



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Lord, Have Mercy

J.S. Bach

INTROIT

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Marilyn Biery

*Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;
Come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.*

Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear.

Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121:1-6)**

Susan Dunlap

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills--from where will my help come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: The Lord will not let your foot be moved; the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

People: **The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

People: **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

***CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace.**

**You call us to trust in you completely,
but we do not.**

We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.

**We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.**

**We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.**

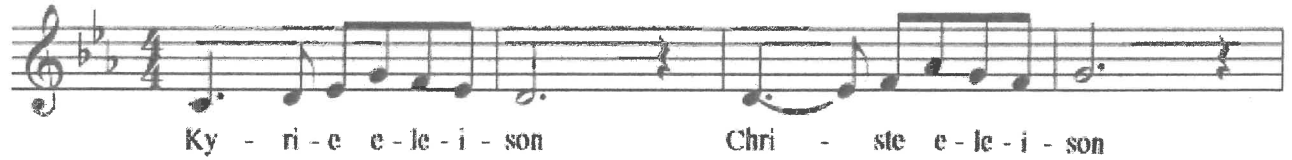
Forgive us, we pray.

**Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace
in the family of faith.**

In Christ's name we pray.

Silent Confession

*All who are able, please stand.



Declaration of Forgiveness

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Amy Wilson

Leader: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**
 Leader: Let us pray.
 All: **Gracious God, our Way in the wilderness,
 guide us, by your Word,
 through these forty days,
 and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
 so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

(Pew Bible, NT Page 154)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

(Pew Bible, OT Page 10)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Wayfinding"

Susan Dunlap

(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism Question 28

Mindy Douglas

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?
 A. **We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future, we can have good confidence in our faithful God that nothing in creation will separate us from God's love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without God's will they can neither move nor be moved.**

***HYMN NO. 182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

***THE PEACE**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

*Signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally, if desired.
 During the passing of the peace, children through first grade, along with their parents, caregivers and older siblings, are invited to come to the front pews for "A Time with the Children."*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

(Children may return to the playroom with their caregivers or join their parents/guardians in the pews.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and coming in,

People: **From this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

. . . 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Susan Dunlap

Offertory Anthem

From Deep Distress and Troubled Thoughts Early American, arr. Alice Parker

From deep distress and troubled thoughts to thee, My God, I raise my cries;

If thou severely mark our faults no flesh can stand before thine eyes.

But thou hast built thy throne of grace, free to dispense thy pardons there,

That sinners may approach thy face in hope and love as well as fear.

Great is his love and large his grace through the redemption of his Son;

He turns our feet from sinful ways and pardons what our hands have done.

*Doxology (all sing)

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*CLOSING PRAYER *(from Sarum Primer)*

John Mozart

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God be in my head, and in my understanding;**

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Austin

*BENEDICTION

Susan Dunlap

*POSTLUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

Pamela Decker

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the ***Ritual of Friendship pad***, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On March 1, we welcomed 11 visitors to worship.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Bill Lorimer* on the occasion of his March 7 birthday by *Marcia, Stephen, and David Lorimer*.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following “*A Time with Children*,” children can remain in worship with their parents, guardians, and siblings, or return to nursery care. There is a changing table in the narthex, to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

The *Pulpit Paraments*: In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. Her liturgical projects emphasize the “threads that bind” and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of Anne ‘St. Clair’ Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The *Lenten Banner* was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of *Bess Bryant* and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

Portions of *today’s worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *Feasting on the Word*.

The *bulletin cover*, “Choices,” is artwork by American artist, Steven Langston.

The support group for care-givers of those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and dementia will meet **TODAY at 2:00 p.m. in the Wilson Parlor**. This group is open to anyone in the community who wants to share the joys and perils of being a care-giver.

~ Our Concerns ~

We extend condolences to:

- *Tom Juhnke and Diane Prosser* on the death of Tom’s mother, *May Juhnke*, who died March 1st in McPherson, Kansas;
- the family of *Julia Rigsbee*, FPC member who died March 2nd in Pittsboro, NC.

