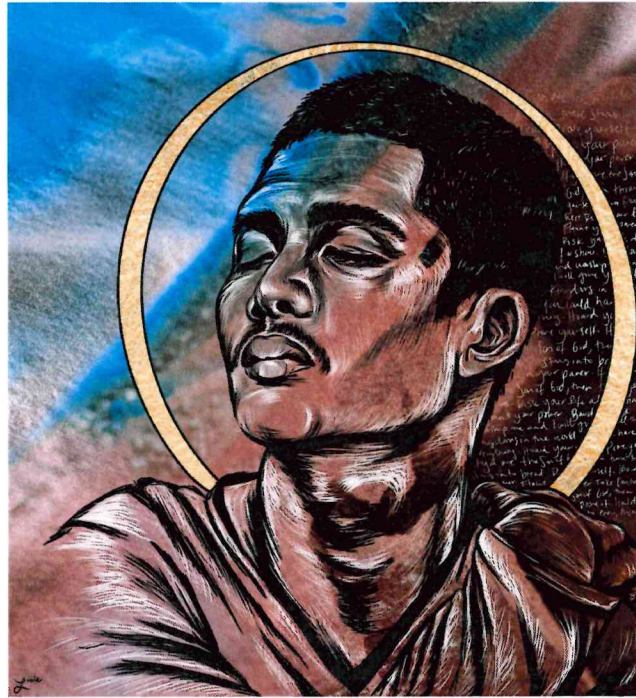


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**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**                      Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning    arr. André Thomas  
   Combined Gospel and Chancel Choirs  
   Bobbi Adams, conga drum

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*Children are invited to Church School following the Passing of the Peace.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*

*Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*Hymns labeled OLOFOB are for your listening pleasure.*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Listen!

**There is hope to be found here.**

Listen!

**God calls you by name here.**

Listen!

**There is love that abides here.**

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

**God is speaking.**

Let us worship.

**Amen.**

**Gospel Praise AAHH #461**

**Give Me A Clean Heart**

**Call to Confession**

## Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

Too often we treat your Word like a radio station-something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient.

Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us-easily ignoring the voices begin silenced, easily ignoring your voice.

Forgive us for failing to listen.

Forgive us for getting caught in distractions.

Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.

Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you.

With earnest hearts we prayer, amen.

## Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Friends, even when we tune God out, even when we prioritize other voices, even when we do all the talking and fail to listen, we are *still* held by God.

Our sins are forgiven. Nothing could ever separate us from God's love. So with joy in our hearts, please repeat after me:

I am loved!

**I am loved!**

I am held in grace!

**I am held in grace!**

I belong to God.

**I belong to God.**

Amen.

## Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

**Response GTG #626**

As the Deer

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 4: 1-11

**Anthem**

Here's One

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir; Carol Tallieu, flute obligato

**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

**Message**

Who Will I Listen To?

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**Hymn AAHH #561**

Give Me Jesus

**Call to Offering**

*We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.*

**Invitation to Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

## Prayers of Intercession

### 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,

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.

### WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Closing Hymn GTG #377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

A Spoken Word

\*Benediction

Postlude

Roll, Jordan, Roll

arr. Ralph Simpson

*(The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.)*

### Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Karen Stunkel, Interim Pastor  
Mr. Dalos Grobe, Organist/Choir Director  
Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director  
Lynn Burdell, Liturgist

\*Those who are able may stand.

# 561 GIVE ME JESUS

*They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."  
John 12:21*

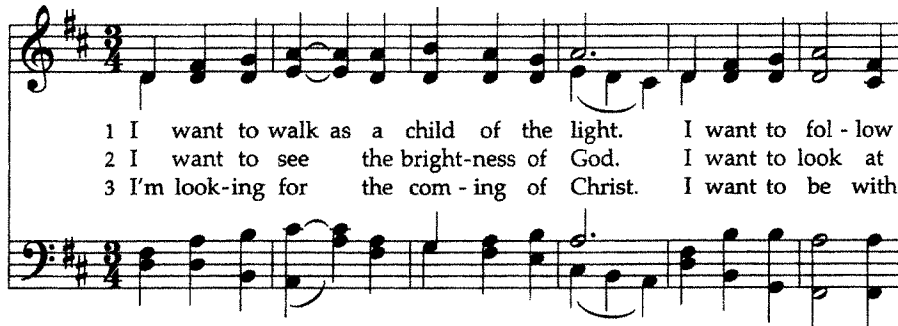
1. I heard my moth-er say, I heard my moth-er  
2. Dark mid- night was my cry, Dark mid- night was my  
3. Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to

say, I heard my moth- er say, Give me Je -  
cry, Dark mid- night was my cry, Give me Je -  
die, Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je -

