



The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

“Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse.”

Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 5-8.

Call to Worship Psalm 119:137-144

All: My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

All: I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

All: Trouble and anguish come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.
Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Prayer of Invocation

Gloria (Unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Words of Welcome; Our Ministry and Mission

Anthem *Come, Holy Light, Guide Divine, from Judas Maccabeus* G. F. Handel

Children's Moment

Tomorrow is Halloween, and the day after is All Saints' Day. Then, in three weeks we'll celebrate Thanksgiving. Fast forward another month, and Christmas will be here.

Autumn sure is full of holidays, isn't it? I didn't even mention Veterans Day, which is also in early November but not on the liturgical (church) calendar. To be honest, neither is Halloween, which used to be known as All Hallows' Eve, but now—well, you know.

No matter how deep one's faith or beliefs, holidays are important. We like to mark days on the calendar and to observe important events. November and December have lots of things to commemorate, but I hope you'll remember this: every day is special. Why? Because every day, including this one, was made by God. I pray that each of us will see the beauty in what God has made, and that we will live every day as if it were special, a blessing from our Creator.

Hymn 725 (p. 6) *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Nyland

Scripture Lessons

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4. The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted. [...]

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Luke 19:1-10. [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Sermon *"The Long and the Short of It"*

Stephen R. Silver

Hymn 322 (p. 8) *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

Galilee

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer

As we hold our community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing.

Today we offer our ongoing prayers for Pete, Lloyd, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Greg, Edith, Jan, Eileen, Michelle, Stephanie, Juanita, Terry, Dan, Ethan, Travis, and Larry.

Gracious God, we ask you to give us hope, to help us stand against the cynicism that seems to define our time. Let us not lose faith, let us not surrender our convictions, but strengthen us as we seek to do your work, to share your good news, to boldly follow the way of Jesus, to be one of the saints who have graced our lives in days past and in the present moment.

We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of your Son Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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.

Offering of Gifts

Remembering those who are without, who are in need, who are often ignored, we invite your support of our ongoing ministry in and for the community.

Offertory *Allegro moderato, Tunes for Clay's Musical Clock* G. F. Handel

Doxology (*Unison*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (*Unison*)

Generous, bountiful God, we are mindful of what you have given us: our livelihoods, our gifts, our families, our church. In the spirit of generosity, we know that we gain so much by giving away some of what we have. As you have given us new life, we seek to help others live theirs more fully. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn 377 (pp. 7-8) *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Houston

Benediction

Postlude *Voluntary VIII in C Major* G. F. Handel

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organist • The FCC Choir • Linda Gerlach, Liturgist

Dawn Troutman and Gail Wasson, Ushers • Phil Hammond, Zoom Greeter

If you wish to have a joy, concern, or prayer request lifted up in the service, or if you know of someone who may need special prayers, a card or phone call, or some other form of pastoral care, please email prayer@fccleb.org or speak with Rev. Silver directly.



**Music
at the
Meetinghouse**

Fall Concerts!

Masks, distanced seating, and proof of vaccination required.

The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, Oct. 28, Nov. 11 and 25, Dec. 2, all 7:30 pm

Come enjoy our popular community venue for live local music! An informal “listening room” for emerging musicians, each show features several acoustic acts. Patrons come and go as they please; food and drink available. *Free admission. For performer info and more, visit anoncoffee.org.*

Rachel Clemente, Harp—Saturday, October 29, at 5:30 pm

This virtuoso harpist has established herself in the regional folk scene with traditional Scottish repertoire. Presented by UVMC. Admission \$25; visit uvmusic.org/event/harp-concert-with-rachel-clemente.

Reflections: Music for Flute and Piano—Sunday, November 6, at 3:00 pm

Our flautist friend Leslie Stroud joins her frequent collaborator, pianist Matthew Odell, for music by George Enescu, Philip Glass, Robert Schumann, and Aaron Copland. *Suggested donation \$10.*

The Balourdet Quartet—Saturday, November 12, at 4:00 pm

After an online performance in 2020, UVMC brings back this superb Boston-based ensemble for a live master class and concert. Admission TBD; visit uvmusic.org/event/balourdet-quartet-performance.

