

# Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

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**W**elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

Christa Rakich

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

Psalm 32

*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.*

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;*

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

*You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.*

**Let us worship God!**

### ◆ Hymn 41

**O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!**

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Call to Confession

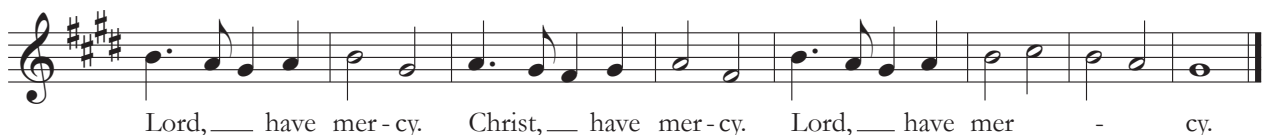
Prayer of Confession

**All powerful God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You ask us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are either sure that we know what is right or we are timid and fearful; both keep us from following in your lead. We struggle to understand and to live into the new life that Christ offers; we prefer our old ways and our own habits to risky change. Forgive us. Help us to be born from above into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace into the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Assurance of Forgiveness

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

◆ Sung Response

**All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad:  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.**

Glory to God 618

## God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Anthem

*Walk Softly*

Bob Chilcott

When we assemble here to worship God,  
To sing God's praises and to hear the word,  
We will walk softly.  
With purity of heart, and with clean hands,  
Our souls are free, we're free from Satan's bands,  
We will walk softly.  
While we are passing through the sacred door,  
Into the fold where Christ has gone before,  
We will walk softly.  
We'll worship and bow down, we will rejoice.  
And when we hear the Shepherd's gentle voice,  
We will walk softly.

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

OT p. 2  
Judy Dunscomb

Second Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

NT p. 3

Sermon

Do you really think that God doesn't know you are naked?

Jewell-Ann Parton

## Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

◆ Hymn 165

**The Glory of These Forty Days**

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Prayers of the Congregation and 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,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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

Offertory

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

Richard Fitzgerald

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin;  
From earth-born passions set me free and make me pure within.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery be thou my health, be thou my life.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, that I may sing above  
To Creator, Spirit, and to Thee the strains of praise and love.

◆ Presentation of the Offering

HS 52

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**Abundant and gracious God, we dedicate to you, not only these gifts of money, but also  
our lives, in deep gratitude for your call upon our lives, your guidance in our baptismal  
journey, and for blessing us that we might be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring to  
be used for your own good purposes. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 170

**You Walk along Our Shoreline**

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◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Southwell*

Charles Wood

During the season of Lent, the congregation remains seated during the closing music  
for a short period of meditation.

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

# What's Happening

at Westminster

## Sunday, February 26

*First Sunday in Lent*

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

4 p.m. Organ Concert in the Sanctuary, featuring Jonathan Schakel

## Monday, February 27

6 p.m. UKirk Dinner & Discussion at Common Grounds

## Wednesday, March 1

6 p.m. Worship at the Table in the Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, March 2

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

## Sunday, March 5

*Second Sunday in Lent*

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

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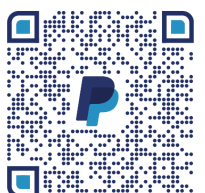
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# 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,  
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,  
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

# 165 The Glory of These Forty Days

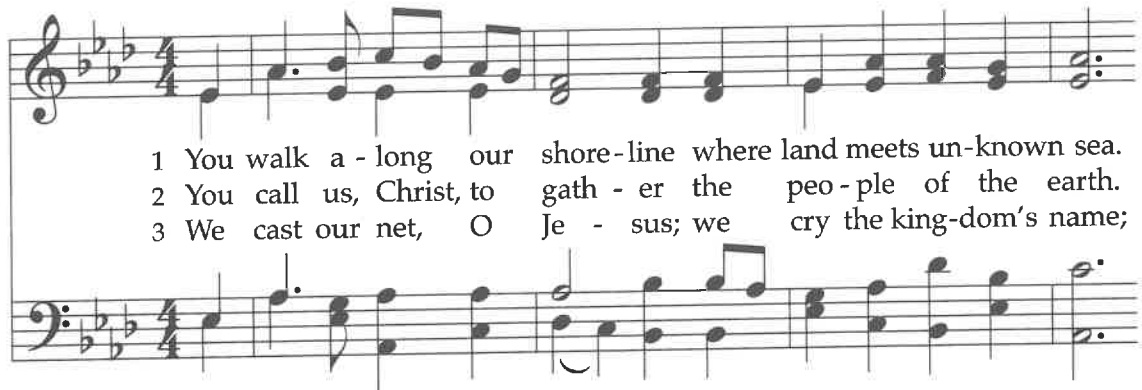
1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