Jennie Bodkin, sister of Mindy Douglas

Jaxon Buck, son of Susan Buck and Lenore Champion, serving 27 months in the Peace Corps in Madagascar

Susan Ewald

Margaret Mubanga

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*

Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): *Arthur Clark*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Emerald Pond: *Paul Cornsweet*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: *Jean Lazarides*

Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: *Phillip Herndon*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Doug Neece, brother of Vern Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Judy Wood, mother of Sharon Hirsch

Lenten Book Study begins this week . . .

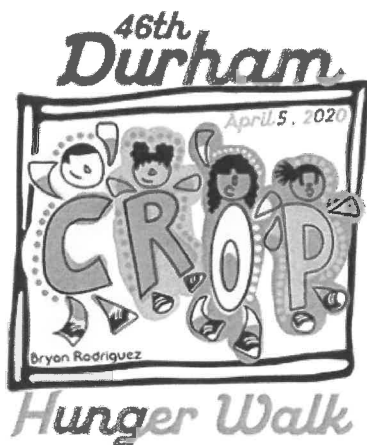
Mindy Douglas will lead a study of *Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World* by Serene Jones this Lenten and Easter season. The study will be held Tuesdays during the Lenten and Easter seasons, beginning March 10th and concluding May 19th. We will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the East Parlor. All are welcome to join us. The book is available for purchase through [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



On **Saturday, March 21**, you are invited to join the **Service & Mission Committee in First Presbyterian's Spring Day of Service**, consisting of five different opportunities for you and your family to be of service to others.

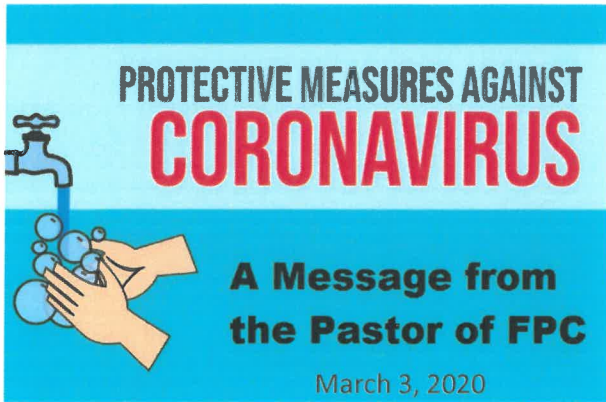
1. You can go to the **Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina in Durham** and sort food donations for the local food pantries and meal providers in our area who depend on the Food Bank. Marie Sappenfield is wearing the Sorting Hat on this activity.
2. Would you like to work outdoors? Julie Maxwell and Tom Bacon will lead you in a **Keep Durham Beautiful clean-up project** of a park, playground, or a trail. The exact location will be announced.
3. Do you like the idea of fixing up someone's house, but don't know exactly where to start? Tyler Momsen-Hudson will find jobs for everyone on the **Rebuilding Together for the Triangle home repair job**. The address is 1001 Delray Street in Durham. The two work shifts are 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We are also seeking a volunteer to provide lunch.
4. If you're interested in staying a little closer to church – then join the **FPC Clean-up**. From 9 am to 12 noon, Andy Henry is leading the charge to clean out/clean up the nooks and crannies of the church to make it better for everyone who comes through our doors. He promises free doughnuts and coffee.
5. For those of you who can't join the fun on March 21 but would like to contribute to the Day of Service, here's a chance for all of us. For **Book Harvest**, we are collecting new and gently used children's books and young adult fiction. There's already a drop off box with the other drop off boxes in the foyer. On March 21 Libby Gulley will need one volunteer to help sort and deliver them to Book Harvest.

How do you learn more and sign up for one of these Spring Day of Service projects? Stop by the table in the foyer and sign up for the **easy, fun, and fulfilling day of service with your fellow First Presbyterian volunteers** on Saturday, March 21st.



Taking Action – Changing Lives

The 46th CROP Hunger Walk is a fun family event which combines community building and raising resources for hungry people in Durham and around the world. **Jody Maxwell** is FPC's recruiter and he will have information for walkers and sponsors in the foyer following worship. You can join FPC's walk team by signing up at church following worship or online at the CROP Walk website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc>. This year's walk will take place on **Sunday, April 5**. Walkers will step off from Duke Chapel at 2:30 p.m.