Classicopia: Latin Cello—Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 pm

Cellist Diego Carneiro—who has been named a Minister of Tourism for his native Ecuador—joins pianist Dan Weiser for a thrilling program by an unusual variety of Latin-American composers.

Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; for more, visit classicopia.org/concert/latin-cello/.

Cameo Baroque Benefit for 19 Days: Musica Obscura—Friday, November 18, at 7:30 pm

Ernie Drown and friends share this superb program to benefit the UV Haven’s “19 Days of the Valley” effort. “Dark” music of J. S. Bach, G. P. Telemann, Michele Cabalone, Robert Valentine, Elisabeth Claude Jacques de la Guerre, and more. *Free-will donation; more at cameoarts.org.*

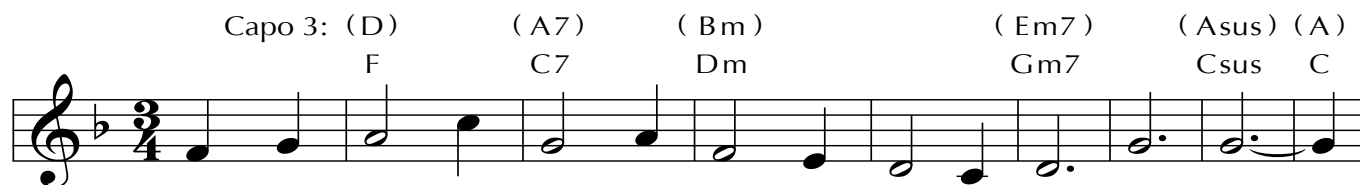
Neighbors in Need: Behold!—Special UCC Offering This Month

The UCC’s Neighbors in Need program supports ministries of justice and compassion across the country. Two-thirds of the collection funds the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries in local and national initiatives, advocacy efforts, and the fight against systemic injustice. The rest goes to the Council for American Indian Ministry, the voice for Native Americans in the UCC, sustaining a proud denominational tradition of support. **This year, NIN is focused on economic justice, amidst severe inflation and other challenges facing households nationwide.**

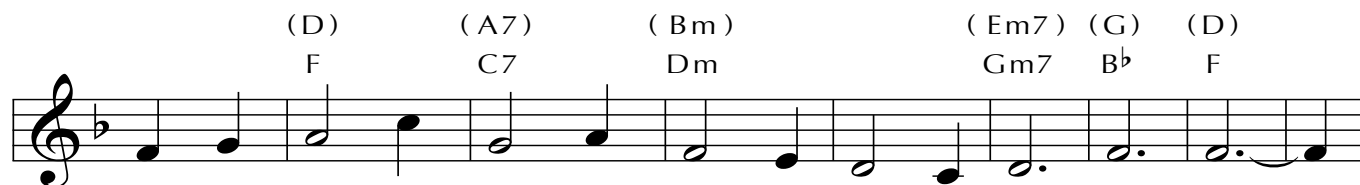
Please contribute as you’re able to this vital program through October 30, by cash or check (payable to FCC, memo “Neighbors in Need”) or at www.ucc.org/nin. Thank you!

