

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

I Love to Tell the Story

by William G. Fischer

CALL TO WORSHIP - *adapted from Luke 17:11-19*

We seek your presence in our lives today;

And we seek your Spirit moment by moment in worship.

As we journey in faith, we will strive to move forward;

We will never turn back, except to give thanks.

OPENING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



- 1. Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 - 2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us, Be the Guard - ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 - 4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre - pare:
 Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos - oms fill:

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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TEXT: *Hymns for the Young*, 1836; attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are the God of all life and all time, yet we confess that we live our lives from day to day unaware of your work in the world about us. You have sent Jesus Christ into our midst as healer, friend, mentor, and savior, but we confess that there are times when we make choices in life contrary to his call. You have given us a call and you have sought our commitment, but we confess that we try to move forward without you. You have given us the gift of time and the goal of faith, but we confess that we can be wasteful and selfish. We come to you in humility and openness, seeking your forgiveness. Confident of your never-ending faithfulness to us, we stand ready to fulfill your will in our lives, moment by moment, and to our life's end...Time of silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - *adapted from Romans 8:1-2*

Brothers and sisters, there is now no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed us from the power of sin that leads to death. So be at peace. Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

1. *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish
ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, In
pur - er lives Thy ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are: "1. *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, For - give our fool - ish ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, In pur - er lives Thy ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise."

THE WORD OF GOD

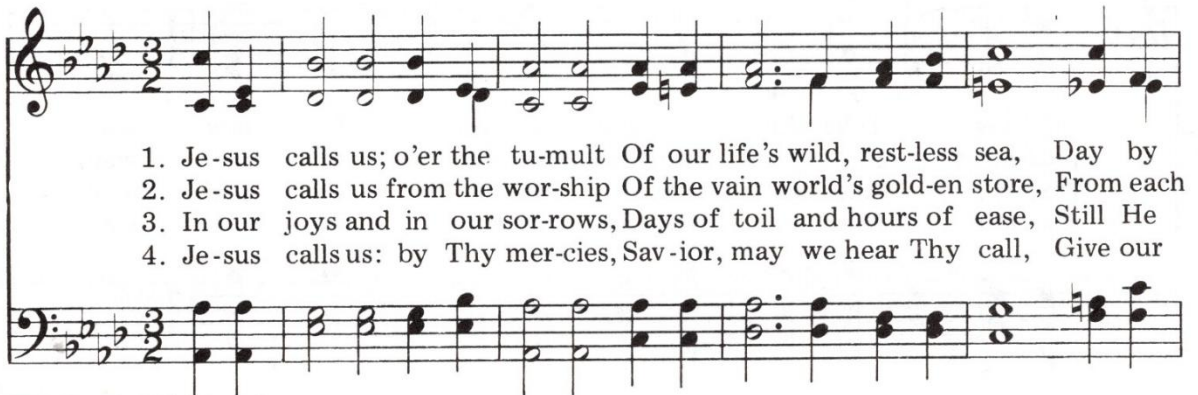
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

SERMON

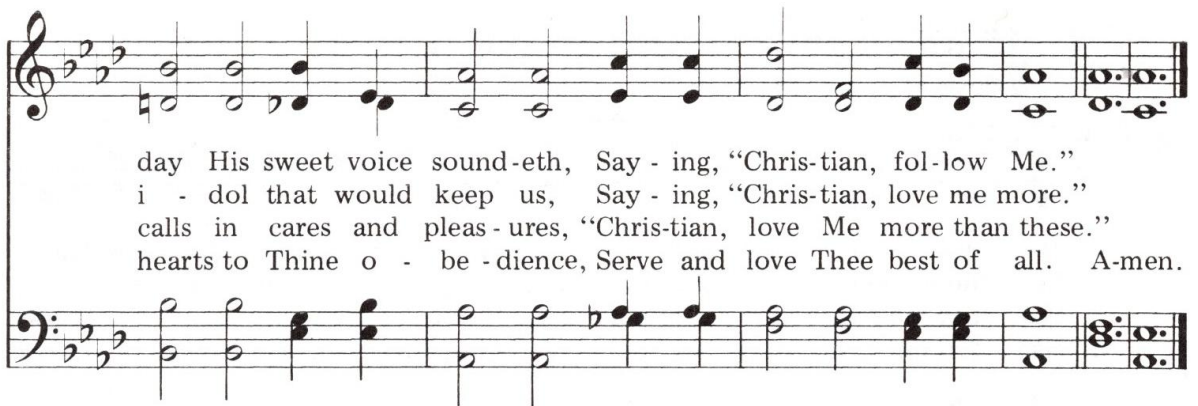
HYMN

Jesus Calls Us



1. Je-sus calls us; o'er the tu-mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea, Day by
2. Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship Of the vain world's gold-en store, From each
3. In our joys and in our sor-rows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still He
4. Je-sus calls us: by Thy mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear Thy call, Give our

TEXT: Cecil F. Alexander
MUSIC: William H. Jude



day His sweet voice sound-eth, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol-low Me."
i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
calls in cares and pleas-ures, "Chris-tian, love Me more than these."
hearts to Thine o - be - dience, Serve and love Thee best of all. A-men.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

4 This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,
these words can't con - vey it, the joy of this day!
When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,
this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

Text and music: Jane Marshall (b. 1924)

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we come before you with gratitude for your enduring faithfulness to us in every moment of our lives. We thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ who brings us love, healing, hope, and direction. Now we offer our gifts to you to advance your reign of love. We offer in your presence the intangible gifts in life: our time, our relationships, our talents, and our skills. We offer the tangible produce of our lives: our time and our funds. Use these gifts to strengthen the faithful, to provide for the needy, to comfort the sorrowful, and to reach the marginalized and the faithless. As you release these gifts into the world, develop in us a deeper and broader faith so that, with your grace, we may be gifts to one another. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our faithful company

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER with the 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es, Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient Church's sto - ry, Bring her bud to
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es In the fight to

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, For the
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, For the
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, Lest we
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, That we

fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee. A - men.

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major

by C.S. Lang