Dear FPC Family and Friends,


As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has moved into the United States, and Wake County, and as we hear more and more warnings about the increasing probability of a potential widespread outbreak in the United States – I want to address the ways this affects our community. While I believe that Christians should not be ruled by fear, I also understand that we need to be good stewards and should not promote unnecessary risks. The Coronavirus has a long incubation period, which makes it hard to detect and contain early, and

the virus is particularly dangerous to immune-compromised populations including children and older adults. Therefore, I share a couple of reminders and ideas:

1. **Discernment: Only you can decide what is the right course of action for you.** If you are prone to illness – protect yourself. Sermons are posted on our website: www.firstpres-Durham.org and are available on podcast platforms.
2. **Prevention:** the best things we can do regularly to avoid cold and flu are also true for COVID-19:
 - **Wash your hands with soap and water frequently.** Soap breaks down the protective layer of the virus and kills it.
 - **Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.**
 - **Cough or sneeze into your elbow** (not your hands).
 - **If you are sick . . . stay home.**

3. The Church:

- **We will still gather for worship; we will still pass the peace**— feel free to use the peace sign  , prayer

symbol  , or abstain. If an outbreak does occur, we will follow any quarantine practices and we will corporately abstain from physically passing the peace, but until then, we will continue as normal.

- **We will still celebrate communion, but that doesn't mean you have to** – you may always choose not to partake in communion. Feel free to come forward to seek a blessing (the next communion is not scheduled until April).
- **We will review safety and cleaning practices** and increase disinfecting food surfaces and areas where many people congregate.
- **We will have hand-sanitizer at key entry-points in the church.** However, hand-sanitizers are not a replacement for good hand washing: remember to wet hands before washing, scrub both sides with soap for 20 seconds, and then rinse.

A task force is being established this week to guide us in the days and weeks ahead. Please let me know if you would like to serve on this team.

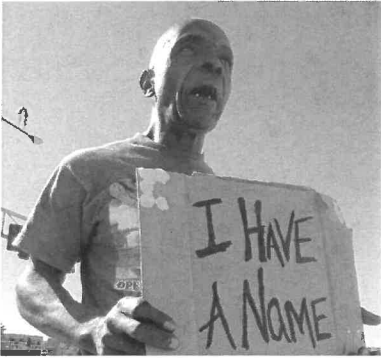
If you do become ill, please let us know and allow us to be the church to you by dropping off needed supplies and nourishment at your doorstep. I certainly appreciate everyone's concern for the well-being of all our members and neighbors.

The key is preparedness over panic and the church leadership will continue to keep its ear to recommended practices for prevention. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Grace and peace to you all,

Mindy

WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS



On Sunday mornings First Presbyterian Church (FPC) gives thanks for those God brings our way and wants to welcome all people with warmth and hospitality, regardless of their life circumstance. Occasionally, a visitor may ask for money or food. Members and friends want to help, but may not know what the right response should be. In order to help our members and friends receive our visitors with grace and love, while also recognizing certain restrictions and boundaries we have on Sundays, we recently compiled the following information for those times when a visitor asks for assistance:

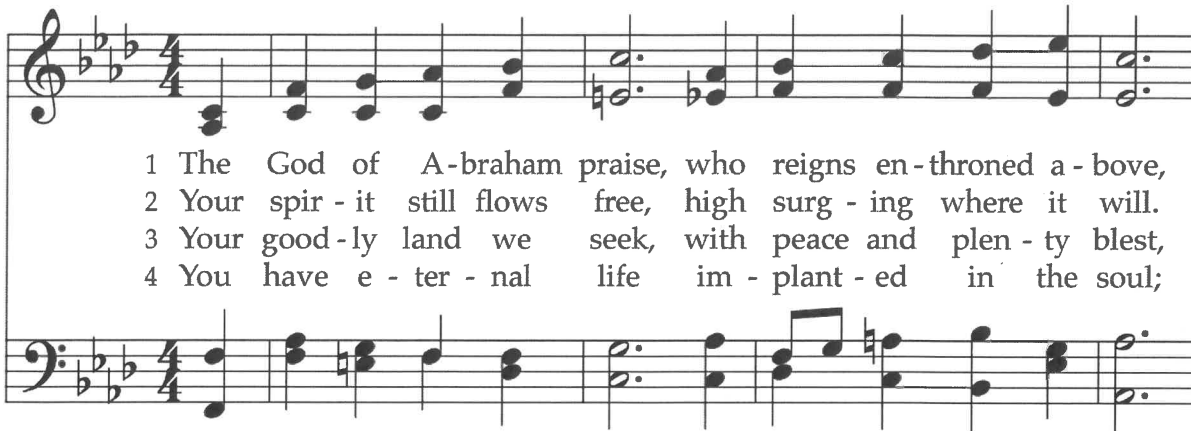
- a. **Food, immediately:** Free, hot lunch is available on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:30-1:30 at *Urban Ministries of Durham. Blessing bags (i.e. snack bags) from FPC are available only during the week.
- b. **Food, long term:** *Urban Ministries of Durham food pantry is open 9-11 a.m., Monday-Thursday. They provide three meals a day, every day. No one should be hungry in Durham.
- c. **Clothing:** Urban Ministries of Durham clothes closet is open 9-11 a.m. Monday-Thursday.
- d. **Bus passes:** Along with other forms of assistance, bus passes can be requested at FPC on Mondays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon at our Walk-in Ministry. We do not offer this assistance on Sundays.
- e. **Requests for money:** For many reasons, please do not give out cash. **FPC does not give cash.**
- f. **Request to meet with pastor:** Pastoral appointments can be made through our Monday and Thursday Walk- in Ministry volunteers.
- g. **Needing prayer or prayerful listening:** We are working on putting together a prayer team that will be available following worship for those who need prayer or someone to just talk to for a bit. Stay tuned for more information!

The **FPC Walk-in Ministry** offers prayer, support, guidance and assistance in many forms on **Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** When in doubt about how to offer assistance, please direct individuals to this important ministry of the church.

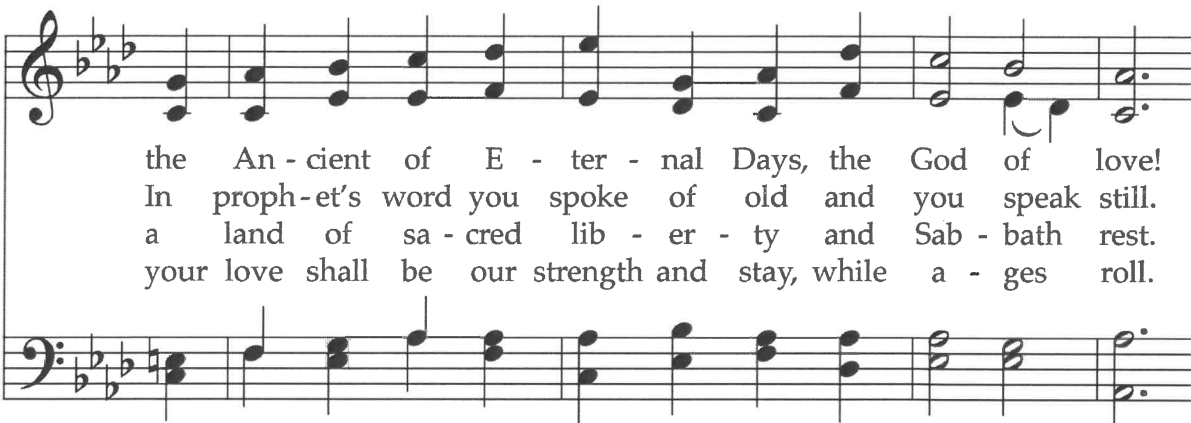
Most of all, we want to always treat our visitors with dignity and respect, showing kindness and compassion and giving a listening ear. If at any time, however, someone becomes agitated or angry, please ask them to leave or find someone else who can ask them to leave.