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

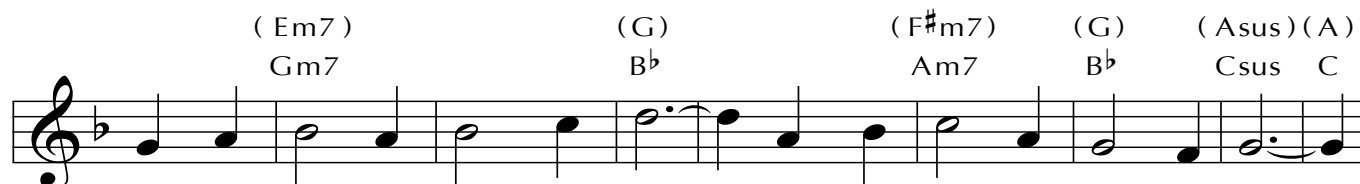
The Summons



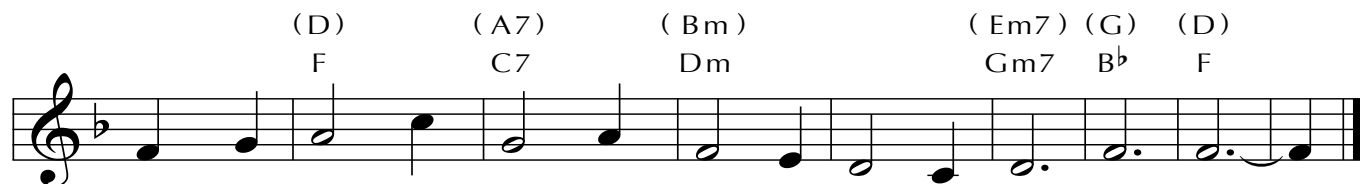
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

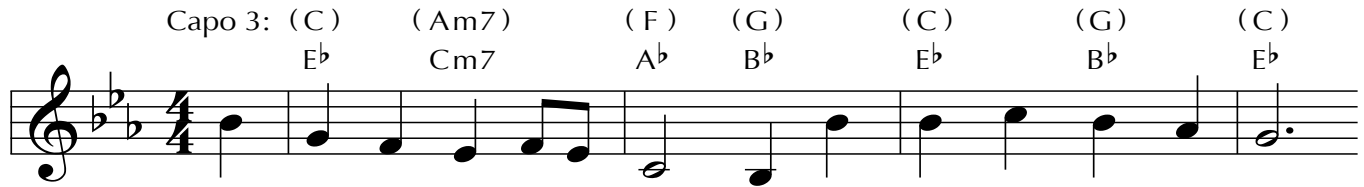
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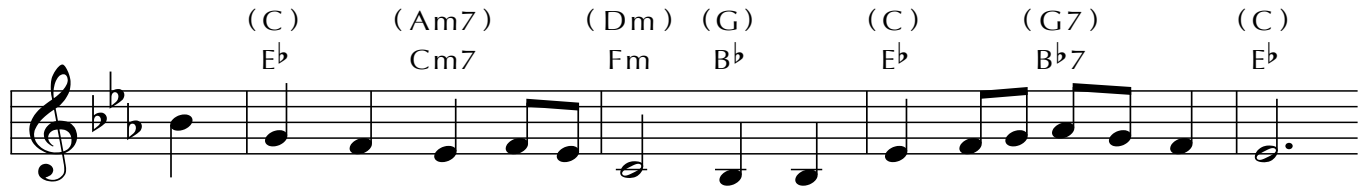
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O Jesus, I Have Promised

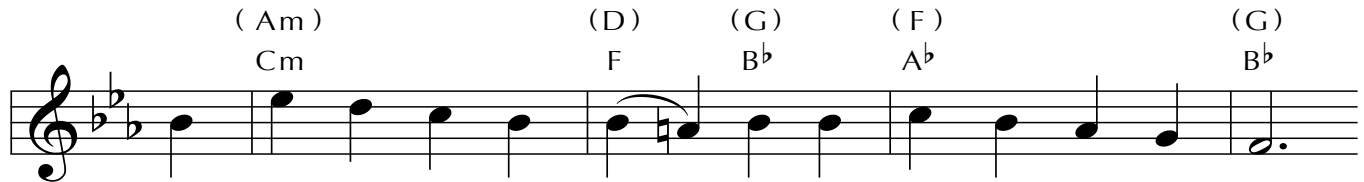
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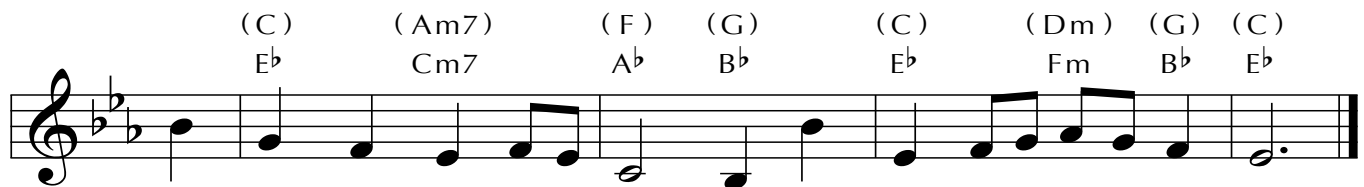
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.

