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References to God

References to God in traditional prayers, readings, and hymns in our worship may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God.

Land Acknowledgement

Our church is located on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee Nation. We acknowledge this indigenous community who stewarded this land throughout the generations and pay respect to their elders past and present.

Online Streaming and Podcasting

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible at www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons.

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Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website: www.firstcongoappleton.org.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

February 21, 2021 First Sunday in Lent Rev. Glenn Svetnicka (UCCI)
Livestreaming at 9:30 AM
Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-42
Music: David Cook, *assistant organist*; LU Music Scholars (*pre-recorded*)
Lay Reader: Michael Weaver

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021

7:00 PM

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Savides, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nicholas J. Hatch, Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries
Rev. Dr. Laurie Lyter Bright, Interim Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions
Pastor Dianne Droster, Interim Sabbatical Pastor

PRELUDE

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness (Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele)

Brahms

David Cook, assistant organist

RINGING OF CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND GREETING

INTROIT

A Hymn to God the Father

Logan Willis, tenor

Pelham Humfrey

(1647-1674)

Poem by John Donne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come from everywhere to this place of worship-

People: We have come seeking rest and renewal for our souls-

Leader: We have come with burdens, and questions, and failures-

People: We have come seeking rest and renewal for our souls.

Leader: We have come seeking peace in a world of strife and conflict-

People: We have come seeking rest and renewal for our souls-

Leader: Mostly we have come seeking you, O Lord-

ALL: May we worship you tonight in Spirit and Truth.

OPENING HYMN (see bulletin p. 5)

Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who sees all things, who knows our needs before we ask; we admit today that you also know our failures even before we admit them to ourselves. But we admit them now. Instead of loving others as we love ourselves, we have only loved ourselves, and have not always done this well. Instead of walking in the light of forgiveness and grace we have reveled in the shadow of malice and fear. Instead of sharing our bread with the hungry, we have spent our resources upon that which does not satisfy.

O God of mercy, forgive us and heal us. Draw us away from our pursuits of self-indulgence and teach us how to love ourselves as you love us. Set our feet upon the path to generosity and remind us what it means to truly be self-giving. Through Jesus we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the Good News: God will once again meet us at the cross, offering forgiveness and leaving Grace. This is the love of God welcoming us no matter the path we have trod in life.

People: **Thanks be for the one who welcomes us along the joyful and painful path of life. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:51-62

BRIEF MEDITATION

"Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself: An Invitation"

Rev. Nick Hatch

HYMN (see bulletin p. 6)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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A MUSICAL OFFERING

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

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LU Music Scholars (*pre-recorded*)

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE WINE

BLESSING OF THE PRAYERS / IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Chorale on "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele"

J. S. Bach

UNISON PRAYER AFTER IMPOSITION

Merciful God, this night we bow our heads before you, our brows marked with the ashes that betray our origins as creatures of dust. We were destined to be dust, but you intervened on our behalf. There are no words to thank you for such love. Grant us strength to live lives worthy of such grace. With the cross as a sign, help us love one another as you have loved us, striving for the protection and redemption of all people. In the name of Christ, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #471 (see bulletin p. 7)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER

BENEDICTION

(Conclude with silence.)

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

David Cook, *assistant organist*

Logan Willis, *LU Music Scholar tenor*

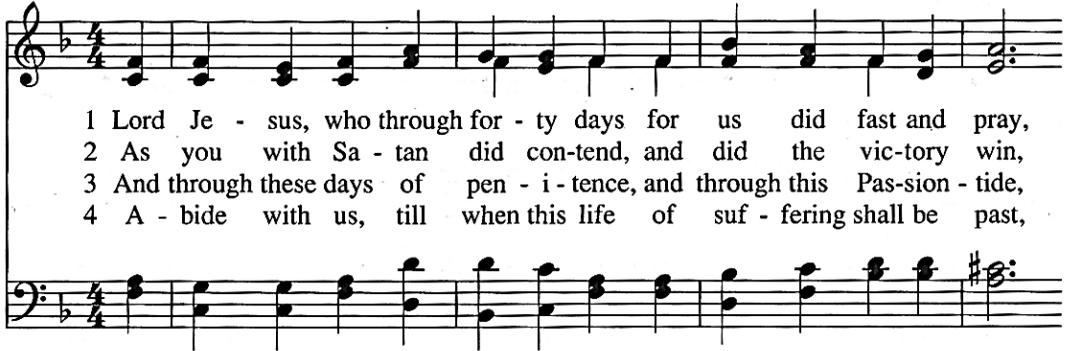
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John M. Albrecht, *Director for Music Ministries*

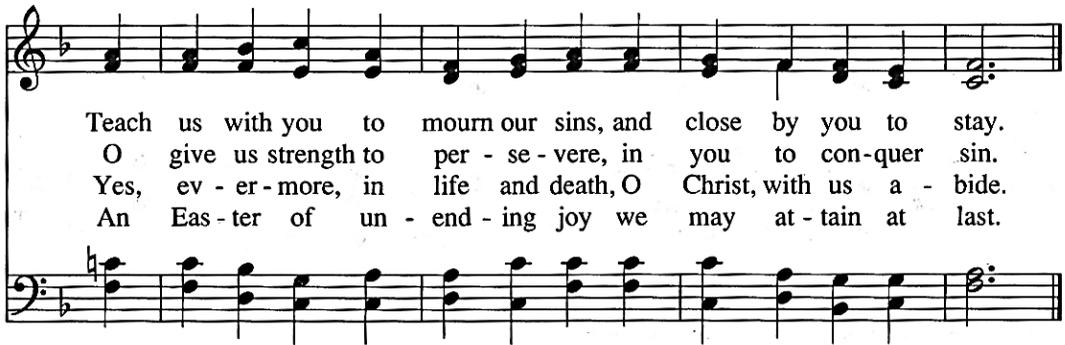
Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days

Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13



1 Lord Je - sus, who through for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic-tory win,
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion - tide,
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be past,



Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.
O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
Yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Unflagging in her zeal for religious education of children, Claudia F. I. Hernaman wrote some 150 hymns. This one appeared in her Child's Book of Praise (1873).

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN C.M.
Day's The Whole Booke of Psalms, 1562

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b B^b E^b



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

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b E^b B^b7 E^b



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.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F B^b A^b B^b



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;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b



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.

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
 Music Adapt. and Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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 (alternate tune: ANGEL'S STORY, 724)

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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; (walk with me)
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3. When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me;
 4. When I'm dy - ing, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me; (walk with me)
 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me;
 When I'm dy - ing, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in an - guish,
 when I'm on my bed of sor - row,

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

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; harm. *The Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs*, 1990

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This spiritual affirms the presence of Jesus throughout the long journey of trials and troubles which African-Americans experienced as slaves.

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