**Urban Ministries of Durham is located on 410 Liberty Street, behind St. Philip's Episcopal Church, one block from the FPC parking lot. Mon-Fri – breakfast and lunch bag 8-9 a.m., dinner 7-8 p.m.; Sat-Sun – breakfast 9:30-10:30 a.m., lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m., dinner 7-8 p.m. Note: Your stewardship dollars provide financial support to Urban Ministries through our Service and Mission budget.*

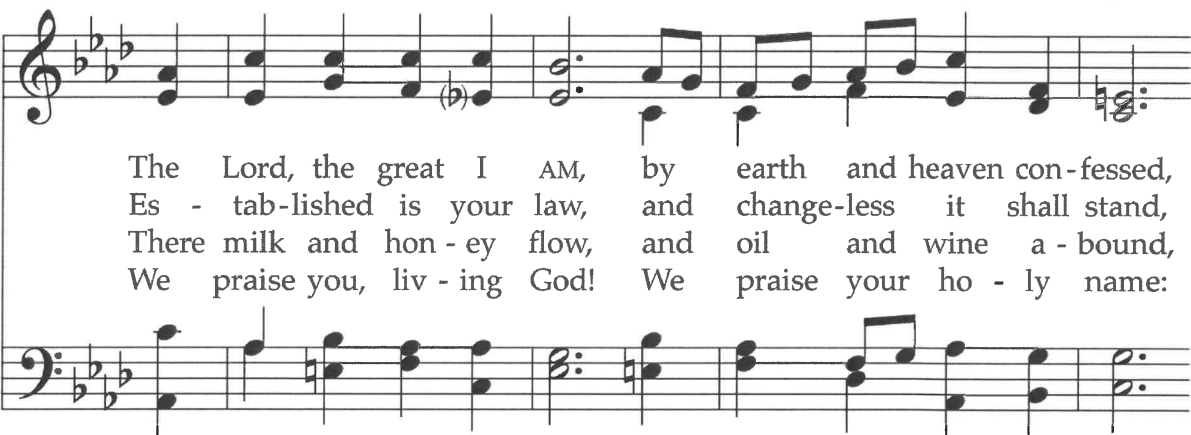
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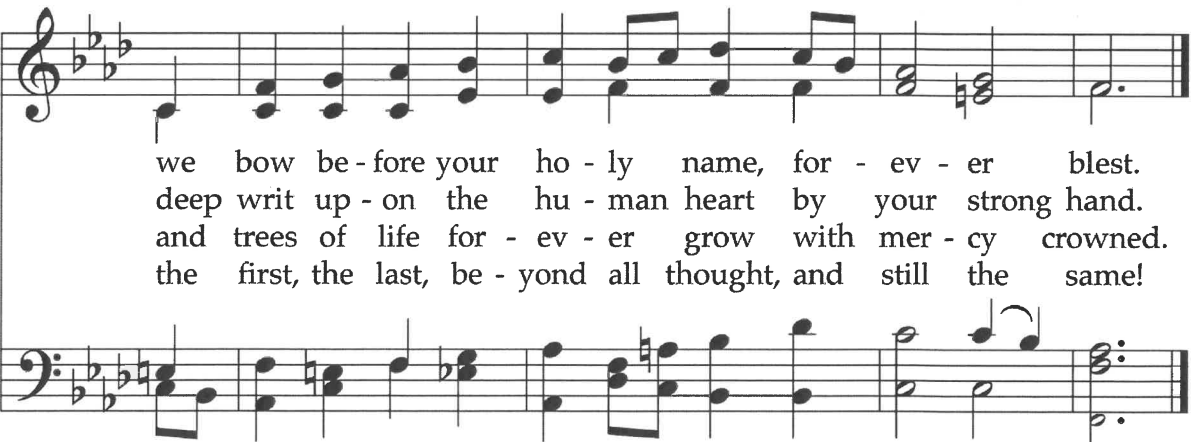
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
 2 Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.
 3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,
 4 You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;



the An-cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.