MUSIC: Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927

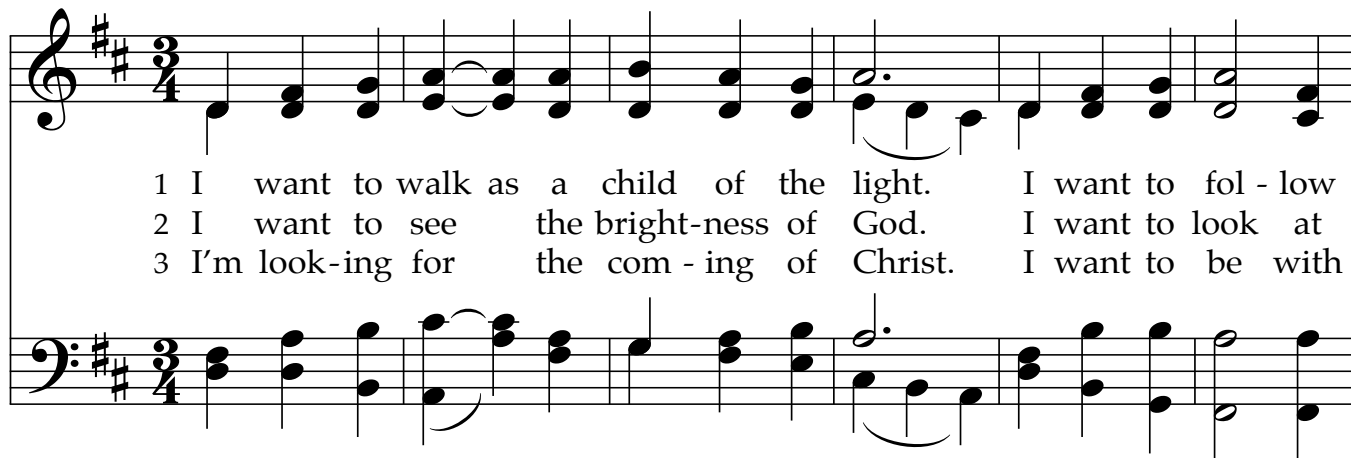
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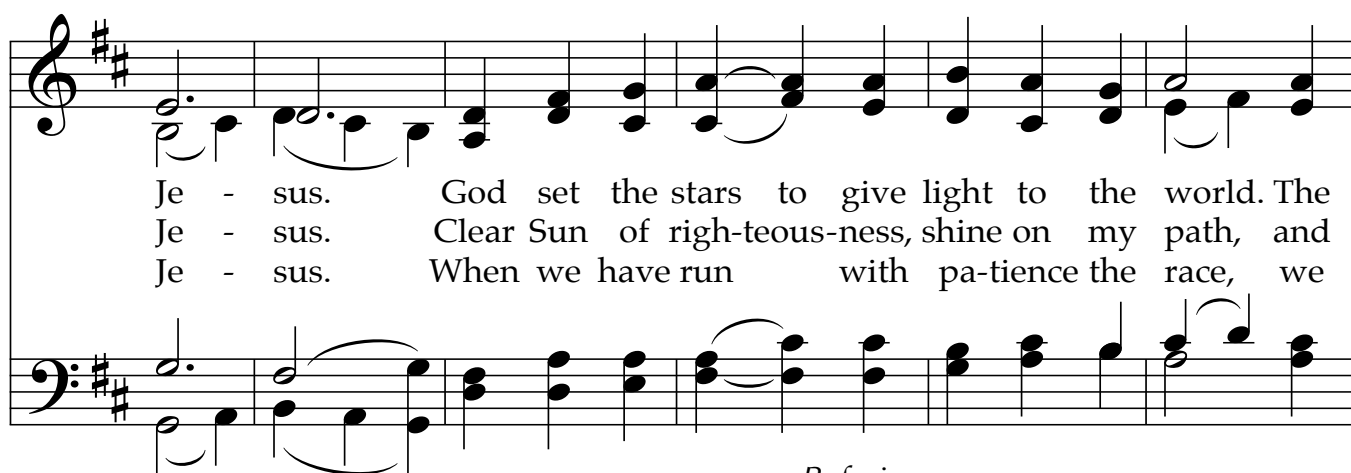
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(alternate tune: ANGEL'S STORY, 724)

