



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023

**You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Psalm 32:7

Sunday, February 26, 2023

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Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Haan

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Confession

Jesus, you asked us to partner with you. And we said, "We don't know how." You taught us what to do and empowered us to serve in your name. And we said, "We don't know where to go." You led us beside still waters and along the Jericho Road. And we said, "This is hard." Forgive us our hesitation and our resistance. Guide us again, so that we may more closely follow your way.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kyrie Eleison

Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -" and continues with "le - i - son." followed by a "Hum" section. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

Music: Jacques Berthier
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Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Matthew 4:1-11

Children's Time

Sermon *Lent: Unordinary Time*

Choir Anthem *If I Take The Wings Of Morning* Pooler

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

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, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Pavanesque* Thiman

Doxology *Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

Closing Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Benediction

Postlude *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty* arr. Manz

Following the Benediction, the congregation is encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther, c. 1529

Ps. 46

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,
4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er
You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to
The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.



There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

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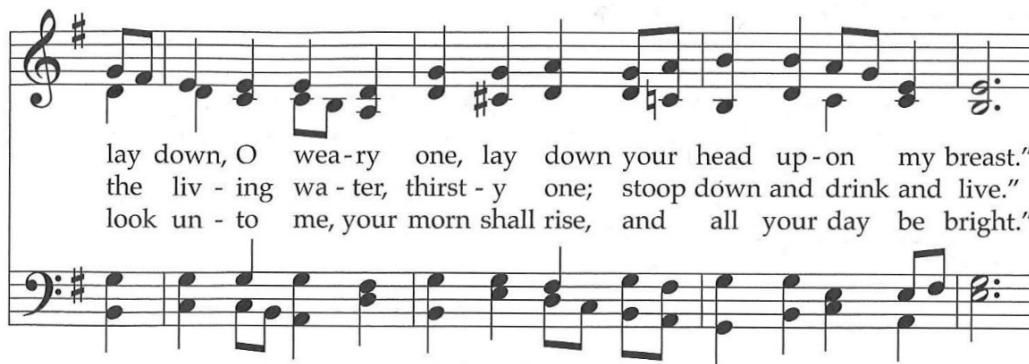
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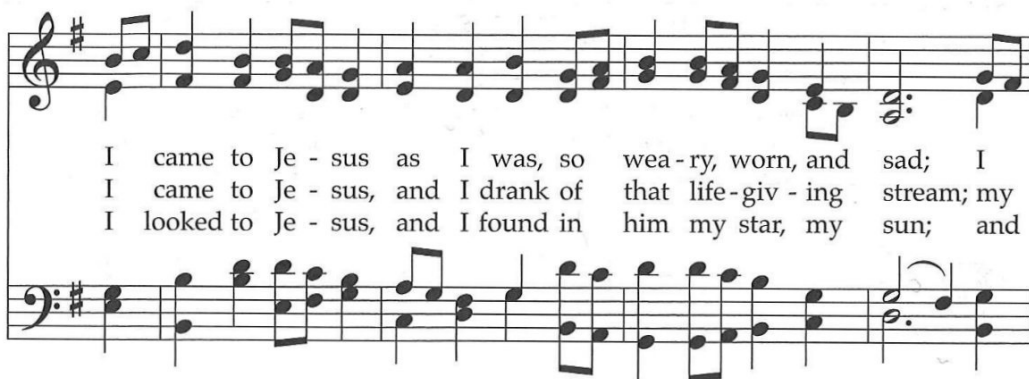
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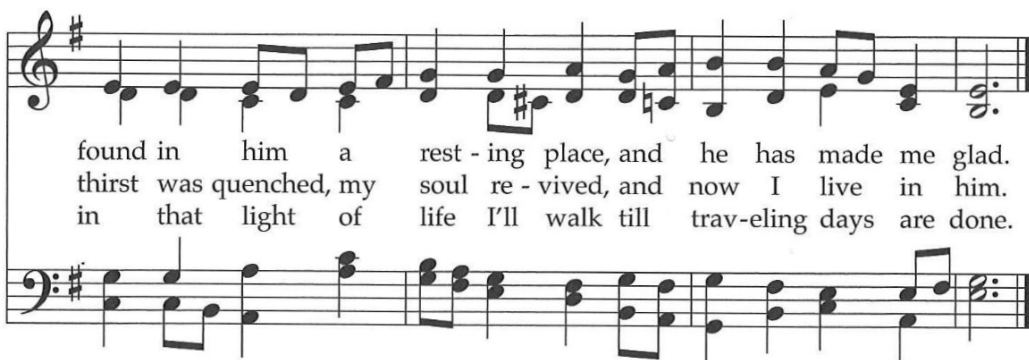
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



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.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

Bulletin Reminders for February 26, 2023

KINDNESS IN ACTION CAMPAIGN

Our Kindness in Action campaign is now fully underway! As of Sunday, you planted 39 hearts in our "kindness garden"! We are working toward a goal of 250 hearts, which will be used to flower the cross in kindness on Easter morning! There is no act too small, and every act warrants a place in the garden. Have fun with it. Random acts of kindness present themselves daily: compliment a stranger, bake cookies for a teacher, buy groceries for someone you don't know, Let someone else take that primo parking spot. Be creative...and be bold! Bring your completed hearts to church each Sunday for planting.

SOLAR ENERGY TASK FORCE FORMING

Property Management is looking into having solar panels installed at the church to help defray the cost of electricity. If you are interested in helping us gather and review the information for this project please contact **Don Copson** at dcopson427@gmail.com or **Carole Blackman** at blackmancarole@gmail.com.

SUSAN BLISS AND SUE TONKISS BAG GROCERIES AT THE PEARL ST. CAFE

Pearl St. Cafe needs volunteers in the pantry sorting, making bags, and greeting clients and, in the Cafe, volunteers to distribute meals to clients. See your Wednesday Email for details and sign up.



Sue Tonkiss



Susan Bliss

EASTER CASCARONES

We need your help! Save your egg shells, so we can make cascarones for Easter Sunday. Watch this short video on how to crack your eggs. Rinse them and place them back into the carton and drop off at church before Sunday, **March 12**. Have access to a photocopier with a hole punch? Empty out the collection receptacle and give us your hole punches for the confetti.

CWS HYGIENE KITS

After a two-year COVID hiatus, we will again collect items for CWS hygiene kits to be distributed to areas of natural disasters, here in the U.S. and abroad. We seek: **hand towels, washcloths, combs, nail clippers, bath-size soap, toothbrushes, band-aids**. Both the hygiene kits and school kits (donated in September) will be assembled by Faith Workshop kids at the end of March. Stop by our table at Coffee Hour to learn more. Please leave donations in the baskets near the lower elevator.



February's Coffee Klatch serving on the 19th:

(left-to-right) Al Rapoza, Pat McFerrin, Kathy Copson, Sam Swisher, Jody Comley, Jane Fadden, Karen Dreischer (in for Kelly Johnson), Nancy Lomas, Sue Tonkiss, Laraine Snooks