



**SHAPING FAITH IN CRISIS
PEACE BY PIECE**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Bulletin Outline

- **Call to Worship**
- Prayer
- Song
- Confession
- Assurance
- Scripture
- Reflection
- Prayers of the People
- Song
- Closing Prayer

Leader: Deep inside us all – old and young alike -

People: There is a place of faith,

Leader: A place of trust and hope and love,

People: Without which there can be no peace.

Leader: Jesus said, “Let the children come unto me,
and do not hinder them,

People: For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Leader: Hear, then, O people of God: approach this time
as children of the Almighty,

People: With innocence of heart and unlimited hope,

Leader: With a trust that makes you vulnerable,

People: And with love that is easy and quick. Amen.



PRAYER

Stephen Aschmann

Vice-President

Holy God, Sustainer of life for time out of mind; we recall the many times of sorrow and struggle through which your presence has comforted us. We remember with hope that all our hurried days are held in your embrace, and we are refreshed by the gifts you share with us in the wonders of creation. Comfort, embrace, and refresh us this day, that your will may be done in us and in all the world. Amen.



Glory to God #775

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC (WALK WITH ME 8.8.8.9): African American spiritual; arr. Nolan Williams, Jr., 2000; arr. © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.





I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Glory to God #775

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;

in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;

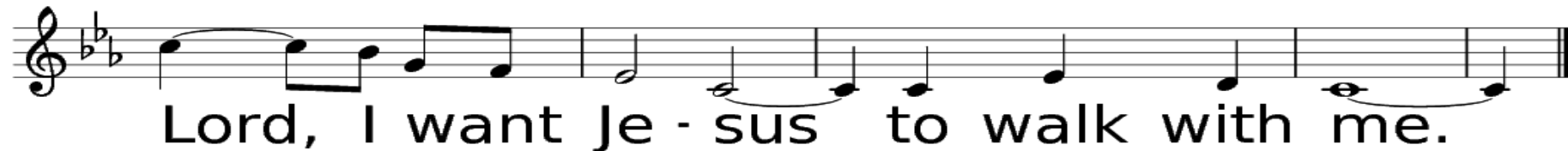
when my heart is al - most break - ing,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lynne Trout
Treasurer

Gracious God, we come before you to confess our sins. When we have acted out of fear, when we have acted out of anger, when we have acted out of selfishness, we have sinned. When our thoughts have been small-minded, when our thoughts have been unruly, when our thoughts have been bitter, we have sinned. When our words have been unfeeling, when our words have been thoughtless, when our words have been admirable but empty, we have sinned.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we have wasted our gifts and possibilities, when we have not lived out of love, we have sinned. But you are the source of love and life, and we ask your forgiveness and your re-forming of our very selves, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.





WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears our cries and forgives all who are penitent and believing. God provides the resources for our rescue and redemption. Whoever trusts God will not be disappointed. Whoever reaches out to others in the Spirit of Christ will know the joy of God's love.

You are forgiven.

You are accepted.

You are loved.

Share these gifts.





Glory to God #437

YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; rev. The Worshipbook, 1970; © 1970 The Westminster Press (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)
MUSIC (WAYFARING STRANGER 9.9.9): Appalachian folk melody; arr. Richard D. Wetzel, 1972; © 1972 The Westminster Press
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You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

Glory to God #437

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

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SCRIPTURE -
NIV

LAMENTATIONS 3: 1-9, 19-26

Pat Baker,
President Elect

- **3** I am the man who has seen affliction
by the rod of the LORD's wrath.
² He has driven me away and made me walk
in darkness rather than light;
³ indeed, he has turned his hand against me
again and again, all day long.
- **4** He has made my skin and my flesh grow old
and has broken my bones.
⁵ He has besieged me and surrounded me
with bitterness and hardship.
⁶ He has made me dwell in darkness
like those long dead.



SCRIPTURE -
NIV

LAMENTATIONS 3: 1-9, 19-26

- ⁷ He has walled me in so I cannot escape;
he has weighed me down with chains.
⁸ Even when I call out or cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer.
⁹ He has barred my way with blocks of stone;
- ¹⁹ I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.
²⁰ I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.
²¹ Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:



SCRIPTURE -
NIV

LAMENTATIONS 3: 1-9, 19-26

- ²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
- ²³ They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."
- ²⁵ The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;
- ²⁶ it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
- ²⁷ It is good for a man to bear the yoke
while he is young.



SCRIPTURE -
NIV

LAMENTATIONS 3: 1-9, 19-26

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- ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence,
for the LORD has laid it on him.
- ²⁹Let him bury his face in the dust—
there may yet be hope.
- ³⁰Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike
him,
and let him be filled with disgrace.
- ³¹For no one is cast off
by the Lord forever.
- ³²Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.



SCRIPTURE -
NIV

LAMENTATIONS 3: 1-9, 19-26

- ³³ For he does not willingly bring affliction
or grief to anyone.
- ³⁴ To crush underfoot
all prisoners in the land,
- ³⁵ to deny people their rights
before the Most High,
- ³⁶ to deprive them of justice—
would not the Lord see such things?



A READING

Dianna Wright,
Member at Large,
Communication





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pepe Bowman,
Nominations Chair

Dear God, it is hard for us to thank you with a head full of worries and a heart full of troubles. Sometimes we have to complain to you before we feel free to love you. O God, our lives can be so difficult. Some of our days have been filled with heartache, loss, confusion, sickness, and death. Sometimes, God, you have seemed far off and impossible to understand. God, we wish we could understand why life must be so painful.





PRAYERS

We know that the hurt has stretched and deepened us. And we know that you suffer alongside and with us. Help us to know the secret of resurrection; show us how to move on from suffering to rebirth.

Go with us now.

Go with us now as we move on.

Dear God, go with us.

Amen.





GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness,
O God my Fa - ther;
there is no shad - - ow
of turn - ing with thee.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39

Thou chang - est not;
thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
As thou hast been
thou for - ev - er wilt be.



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39





Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39

All I have need - - ed
thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39

2. Sum - mer and win - ter,
and spring - time and har - vest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their cours - es a - bove



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39

join with all na - - ture

in man - i - fold wit - ness

to thy great faith - ful - ness,

mer - cy, and love.



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All I have need - - ed
thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un-to me!



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Glory to God #39

3. Par - don for sin and
a peace that en - dur - eth,
thine own dear pres - ence
to cheer and to guide,



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Glory to God #39

Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing,

new mer - cies I see.



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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All I have need - - ed
thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un-to me!



CLOSING PRAYER

Go now in faith, trusting all to receive you. Go in hope – with God’s will before you and great dreams in your heart.

Go into the world with love – love for all people: serving with those in whom Christ lives and laboring for those whom Christ died; and the faithfulness of God, the hope which quickens God’s Spirit within us, and the love of Christ be with us all.

Amen.

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