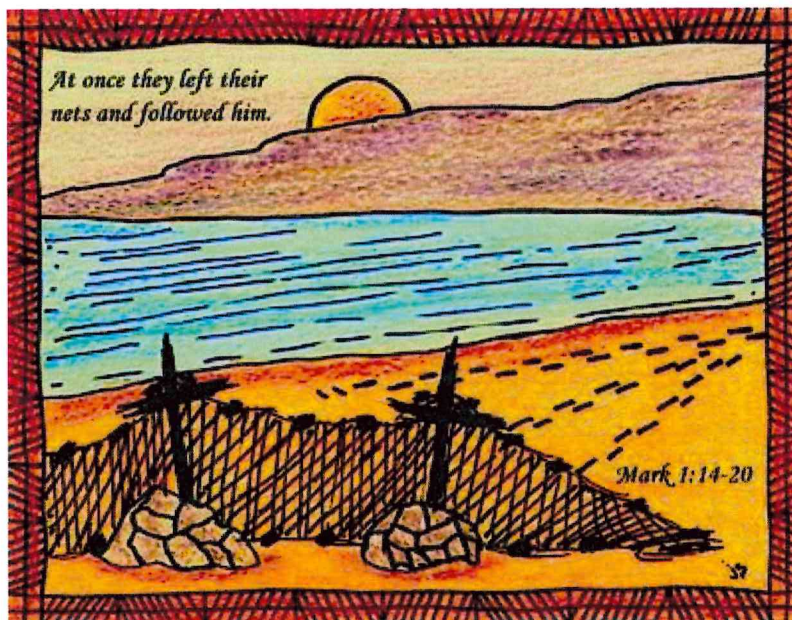




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Sunday, January 21, 2024
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude in Free Style

Charles Callahan

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)

Children are excused to Sunday school after the Passing of the Peace.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions.

God calls us here to worship.

We are here to worship.

Drop your nets and leave your boats.

God is with us. Jesus calls us.

We are here to worship.

Let us worship God together.

Gospel Praise

Mary Don't You Weep

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh.

We have gotten comfortable in our categories:

haves and have-nots,

makers and takers,

bigots and bystanders,

self-starters and subordinates,

law-abiders and illegals,
the perpetrators and the innocent.

We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries.

Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again, and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again. 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 #377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 62: 5-12

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

Anthem

**Follow Me!
Chancel Choir**

**South Carolina Spiritual
arr. John Carter**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 14-20

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Affirmation of Faith (The Declaration of Faith)

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

Hymn AAHH #222

Jesus Is A Rock in a Weary Land

Call to Offering

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 #832** Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand
(English Sections)

***Benediction**

Postlude Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

(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. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/ Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Tammy Brown, Liturgist

* Please stand as you are able.

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222 JESUS IS A ROCK IN A WEARY LAND

The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner.

1 Peter 2:7

Refrain

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a

wea - ry land; My Je - sus is a rock in a

wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Verses

1. No man can do like Je - sus, Not a
 2. When Je - sus was on earth, The
 3. Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, Him

mum - bling word He said; He went
 flesh was ver - y weak; 7 He
 whom I love so well; 7 He

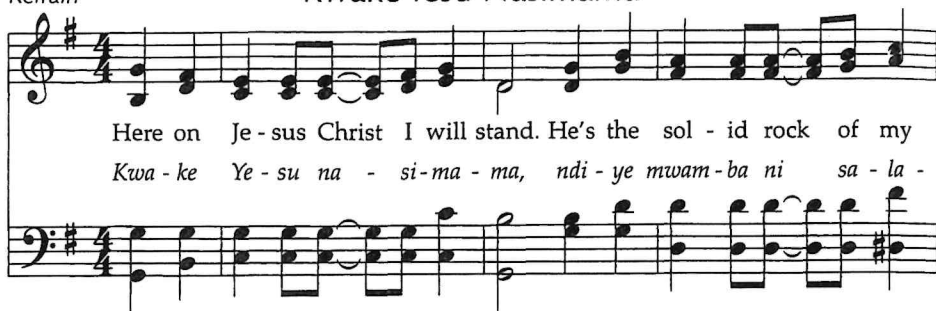
walk - ing down to La - za-rus' grave, And He
 gir - dled Him - self with a tow'l, And
 has the palm of vic - to - ry, And the

raised him from the dead. D.C.
 washed His dis - ci - ples feet.
 keys of death and Hell.