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

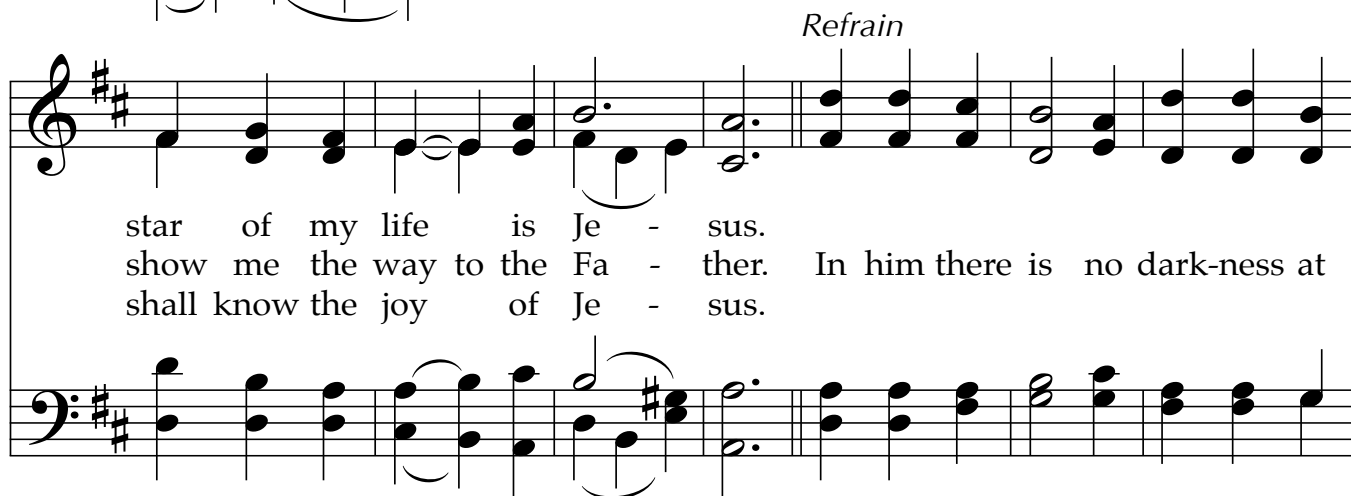


1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

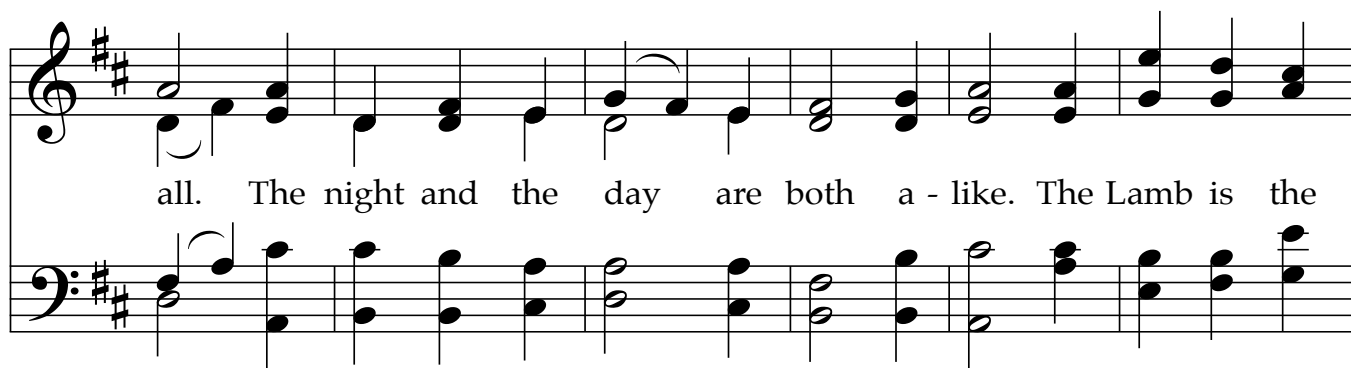


Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

