

# WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



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Sunday, January 14, 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Fantasia in C minor

J.S. Bach

*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** (based on Psalm 139: 7-10)

Where can we go from God's spirit?

**If we ascend to heaven, God is there;**

**if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.**

If we take the wings of morning and settle at  
the farthest limits of the sea.

**Even there God's hand shall lead us,  
and God's right hand will hold us fast.**

**Gospel Praise**

Total Praise

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves.**

**You know our sins even before we confess.**

**Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging.**

**We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing.**

**Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth.**

**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**

#### **First Reading**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Anthem**

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley  
Chancel Choir

arr. William Dawson

#### **Second Reading**

Amos 5:18-27

#### **Message**

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

## 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 #450** Be Thou My Vision

## **\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Voluntary on 'St. Anne' Charles Callahan  
*(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.)*

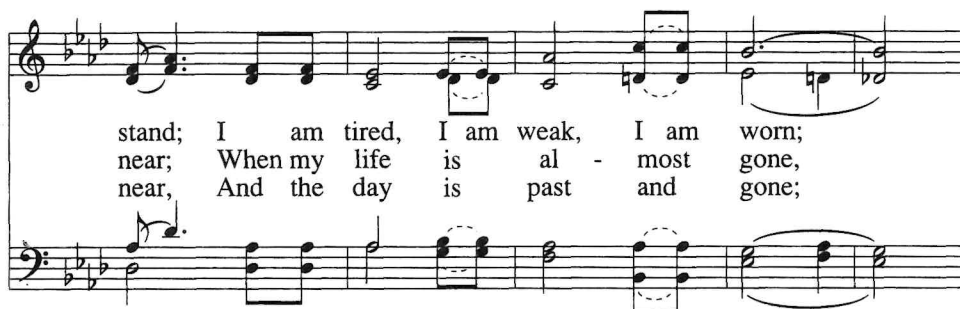
# 471 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

*Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me.  
Psalm 5:8*

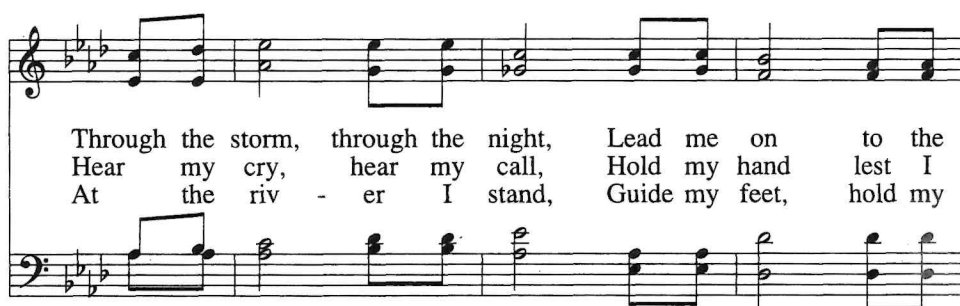
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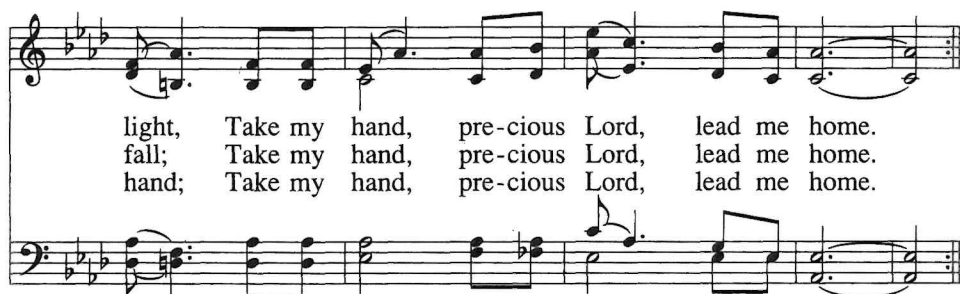
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me  
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
near; When my life is al - most gone,  
near, And the day is past and gone;



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I  
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
hand; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

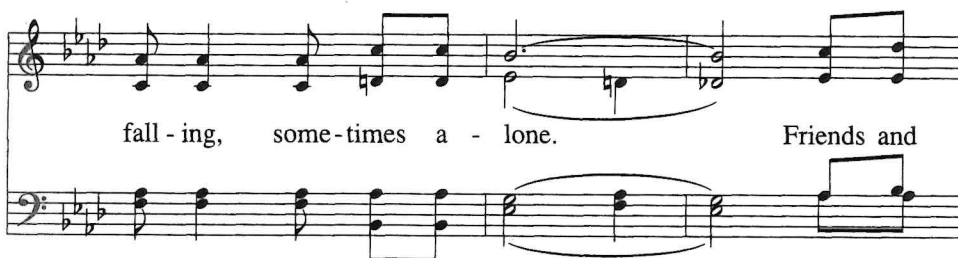
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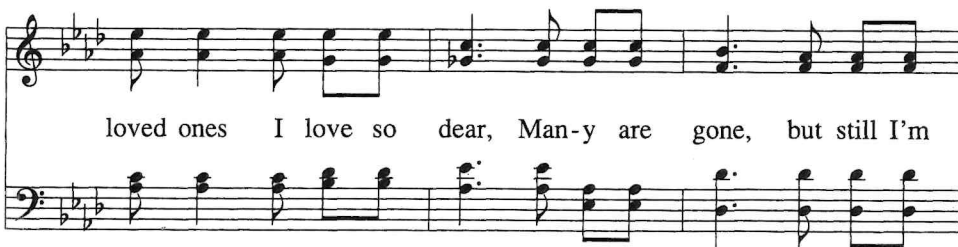
4. Pre - cious Lord, I love Your name, When I look



back from whence I came; Some-times stumb-ling, some-times



fall - ing, some-times a - lone. Friends and



loved ones I love so dear, Man-y are gone, but still I'm



here; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, and lead me on.

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.