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Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

arr. Richard Billingham

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

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

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

There is Sunday school for children today. They will be excused after the Passing of the Peace.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 25)

O God, in you we trust.

**Lead us in your truth and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation.
for you we wait, for you we worship.**

Gospel Praise

He's So Real

Minute for Mission

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

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 #792** There Is a Balm in Gilead

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. (Refrain)
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
(Refrain)**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Hear the Lambs a-Cryin' arr. Robert CeCormier
Chancel Choir; Donald Steward, soloist

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Hymn AAHH #138 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Offering

We are not currently passing an offering plate.

We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings or if you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the Westminster News section of today's bulletin.

Invitation to Offering

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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

***Hymn GTG #292** As the Wind Song

*Benediction

Postlude Hold On! arr. Calvin Taylor

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 worshiping.

Worship Leaders:

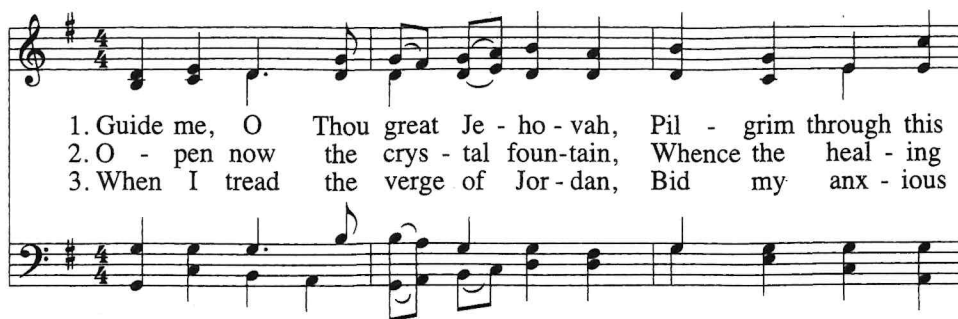
The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Deborah Fair, Liturgist

* Please stand as you are able.

138 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places...

Isaiah 58:11



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Bear me through the swel - ling cur - rent,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es,



Bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong De - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

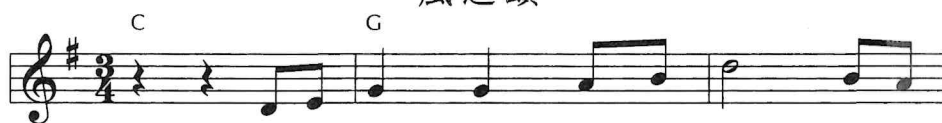


more, Feed me till I want no more.
 shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

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As the Wind Song

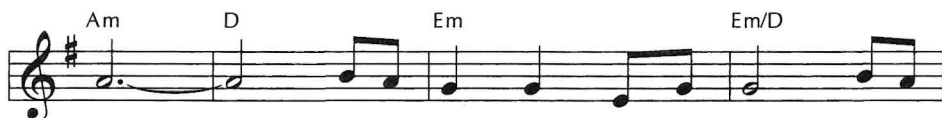
風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
 1 風之頌, 林中吹送, 輕風之
 2 彩之虹, 雨後高懸, 生之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
 送, 心中振動, 上主的靈如風吹
 盼, 人間再現, 上主的靈如風吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
 God, as the green in the spring, as a
 送; 心溫暖, 奇異難明, 風浪
 送; 春天裡, 青山綠水, 線上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
 中, 靜聽主聲, 上主的靈如風吹
 繫飛揚風箏, 上主的靈如風吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
 送; 眼不見, 心未明, 風來去何
 送; 大地萬象更新, 和平終實

G Em Bm Am D

blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;

Em Em/D C

as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美

G/B Am7 D G

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

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