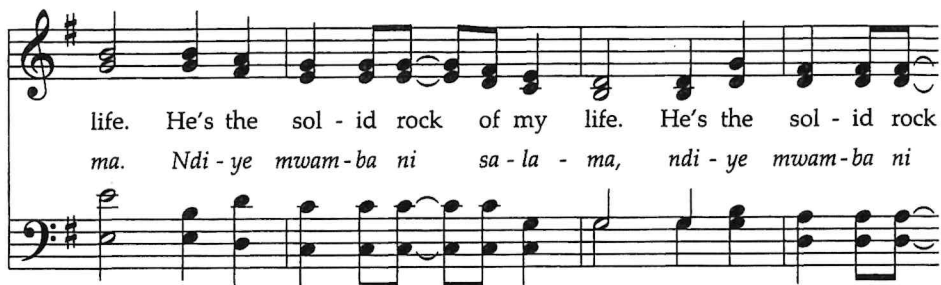
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Refrain

Kwake Yesu Nasimama

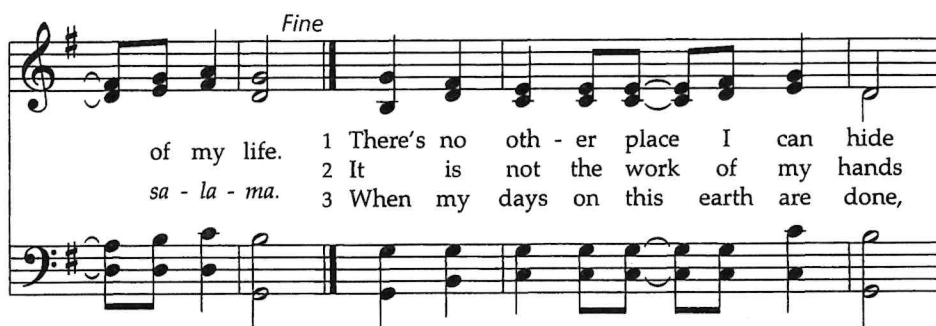


Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my
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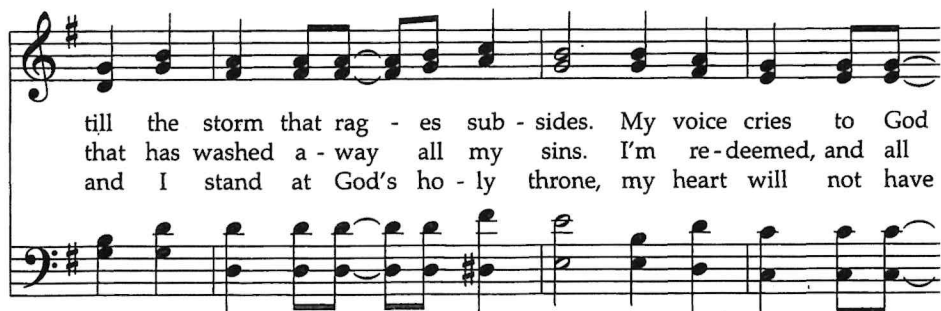


life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni

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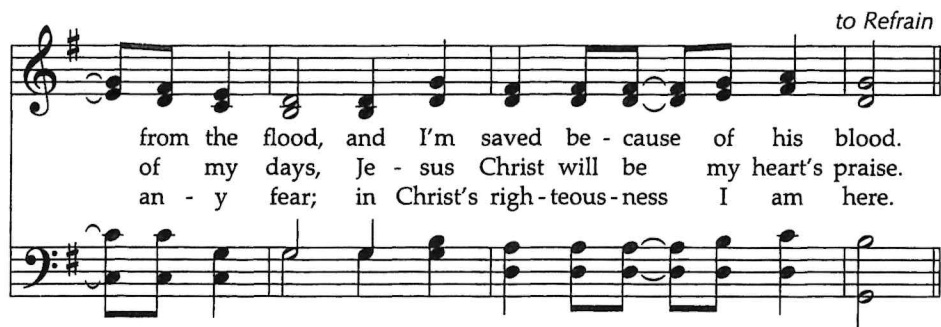


of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide
sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands
3 When my days on this earth are done,



till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God
that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all
and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have

to Refrain



from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.