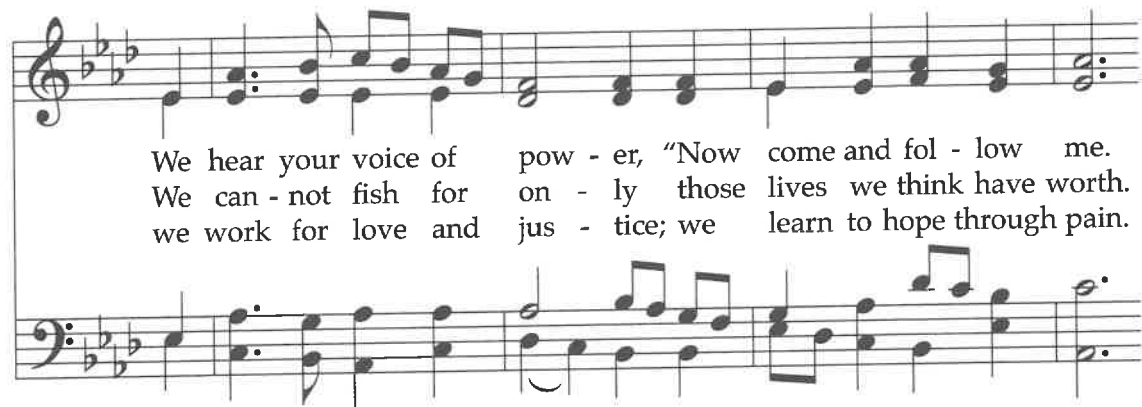
things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

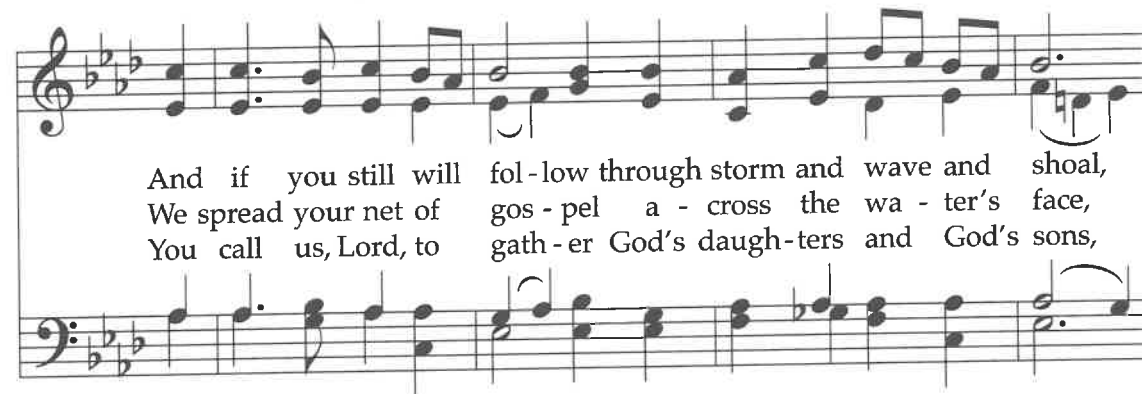
# You Walk along Our Shoreline 170



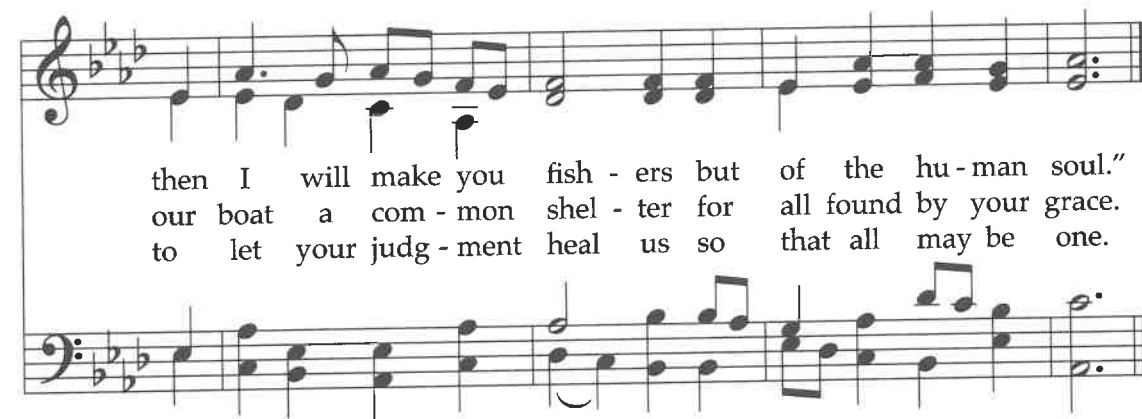
1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.  
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.  
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king - dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.  
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,  
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,  
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."  
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
 to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18-22/Mark 1:16-20/Luke 5:4-11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.