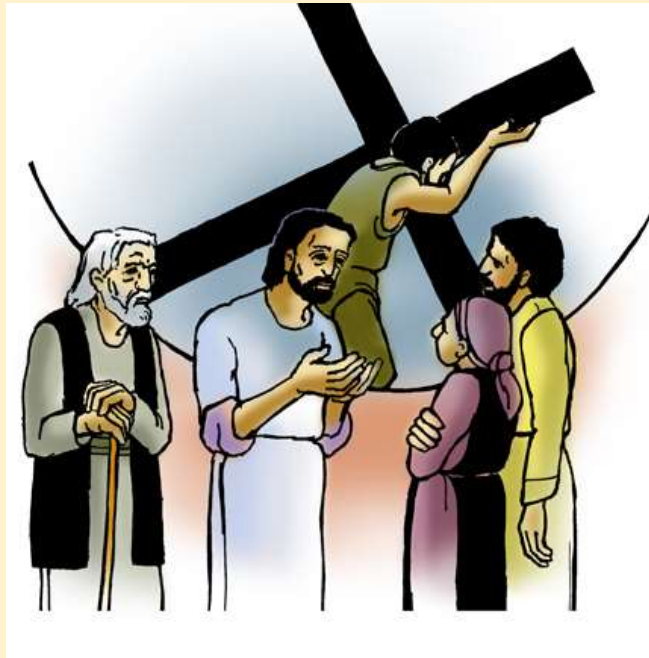


Worship in the Home

Second Sunday In Lent



“Come...Be a Part of Peace!”

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In this time of world-wide crisis, we are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Use this resource as an aid for prayer in the home. As with our prayers in the gathered assembly for worship.



Set out and light a candle and you may wish to have a bowl of water as a reminder of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Service of the Word

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel, sit or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Devotional Music

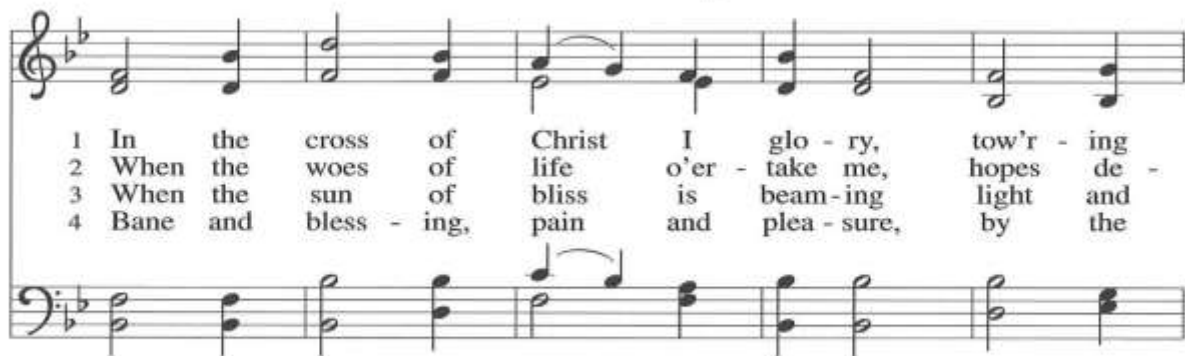
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In the Cross of Christ I Glory

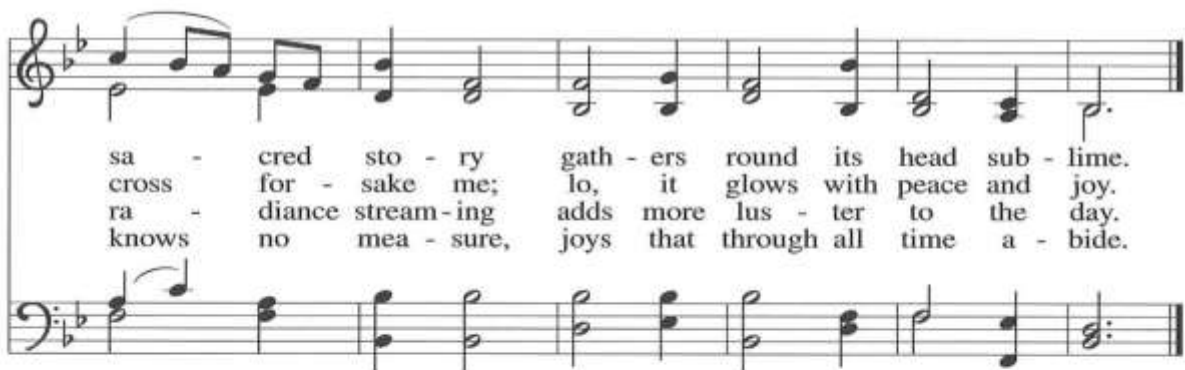
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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Kyrie



Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Prayer of the Day may be prayed.