TEXT and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
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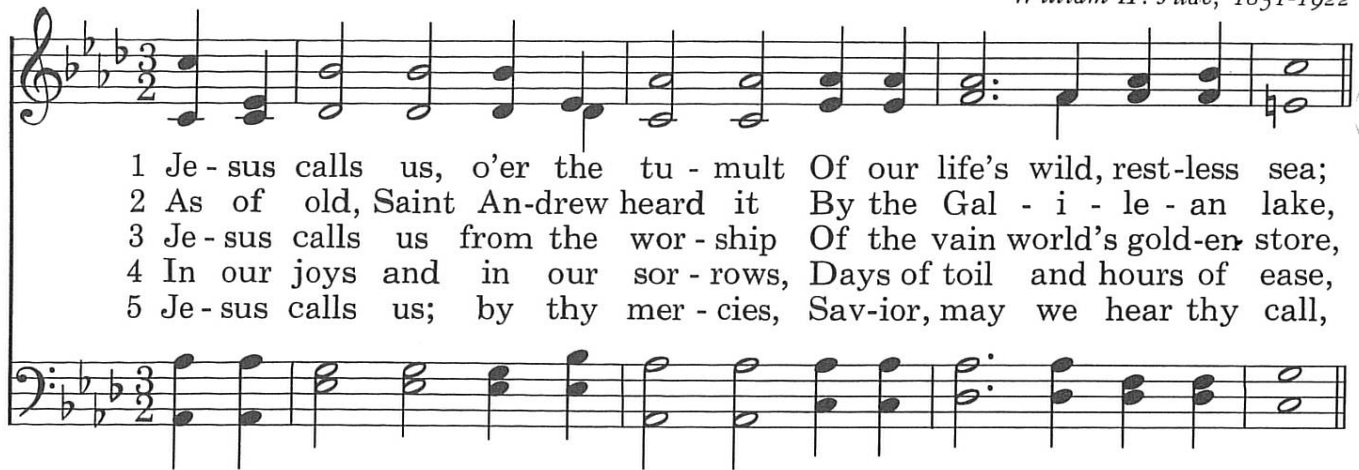
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10.7.10.8 with refrain

