

February 26, 2023 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music ~ *“Change My Heart, O God”* (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit, liturgist

Prelude ~ *“Come Away from Rush and Hurry”* (M.J. Dawn) ~ Katie Achterhof

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Lord, as we enter into worship and the season of Lent, change our hearts.

People: **Renew in us a spirit of faithfulness and righteousness.**

Leader: Bring change in us so that our hearts and lives would reflect you.

People: **May we be lights in your world that reflect your love. Amen.**

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn #836 ~ “Abide with Me”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Scripture says we all like sheep have gone astray. Lord, as we walk through life we have forgotten you and your ways. Call us back to repentance and to you, O Lord our God. Renew us with your love and forgiveness and change our hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #625 ~ *“How Great Thou Art!”* (refrain)

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

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Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #1 ~ *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*

*Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Offering Prayer

*\*Doxology #606 ~ “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* (traditional)

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

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 32

Special Music ~ *“The Weight of the Cross”* (T. Fettke) ~ Jim Day and Jerry Stone

Christian Scripture ~ John 20:24-29, Mark 9:23-25

Message ~ "That's Rough: Doubts"

\*Hymn #468 ~ "In My Life"

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation #627 ~ "I Love You, Lord"

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.*

*Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

\*Hymn #175 ~ "Seek Ye First"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #614 ~ "Great Are You, Lord"

*Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.*

*Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.*

*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.*

*Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!*

*Great are you, Lord!*

Postlude ~ "Great Is the Lord" (arr. Hayes)

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**Wednesday Night Lenten Study of Galatians** with Pastor Nate will begin on March 1 at

6:00PM with a soup supper and continue on Wednesdays through March 29.

The study will be hybrid - a link will be provided.

From Kathy Potter...**Beginning March 21st, for 4 weeks, we will be viewing & discussing the video study *The Case for Easter* with Lee Strobel!** Many of you may remember studies with Strobel, including *The Case for Christ* that we did in December. He is an engaging apologist for Christ. If you plan to participate & wish to do the personal study throughout the week, please let me know by March 7th, so I can order the study guide for your use. The guide costs \$8.00 & is NOT required to participate in class. I hope you can join us at 9am sharp at GoogleMeet [meet.google.com/ofb-mozw-shc](https://meet.google.com/ofb-mozw-shc) or by phone at (US)+1 513-818-1609 PIN: 389 490 359#. or at the church in the preschool room!

The Deacons are offering up an assortment of Easter Flowers for purchase:  
Potted Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths and Azaleas with prices ranging from \$15 to \$20.00.  
Order forms are available in the office. Please place your orders by March 10.  
Flowers will be delivered fresh from the nursery and will be available to pick up on  
Easter Sunday.

**Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE**



Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright  
Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone  
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips  
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips; sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey  
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair  
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski  
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham  
Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley  
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz  
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley  
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock  
Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck  
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

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## Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find;  
but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

## 836 Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!  
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.