



Take *care* of him; and when I come back,
I will *repay* you whatever more you spend.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones.

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.

Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.

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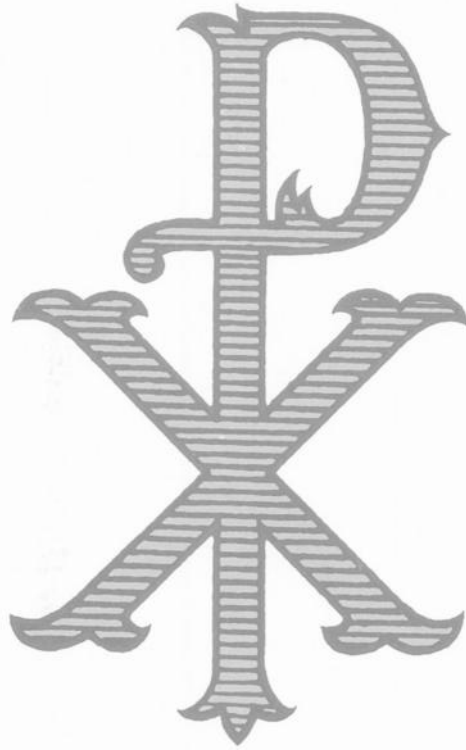
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sparks around the *fire*
COMPASSION AND THE CROSS

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 • 6:30 p.m.

*The word Lent comes from “lengthen,”
the lengthening of days as Winter turns to Spring.*

*As our planet moves into a fresh season,
we pay attention to the movement
of the Holy One within our lives,
or our lives moving within the Holy One.*

*Lent invites people of God to be in wonder
about the mystery of faith
and our mystical connection to Jesus Christ.*

Welcome to this moment of word, song, and silence.

WELCOME

Stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In baptism, we know we belong to Christ,
sharing a partnership with God.

In baptism, we share Christ's death,
witnessing the cross in the suffering of our world.

We also share Christ's new life:
in the story of the empty tomb, in our trust of God today,

in the water, in the meal,
in our prayer, in our song,

in our sure knowings,
in our holy, wondering silences.

The people of God pause for a slow, deep breath.

In Lent, we journey with Jesus,
our brother, mentor, friend, and Christ.

People of God, the Holy Spirit of Christ is with you.
And also with you.

WITNESS OF OUR NEED • "O TENDER GOD, HAVE MERCY"

Hidden with Christ



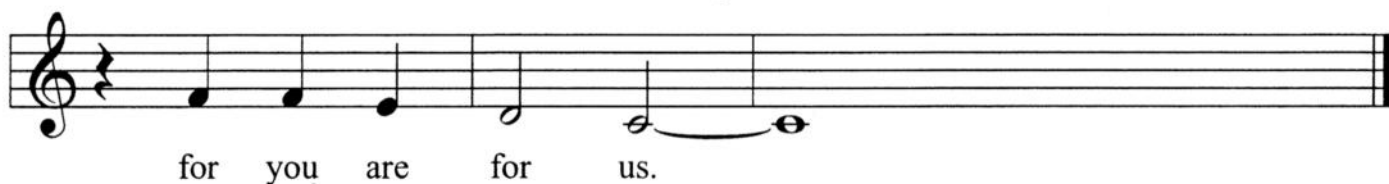
O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us.



O liv - ing Christ, have mer - cy, for you will heal us.



O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,



for you are for us.

PRAYER FOR PURITY

O Holy One,

**Creator, Lover, and Sustainer of all,
to you all hearts are open, and all desires known.**

No secrets can be kept from your life within us.

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may journey our lives with perfect love.**

**May our every word, gesture, and intention
be dedicated to Christ's Compassion in this world.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
whose life we share.**

Amen.

MEDITATION SONG • "OPEN UNTO ME"

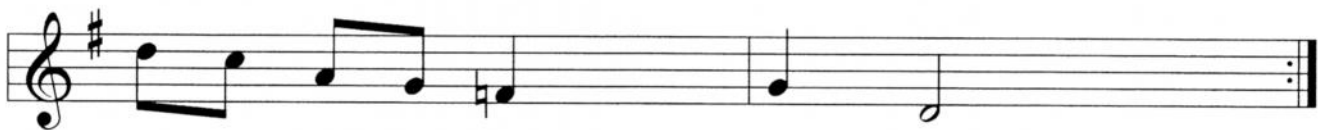
Hidden with Christ



O - pen un - to me light for my dark-ness. Light for my dark - ness
O - pen un - to me strength for my weak-ness. Strength for my weak - ness
O - pen un - to me peace for my tur - moil. Peace for my tur - moil



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READING

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.


