



“Jesus is a victim of identity theft in America.”
-Jim Wallis, “The False White Gospel”

Prelude Give Me Jesus (*Traditional African-American Spiritual*)

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Centering Song *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me,
all along my pilgrim journey, Oh I want Jesus to walk with me.

Call to Community (adapted from Binary-Breaking Worship)

Beloved Community, let us draw the circle wide!
And draw it wider still . . . and wider still.

We come, laden with doubts, fears, resentments,
To worship the God with outstretched arms.

We come with identities varied as the colors of the rainbow,
To worship the God who weaves our many threads into one tapestry.

We come, and the circle is drawn wider—and wider—and wider still.
Not by our strength, nor by our merit, but through God’s endless
grace.

***Opening Hymn** *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*/New Century #179

Opening Prayer (adapted from Binary-Breaking Worship)

God the Gatherer, God the Grafter, God the Weaver of our many
threads into a colorful whole, no hue is hidden as all have a role in
the tapestry. Open us to your presence this hour. Melt away whatever
iciness clings to our hearts. Pour like a refreshing rain into the
cracked soil of our parched spirits. Seep into our dreams and set us
alight with grand new visions of you. Revitalize us in this sacred hour.
Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Let us share peace with one another.

***Passing the Peace** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray! (repeat after songleader verse)

February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany

We’re so glad you’ve joined us today. Please feel free to ask any questions and participate or not in any parts of the worship service as you desire.

Asterisk () means stand if you wish and are comfortable doing so.*

Congregational voice parts look like this.

Service Volunteers

Usher: Mike VerMerris
Greeters: Phil Raywood & Jerry Coates
Offertory & Communion: Paul Burdick, Michael Valdez, and Tom Fahlstrom
Acolyte: Carol Rice
Reader: Kathleen Mueller
Sound Board: David Bohn
Video Camera: Lewis Corbin

On Campus This Week

Tuesday, Caregivers & Grief Support, 11am, Retreat House

Wednesday, True North Women’s Group, Retreat House, 11am

Thursday, Quiet Contemplation, 5pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, Social Justice Book Read, 5:30pm, IGC

Friday, AA Meeting, 7pm, IGC

For more details and more events in the area:



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Birthdays

February 3: Jeff Chinski
February 4: Jim Codman
February 5: Beth Stallinga
February 8: Linda Knieriemen

Anniversaries

February 2: Scott Bryers’ Liver Transplant!

Photo by Kalea Morgan

Contemporary Reading Right Rev. Mariann Budde, Episcopal Bishop of Washington DC

Ancient Reading Matthew 22:15-22

Reflection *What's A Church To Do In A Culture Of Contempt?*
Rev. Dan Plasman

Moment of Quiet

Offering and Offertory *What About Us*
Jeff Spangler
by Alecia Moore, Steve Mac,
and Johnny McDaid

Joys and Concerns • Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God! **Many: Alleluia!**
One: O God, **Many: Hear our prayer.**

***Doxology** *I Thank You Jesus*

**I thank you Jesus, (thank you Jesus)
thank you Jesus, (thank you Jesus)
Thank you Jesus, my Savior God, for you brought me,
yes you brought me from
a mighty, a mighty long way. (a mighty long way)
I praise you Jesus, (praise you Jesus)
praise you Jesus, (praise you Jesus)
Praise you Jesus my Savior God, for you brought me,
yes you brought me from
a mighty, a mighty long way. (a mighty long way)**

Celebration of Holy Communion

One: God be with you. **Many: And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts. **Many: We lift them up to God.**
One: Let us give thanks to God. **Many: It is good to give God
thanks and praise.**

Breaking Bread *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
When I fall down on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O God, have mercy on me. (on me.)**

***Sharing of the Bread and Cup** (*gluten-free option, non-alcoholic
juice in trays*)

The Bread of Life, the Gift of Heaven. **Amen.**
The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your
kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give
us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, and
deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory forever. Amen.**

***Hymn of Sending** *Baited, the Question Rose/Handout*

***Benediction**

Postlude *My Tribute*
Andraé Crouch (1942-2015)
*a pioneering songwriter, arranger, and performer,
often called the "father of modern gospel music."*