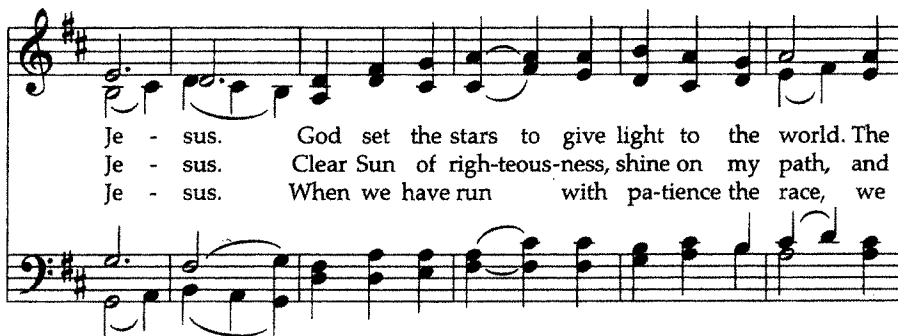
sus.  
sus. Give me Je - sus. Give me Je -  
sus.

sus, You may have all this world, Give me Je - sus.

# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

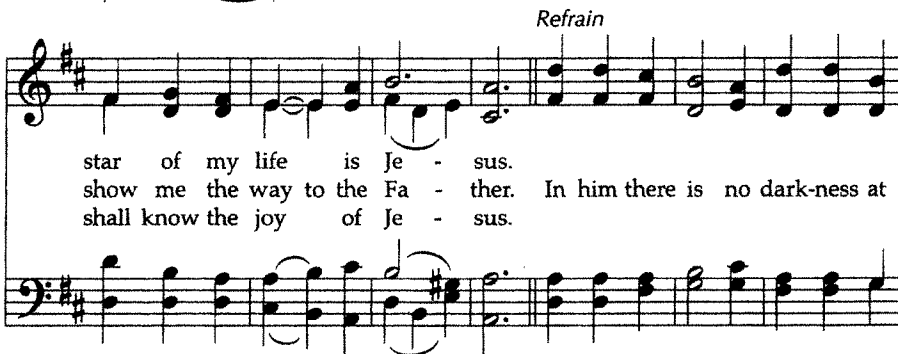


1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

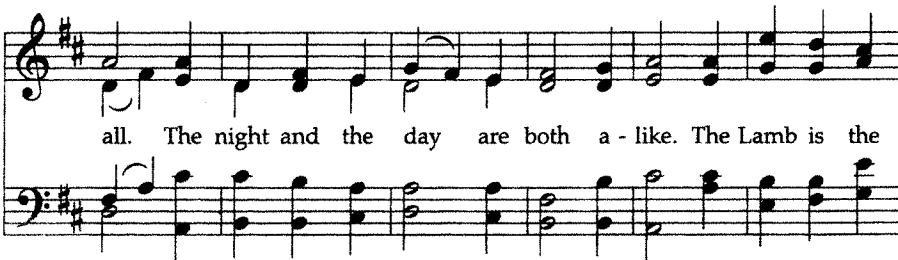


Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

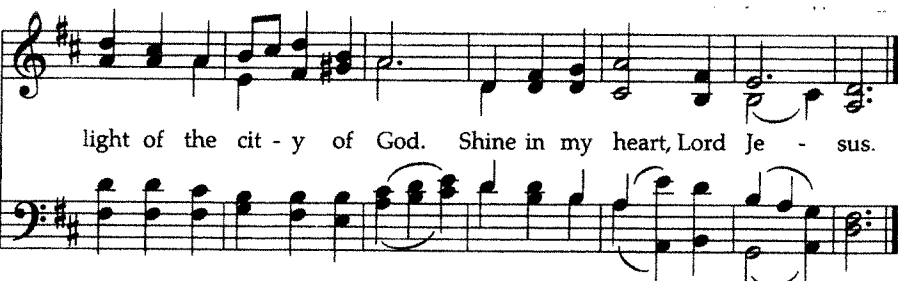
*Refrain*



star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.