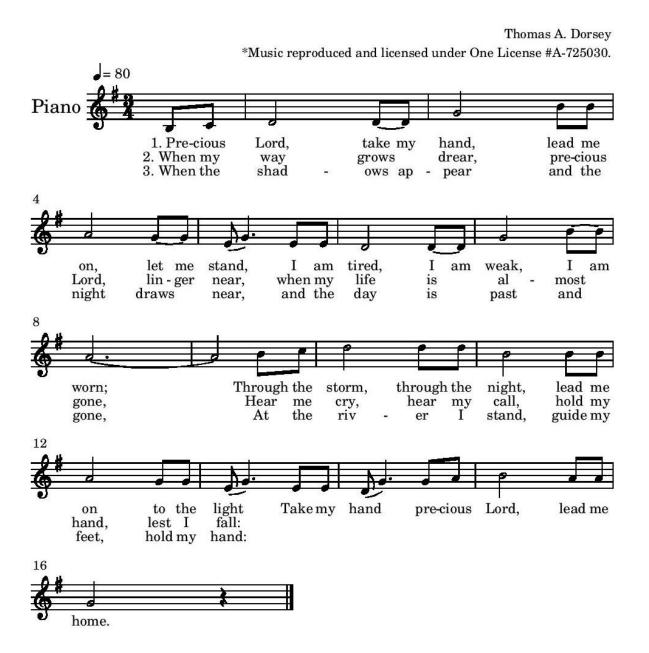
(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SCRIPTURE** 

Proverbs 1:1-7 (NRSV) Matthew 16:13-26 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE** 

### Precious Lord, Take My Hand



### 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
Where He Leads Me

by Blandly

\*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.

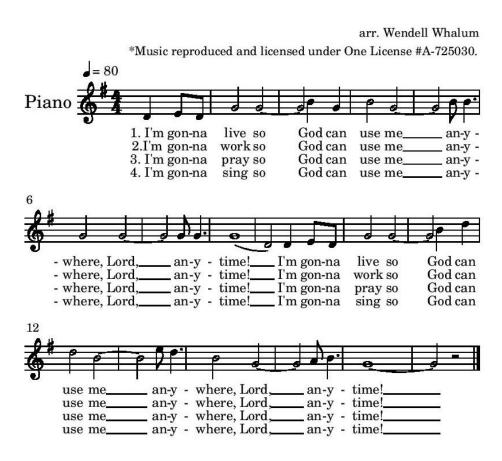
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 2153 FAITH WE SING (see below)

I'm Gonna Live

### I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



by Stone

### **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 Act of Confession is adapted from the writings of Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/ and accessed on 3/11/24.

#### **Volunteers**

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

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

8:00 AM Tech Team— Dave Firestone & Joe Vacante

8:00 AM Liturgist—Connie Wolfe

**10:30 AM Welcome Team Members**—Stella Fletcher, Jen & Mark Miller, & Melissa Shindler

10:30 AM Tech Team—Elaine Bevivino, Jack Herlocker, John Schriver

10:30 AM Liturgist—Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Scripture Reader—Tobias Rhinehart

**10:30 AM Praise Team—** Denny Daugherty, Hayden Dallam, Caitlin Damon, Mike Gibbs, Catie Kiefer

# **NOTES**