Weekly Financial Stewardship Report

for January 26, 2024

Attendance: 78

Viewers: 115

Collection Plate/Mail
\$2,299.00

Online Giving
\$1,779.89

Total
\$4,078.89



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Prayer List

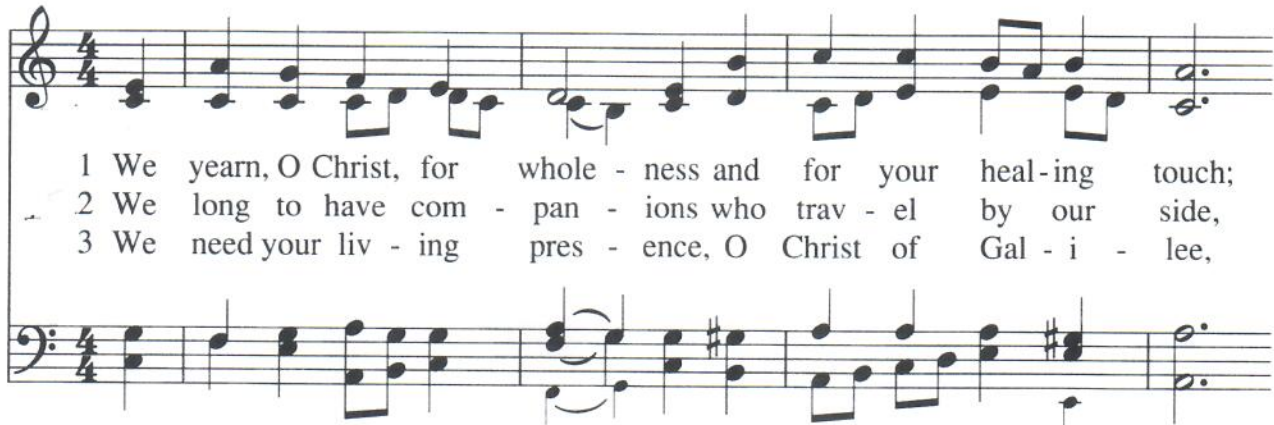
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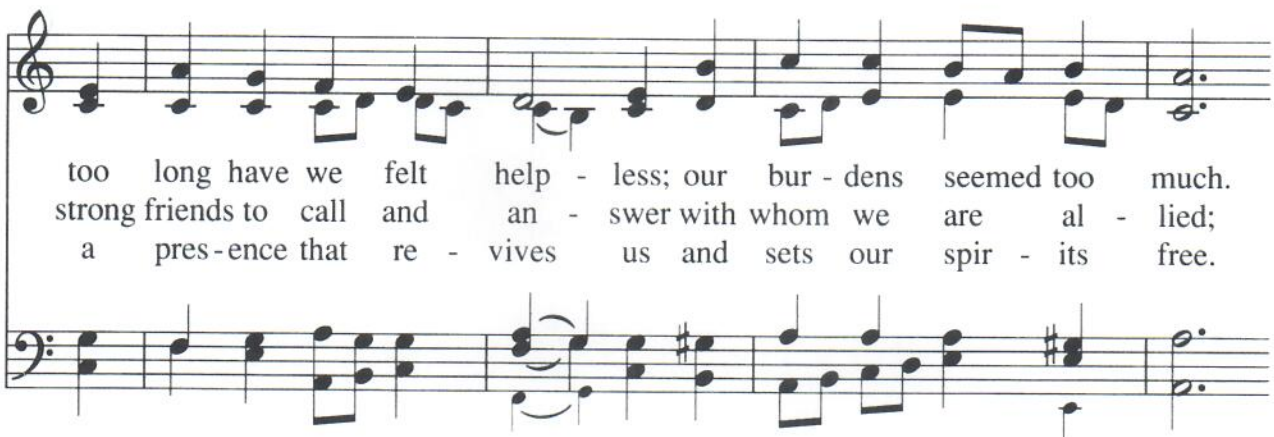
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We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993


1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Baited, The Question Rose

Sung to the tune *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Carl P. Daw

Matthew Bridges, 1851

1. Bai - ted, the ques - tion rose from
2. "Whose im - age does it bear, whose
3. May we dis - cern, O God, Your

3
some-where in the crowd; "Teach - er, you tru - ly
name and ti - tles tell?" "Cae - sar's of course," they
6
dai - ly gifts of grace; Show us your im - age
know God's way; Is pay - ing tax al -
smug - ly said and thought they an - swered
8
fresh - ly coined in ev - 'ry heart and
lowed?" Je - sus per - ceived their trap: "Why
well. "Give Cae - sars what is his, God,
11
face. Help us fit trib - ute yield, Through
do you test me so? Bring
what is God's a - lone." Strong
prayers and hymns we raise, But

13
here the coin the tax re - quires, and
words, con - vin - cing and pro - found, like
15
most of all by deeds of love to
see what it will show."
truth al - read - y known.
give you thanks and praise!