

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

P: Friends in Christ, today we continue our journey through the historic observance of Lent, remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

Throughout this ancient holy season, we remember our own shortcomings: we are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. I invite you therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the reminder of God's love for us and forgiveness.

C: **Compassionate God, sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; as we now prepare ourselves to come together, we pray you would cleanse our hearts and minds by the work of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

As we make our confession we take a moment of silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Ps 119

Thy Word Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. *refrain*

I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end *refrain*



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, chapter thirteen.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. **2** Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. **3** Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **9** Whoever has ears, let them hear." **18** "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: **19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. **20** The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. **21** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **22** The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. **23** But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and

understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Scripture

Pastor Middaugh

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Sower's Seed Fell on a Path



1. A sow - er's seed fell on a path packed
2. And some fell down where rock - y ground no
3. And some seed fell a - mong the weeds that
4. But some seed fell on fer - tile soil and



hard by foot and cart, and hun - gry spar - rows
sus - te - nance could give. Be - neath the scorch - ing
wove a tan - gling snare to choke the green and
flour - ished more and more un - til the joy - ous



ate their fill be - fore a root could start.
noon - day sun no ten - der plant could live.
bud - ding plants that nev - er fruit would bear.
har - vest time, when hun - dred - fold it bore.



Lord, give us ears to hear your Word



and hearts where seed can grow.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during the prayers)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the (✠) Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C: Amen.

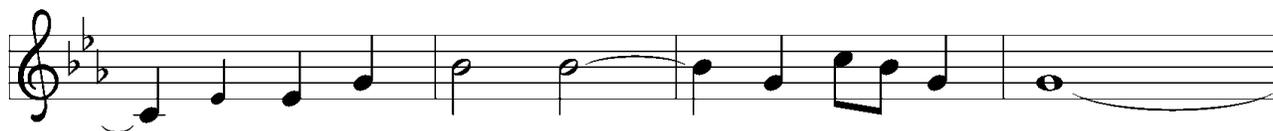


RECESSIONAL HYMN

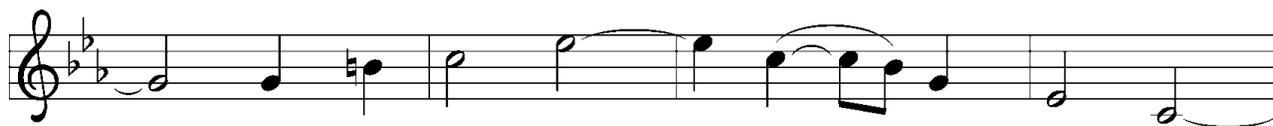
I Want Jesus to Walk With Me WOV 660



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our Biblical understanding is that "tithes" are first fruits given in a regular and ongoing basis in support of the ministry of the church. "Offerings" are gifts above and beyond a regular tithe which may be designated for a specific mission, work or purpose.



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