DRAMA

Sit.


DRAMA HYMN • "JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE"

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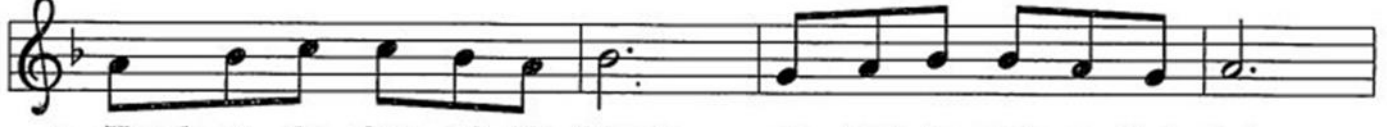
Refrain




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

MESSAGE

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE EVENING • "WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR"

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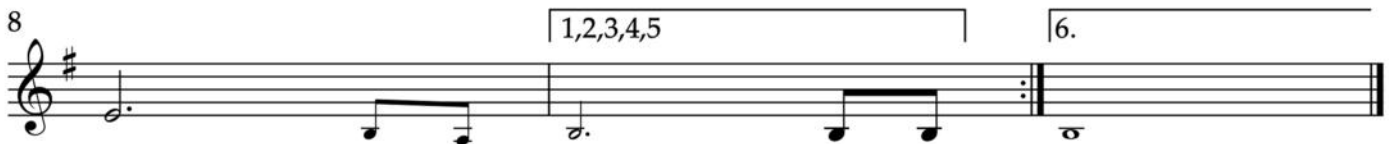
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 (3. I was) cold, I was nak - ed, were you there, were you there? I was
 (4. When I) need - ed a shel - ter, were you there, were you there? When I
 (5. When I) need - ed a heal - er were you there, were you there? When I
 (6. Wher -) ev - er you trav - el, I'll be there, I'll be there, wher



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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Together, let us confess our faith.

We believe that God created the rivers and the trees, the skies and the breeze, the stars out at night, the sun that gives light, as well as my family, my life, and my friends with whom I share the harmony and the peace which God still gives our world in spite of the conflicts we have caused.

We believe in Jesus Christ who risked a life like ours to reach into our confusion and gave himself completely by dying on the cross for all people—people like us—restoring broken relationships and enabling us to walk in the newness of life by His resurrection power.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who by the scriptures has been speaking through our spiritual leaders, our friends, our members, and our families, to bring wholeness to our hearts in the fullness of forgiveness and deepened understanding of the goodness of God in giving us the family of faith with whom we live the life that is forever.

Amen.

Sit.

OFFERING

Our 2023 Lenten midweek worship offering is being given for Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis Response.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Moldova, Lithuania, and the Czech Republic, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis created by Russia's war against Ukraine. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

OFFERING PRAYER

For all we receive and all we give, we are grateful.

Whether we are giving or receiving, we belong to Christ. Amen.

Stand.

PRAYERS • "WE LIFT UP"

Rainbow Trail Songbook

Congregation repeats the refrain line throughout the prayers.



For the planet, for its people.
For the church and its many shapes of steeples.
For the hungry, for the cold.
For the young and for the old.
For our joy and for our pain.
For the sunshine, for the rain.
For the dying, for the sick.
For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.
For our leaders, for their minds.
For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.
For the world and its frantic pace.
For the places where we find deeper space.
For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.
For the chance for a prayer for everyone.

For our words and for our silence.

Pause.



BENEDICTION

Now friends, clothed in holy love,
knit into the life of Christ,
may the peace of God + rule in your hearts always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN • "O CHRIST, SURROUND ME"

Hidden with Christ



God, be the love to search and keep me;
Bind to my - self the Name of Ho - ly,
Bright - ness of sun and glow of moon - light,
Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney,
Christ in the eyes of all who see me,



God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to
great cloud of wit - nes - ses en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles,
flash - ing of light - ning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to
go - ing a - head to light my way, and from be - neath, a -
Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of



now up - hold me. O Christ, sur - round me,
an - gels wit - ness. O Christ, sur - round me,
soil of plan - et: O Christ, sur - round me,
bove and all ways, O Christ, sur - round me,
all who know me: O Christ, sur - round me,



O Christ sur - round me.
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SENDING

Go in peace and serve the world.

Thanks be to God.

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Sparks around the Fire: Compassion and the Cross

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- J Wednesday, March 15 — Matthew 25:31-40 — The Least of These
- J Wednesday, March 22 — Matthew 5:38-41 — Turn the Other Cheek
- J Wednesday, March 29 — Matthew 25:1-13 — Ten Bridesmaids