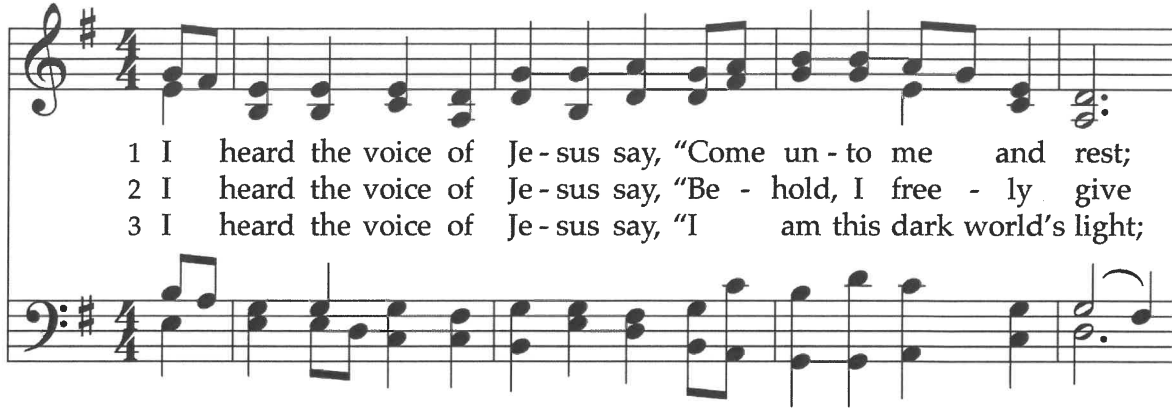


The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es-tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,
 We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:

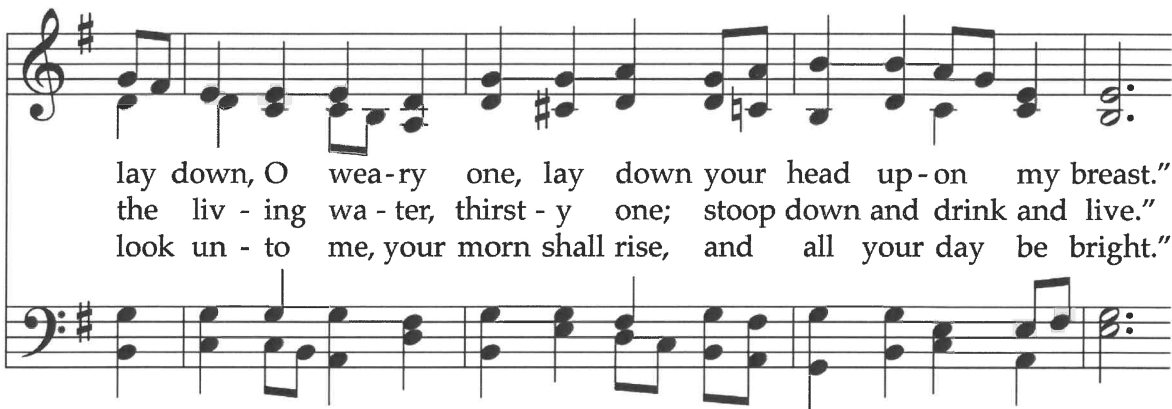


we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er blest.
 deep writ up-on the hu-man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!