O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.



Then the first reading for this Sunday may be read, as follows.

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 22:23-31

May be sung or read in response to the First Reading.



²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's |
line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face | hidden from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts | live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

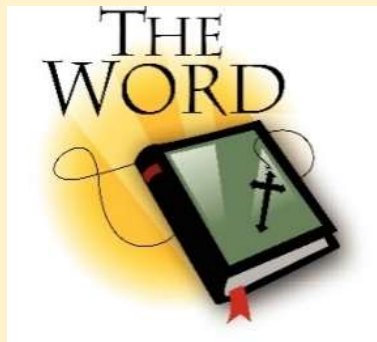
³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



Then the gospel reading may be read, as follows.

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON—Pastor Ida Iverson

“SAY IT CANNOT BE TRUE”

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sometimes it would be easier if the lectionary would follow one chapter to the next. Except we have certain seasons that we follow over the year and it makes sense that at the beginning of Lent we have Jesus telling his disciples about what lies ahead for him. A few verses before, Jesus had asked the disciples who people say he is and after they answered, he asked them who they say he is. At that point Peter said that Jesus was the Messiah, the anointed one. It seems that the Messiah they wanted Jesus to be, was one who would overthrow the Romans and become a king who would sit on an earthly throne like King David had.

If we had followed the chapters between last Sunday to what we are hearing today, the disciples had witnessed his preaching, healings, driving out of demons, feeding of 5000, Jesus had even walked on water and been transformed in front of three of his disciples. With all that in mind why wouldn't they think that Jesus would become an earthly king? Peter also has a bit of history in all of this as well. He was one of the first disciples called and gave up his occupation as a fisherman to follow Jesus. He had jumped out of the boat when they saw Jesus walking on water and even took a couple steps before fear overtook him and he began to sink. He had wanted to stay up on the mountain and build dwelling for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus.

Yes, it would have helped with the flow if we had the chapters between one and eight, but that is not what we need to hear at this point. We need to hear from Jesus what is going to happen to him and hear at least from one of the faithful followers that reacted to his message. That faith we heard that Abraham had and how even Christians today believe that we belong to the covenant that God made with Abraham as part of the multitude of nations that came from him and Sarah.

I want to concentrate on Peter and not only his reaction to what Jesus told the disciples about what was going to happen to him, but how we understand Peter the disciple who was to become the leader in what we know as the Christian church.

This much we know, Peter was a Jewish man. He was married and whether he had children or not we do not know. We know he was married because Jesus had healed his mother-in-law. He was a fisherman, and you might call him an essential

worker, since fish would have been a mainstay of the people's diet at this time. He had to be strong to be able to pull his nets full of fish out of the water and into the boat. He also had to be knowledgeable in finances so that he was not cheated by those who bought his fish. He must have also been a man of faith because he knew that there was to be a Messiah that would come to save the Jewish people. He knows about Moses, Elijah, and the prophets, how else would he have been able to know that it was Moses and Elijah that they had encountered on the mountain. On top of that in his answer to Jesus about who people say he is, his answer is one of the prophets. Something else we need to remember is that Jesus gave him a new name shortly after he left his boat to follow...that name was Simon. With a new name also comes a new identity. Can we say that Peter is growing into this new identity that he has been given and it takes time to do that? You might even say he had part of one foot in his life as he takes Jesus aside to rebuke him that what he is saying just cannot be true. After all, if you are killed what am I doing here or any of us for that matter? It might be that after Jesus said he would be killed that Peter stopped listening and did not get the last part that after three days rise again or if he did nobody came back from the dead...and after three days you are dead, dead...no coming back!

When Jesus calls Peter Satan, he is not saying that Peter is the devil as we would take it to mean, but in the Hebrew the word means adversary, enemy or one who resists. Peter thinks that he is caring for Jesus, but Jesus is saying there is more than what they have witnessed so far and no matter what the cost. Yes, the mission that Jesus has is to not only bring the kingdom of God close, but it is to give new meaning...new life to the world no matter what the cost is.