322 Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

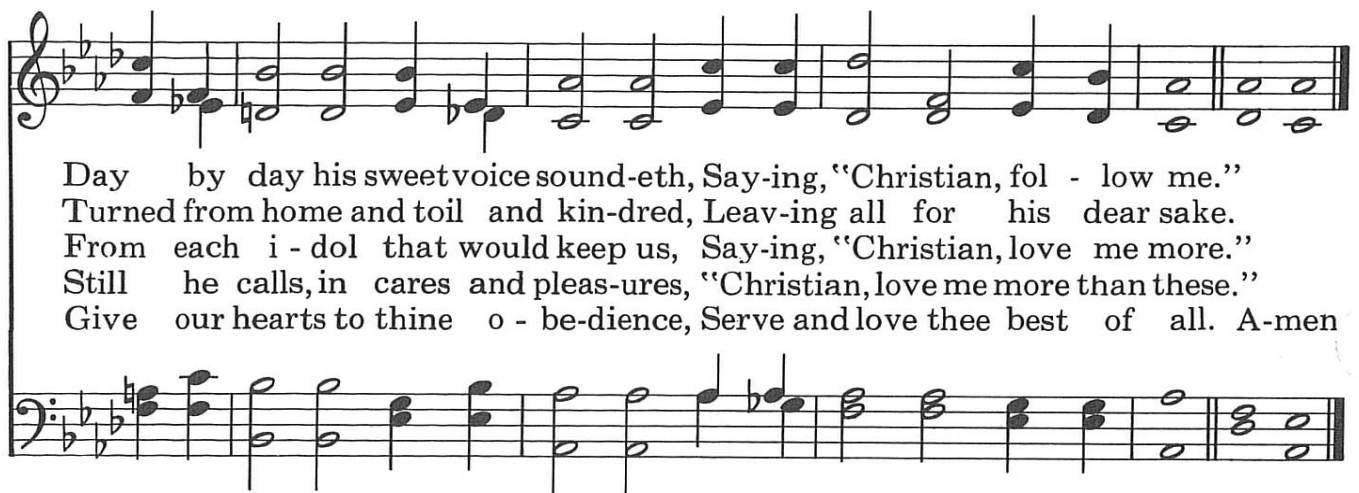
First Tune

Cecil F. Alexander 1818-1895

GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1851-1922



1 Je - sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store,
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
5 Je - sus calls us; by thy mer - cies, Sav-ior, may we hear thy call,



Day by day his sweet voice sound-eth, Say-ing, "Christian, fol - low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, Leav-ing all for his dear sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say-ing, "Christian, love me more."
Still he calls, in cares and pleas-ures, "Christian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to thine o - be-dience, Serve and love thee best of all. A-men

Operation Christmas Child—National Collection Week: November 14-21

You are invited to support Operation Christmas Child, an annual campaign run by Samaritan's Purse that ships shoeboxes full of supplies and toys to children around the world. Gloria and Phil Hammond have so generously managed our collection at FCC in recent years. **This year you may build a shoebox online before the collection week of November 14-21.**

For more information on this year's virtual operation and to build your shoebox online, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/. Thanks!

Support the United Church of Christ's 2022 Hurricane Fund

Following the staggering destruction in Puerto Rico, Florida, and elsewhere, the UCC appeals for help addressing the immediate needs of families and communities affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. The **UCC Hurricane Fund** serves both urgent relief and long-term recovery.

Donating online is the fastest and most effective way to contribute: support.ucc.org/donate-hurricanes-2022. You may also mail a check, payable to United Church of Christ (memo "Hurricanes 2022 Fund"), PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194.



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Weekly Worship Resources Enclosed!

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Welcome!

We are a Christ-centered community that celebrates the love of God. Although we are of varied minds, with varying measures of belief and unbelief, we are one body, bound together in Christ. We recognize the uniqueness of every individual as God's beloved child. We seek to respond faithfully to God's call for justice for all creation. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus' model of loving acceptance. We seek to create a sanctuary where all will know they are welcome and included.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, race or ethnicity, physical or mental ability, or economic circumstance, you are invited into the full life and ministry of First Congregational Church of Lebanon, including its worship, sacraments, and rites.

Join us as we grow together in God's love.

First Congregational Church of Lebanon

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