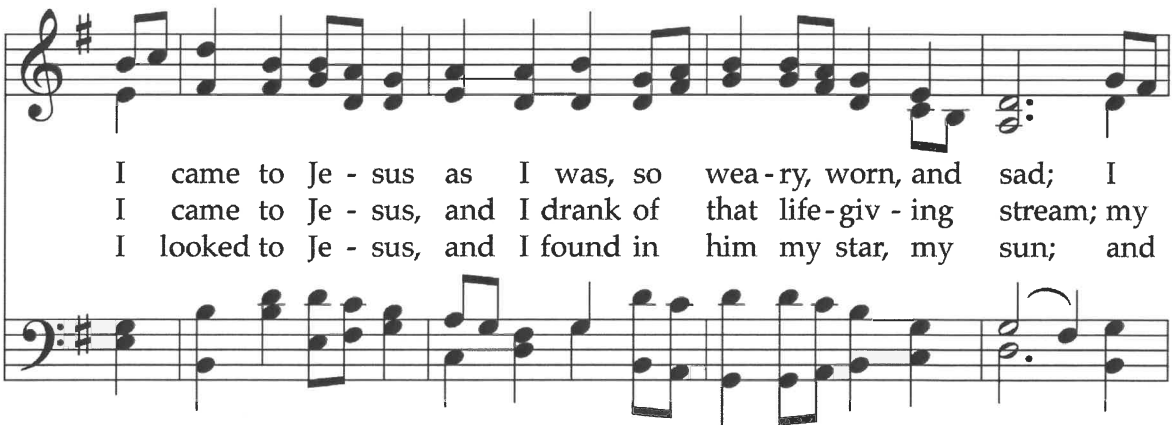
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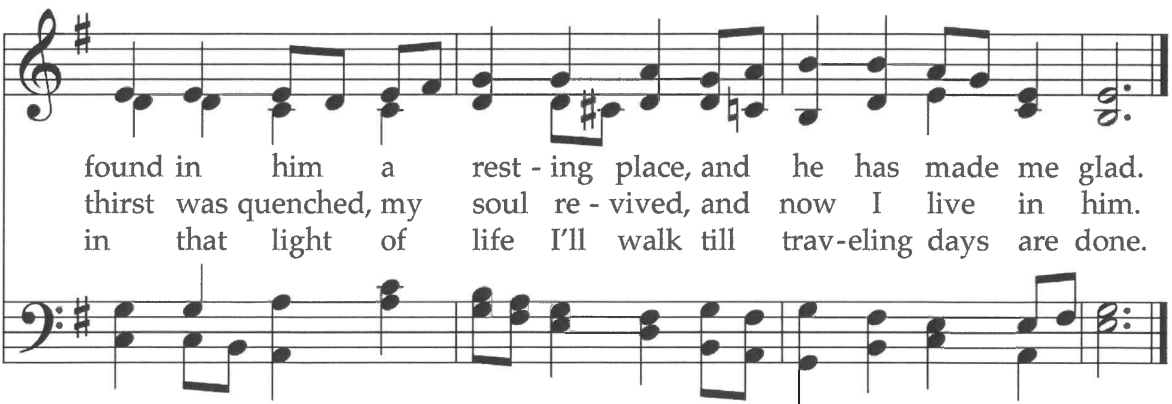
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

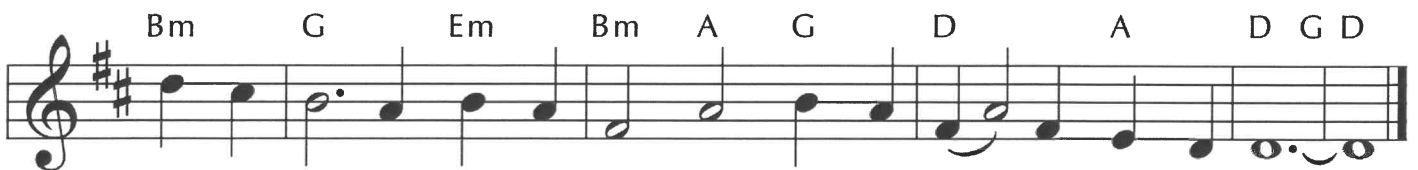


found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

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- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Amy Wilson*

Narthex Greeters: *Maxie Honeycutt, El Hess*

After Worship Greeters: *David Sappenfield* (Narthex/rear); *Brent Curtis* (Font/side)

Ushers: *John Mozart* (head), *Kathy Conner* (count)

The Week at a Glance!

<p align="center">Later Today</p> <p>2:00 PM Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers' Support Group</p> <p>No Shape Note Choir</p> <p>4:30-6:30 PM Youth groups combined for Flour Wars</p> <p>No Alleluia Children's Choir rehearsal</p>	<p align="center">Monday, March 9</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p> <p>6:00 PM Christian Education Committee / Property Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship & the Arts Committee / Youth Ministry Committee</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday, March 10</p> <p align="center"><i>Newsletter today!</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Program Staff</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>3:30 PM Book Group at the home of Hendrika Vande Kemp</p> <p>5:00-600 PM Lenten Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Finance & Investment Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus rehearsal</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday, March 11</p> <p>5:00 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, March 12</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry client interviews</p>	<p align="center">Saturday, March 14</p> <p align="center"><i>Prep for Congregational Lunch</i></p>	<p align="center">Sunday, March 15 - Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p align="center">9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p align="center">11:00 AM Worship</p> <p align="center">After Worship: Congregational Lunch</p> <p align="center">4:30-6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group</p> <p align="center">5:00-6:00 PM Alleluia Children's Choir rehearsal</p> <p align="center">No evening Youth Group for High Schoolers</p>	
<p align="center">Friday, March 13</p>	<p align="center">Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15 Presbytery Retreat for High School Youth</p>		

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