That is what Jesus is also saying when he says that: ***"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"*** In our baptism we are given a new identity. We are given a new name, that of Christian. In the rite of baptism, it speaks of faith, and those gathered around the one being baptized also profess their faith and they also promise to support the one being baptized in their new life in Christ. One of the opening prayer options for baptism is: *"God, who is rich in mercy and love, give us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world."*

It is what we do with that identity and that name given to us at our baptism. Jesus did not limit this knowledge to just his disciples, but called the crowd along with his disciples to hear his words and invited them to follow. To witness that there is not only death but also life in the cross. Are we an adversary, enemy, or one who resists, or are we willing to deny ourselves, taking on our new identity and the new life given to us in the life, death and yes resurrection of Jesus Christ in whose name we are called by as Christians? Amen.

Hymn of The Day

You might now sing or read “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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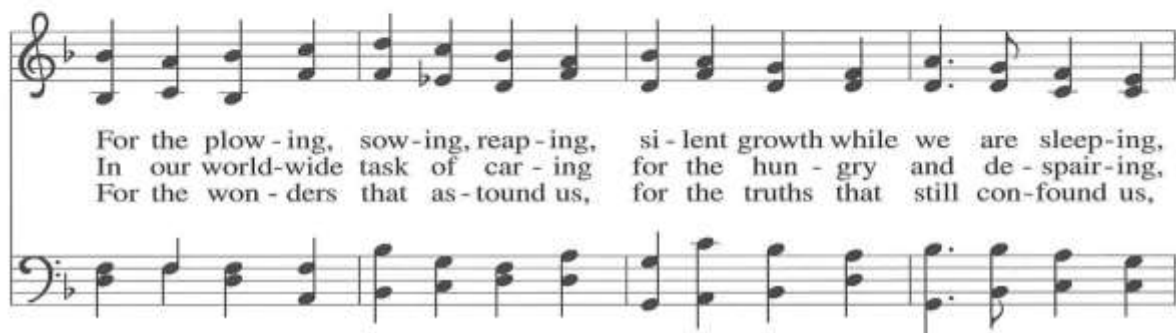
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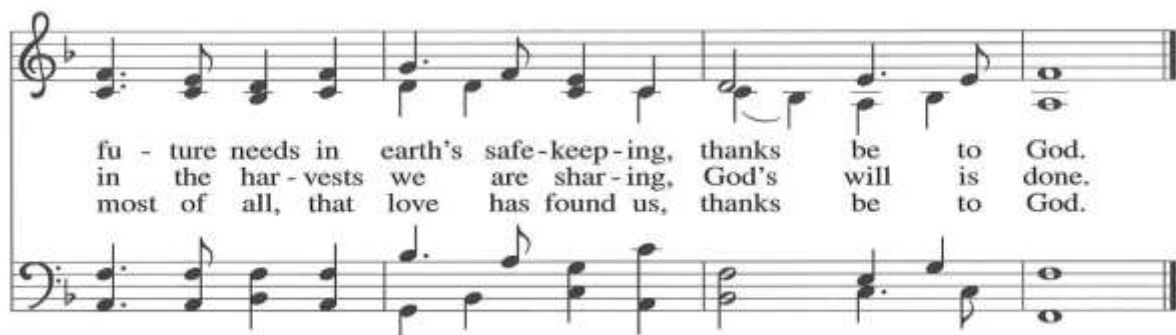
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

You may remain standing, kneel or be seated

Then read the prayers of intercession, as follows.



Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world and all in need.

A brief silence.

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to micro-organisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's wellbeing.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; as you call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression. We ask you to especially guard and keep these we name before you either silently or aloud: Roger Brinkman, Dennis Brown, Joe Skvasik, the family of Debbie Bowser at the death of husband Jim, Don Weiss, James Vold, Mike Parks, Zoia Foster, Donna Cormier, Kim and Ethan Cole, Clay Chaffee, Lucy Creel, all those who serve in the military, Lloyd Cotner, Tammy & Greg Olive, those dealing with the Covid-19 in any way,

We give thanks for all the prayers you have answered by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparent, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

God who has given the joy life be with Margret Svavarsdottir, Frank Swithers, Tamsen Collins and Yvonne Bowman as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

Let us pray as Jesus taught us,



Lords 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;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Then speak the Blessing:

The blessing of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.

Amen.



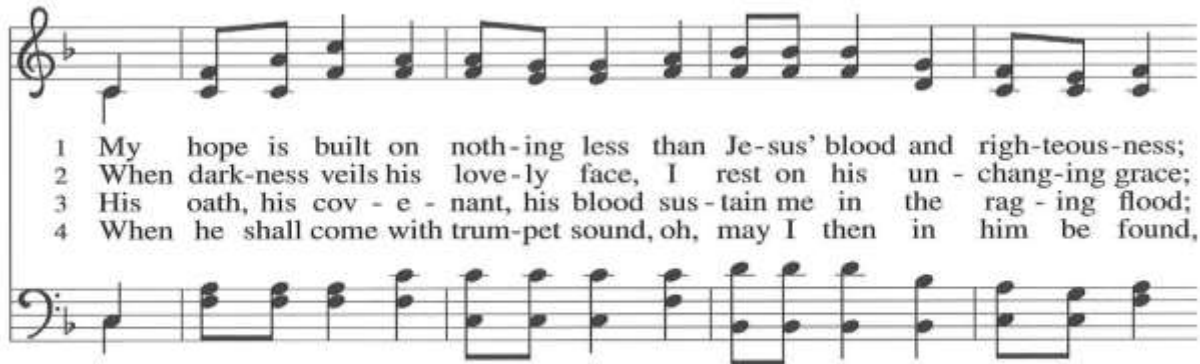
Sending Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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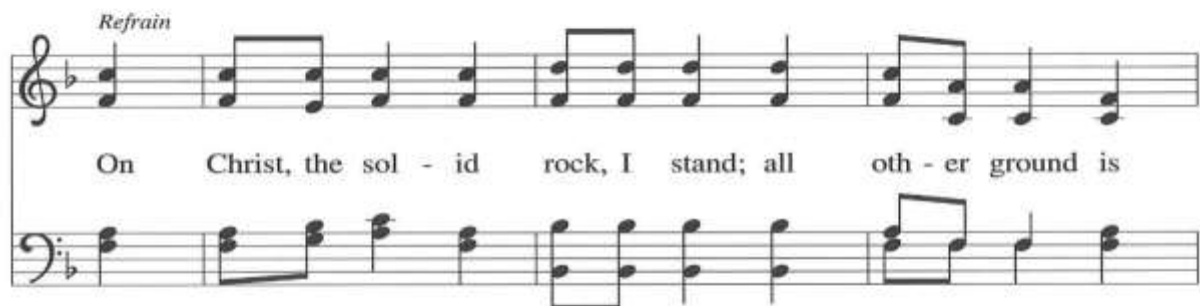


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus-tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
Go in peace to love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Readings of the Week:

Lent Sunday Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

Lent Sunday Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

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IN NEED OF PRAYER

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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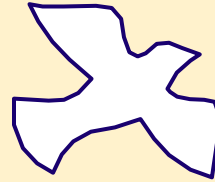
Lloyd & Jane Cotner - Room 3106
Katherine Holmberg- Room 101

Savannah Grand

Jo Kruer - Room 332
Mary Jordan- Memory Care Unit

At Home

Emmy Lou Sorum / Michele Pester / Clay Chaffee / Dorothy Schwager/ Lloyd Cotner/ Jo Kruer / Lucy Creel / Gertie Schreffler /



Lt. Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, Valdez, AK (son of Glen & Norma Beyer)
Lt. J.G. Eric Strommel, Kings Bay, Subbase, GA
Lt. Col. Laura Laskowski, Air Force Intelligence, stationed in Maryland at Ft. Meade (daughter of Sue Whitman)

Components of an Effective Prayer

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|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| <u>"A"</u> | ADORATION | Worship of God, First for who He is, Second for all His benefits |
| <u>"C"</u> | CONFESSION | If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from unrighteousness |
| <u>"T"</u> | THANKSGIVING | Gratitude to GOD for His blessings |
| <u>"S"</u> | SUPPLICATION | Expressing our petitions to GOD for individual and specific needs and desires |

Keeping Our Prayer List Up to Date ...

*Call our Church Office to add friends and family to our prayer list.
We often can all use as many prayers as we can get.*