



Lent



FPC Phoenixville

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Morning Worship
The Second Sunday in Lent
‡ February 25, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Minutes for Mission

George Cockerill, Jeff McLaughlin

Call to Worship

Sue Casey

Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me - Alfred H. Ackley (1922)

I walked one day along a country road,
And there a stranger journeyed too,
Bent low beneath the burden of His load:
It was a cross, a cross I knew.

**“Take up thy cross and follow Me,”
I hear the blessed Savior call;
How can I make a lesser sacrifice,
When Jesus gave His all?**

I cried, “Lord Jesus,” and He spoke my name;
I saw His hands all bruised and torn;
I stooped to kiss away the marks of shame,
The shame for me that He had borne.

“Oh, let me bear Thy cross, dear Lord,” I cried,
And, lo, a cross for me appeared,
**The one, forgotten, I had cast aside,
The one, so long, that I had feared.**

My cross I’ll carry till the crown appears—
The way I journey soon will end—
**Where God Himself shall wipe away all tears,
And friend hold fellowship with friend.**

* **Hymn #720: “Jesus Calls Us”**

(see pg. 15)

(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

This is the covenant God made with us: that God would put the law within us, and write it upon our hearts, and would be our God, and we would be God’s people. God forgives the wrong we have done, and the good we leave undone. In penitence and faith, let us silently confess our sins to God.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (leader, people)

The one who calls us to this place
calls us to reconciliation through grace.
God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.

Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way
that is made known to you in God's love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** Gloria Patri**

(Children may come forward now for the children's message.)

**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, amen.**

(Please be seated.)

Children's Sermon

*Following the message, children may go to the upstairs classrooms, to
the church nursery room, or they may stay with their family in worship.*

Call to the Word:

"Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness"

Prayer for Illumination

Sue Casey

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may
hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Sue Casey

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to
Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the
righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the
heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but
where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reading: Mark 8:31-38

Sue Casey

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit

their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

*** Hymn #718: “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”** (see pg. 18)

(Please be seated.)

Offering Prayer (leader, people)

The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

Freely you have received, freely give.

**Let us return to God the offerings of our life
and the gifts of the earth.**

Offertory: “Kyrie”

Will Todd

*** Doxology**

**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**

Elder: George Cockerill

(Please be seated.)

Joys and Concerns

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.

*** Hymn #853:** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" (see pg. 16)

*** Benediction**

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude: *"In the Cross"*

J. Linker

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Joys:** Patrice Barnes, Family and friends of Vivian Sedlacek, David  
**Concerns:**

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please send any prayer needs to the new email address, [fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com](mailto:fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com). Your request will be distributed to FPC's prayer angels. Their silent efforts will be put to work to lift you up. The same email address can be used for anyone wishing to join the prayer team.

## **UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

**Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

**CONFIRMATION CLASS-TODAY!:** FPC's young disciples will have a Confirmation after worship **today** from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM. Please attend the full worship service and then meet in the third floor classroom for lunch and learning.

**ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB-TONIGHT!:** Zoom with the Antiracism Book Club when they meet **tonight** at 7:00 PM. Discussion will focus on the book *We Remain: Race, Racism, and the Story of the American Indian* by Keith R. Burich. All are welcome to discover how much there is to learn!

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965389092>

*Visit the link or call 1-929-205-6099*

*Meeting ID: 829 6538 9092*

**QUEER CIRCLE:** The next Zoom gathering for the Queer Circle will be this upcoming Monday, **February 26th**, at 7:00 pm. Conversations will continue about *The Book of Queer Prophets: 24 Writers on Sexuality and Religion*. Zoom with the group anytime to learn more about genders, sexual orientation, Christian faith, and related issues.

**GRATITUDE JOURNAL:** February's theme for journaling is "Gratitude in Relationships." This week's prompt: *How are you thankful for a past relationship?* If you would like to share your reflection (1-2 minutes) after a specific prompt or something you are grateful for, please let us know, and we can let you share during worship with a Minute for Gratitude!

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:** Would you like some guidance for prayer and reflection during the upcoming Lenten season? Then consider using the Lenten Devotional by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. To download a copy, visit the seminary's website at [https://www.pts.edu/devotional\\_1](https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1). A few hard copies are available in the main office. Audio links are also provided on the download page for your convenience.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE:** A Coming Home Celebration for Vivian Sedlacek will be held in FPC's sanctuary on Saturday, **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Visitation will start at 9:30 AM, and the service will begin at 11:00 AM. Interment will be at the Valley Forge Chapel (2000 Valley Forge Park Rd, King of Prussia) immediately following the service.

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS:** One February date remains for scrip orders - **Monday, the 26th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell), or send an email to [brettdrew@comcast.net](mailto:brettdrew@comcast.net). We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”. Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! The Stewardship Committee

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Easter flowers are a nice way to honor someone dear, remember a loved one, or to simply give thanks. Hyacinths, tulips, and daffodil plants can be ordered through church by **March 10th** for \$9.00 each. The order form can be found in today’s bulletin or online at <https://bit.ly/easterflowers2024>. Purchased flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and be available to take home after the 10:30 AM worship service.

**2024 APPORTIONMENT:** Per Capita apportionment monies will help provide the means to strengthen the connections of the Presbyterian Church USA, to build lasting relationships, and to help all Presbyterians share God’s love through mission and ministry. Our church apportionment is \$38 per member. Please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes or pick up an envelope in the narthex. This money will help support our church, Donegal Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and the Presbyterian Church USA.

**MAC SURVEY:** MAC is looking to expand service opportunities offered to the church and congregation. Please take this short survey to let MAC know what your priorities are in serving, your general availability, and type of service you would like to do. Please complete this survey by Thursday, **February 29th** - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>. The MAC Committee values your input! Thank you!

## **This Week in the Life of the Church**

### **Sunday, February 25** (*\*Childcare available*)

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. \*WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)

7:00 p.m. Antiracism Book Club (Zoom)

### **Monday, February 26**

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Queer Circle (Zoom)

### **Tuesday, February 27**

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Wednesday, February 28**

11:30 a.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

12:30 a.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

2:00 p.m. Trumpet Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### **Thursday, February 29**

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 a.m. People to People Food Ministry (Kitchen)

3:00 p.m. M. Campbell Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### **Friday, March 1**

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

## Saturday, March 2

9:30 a.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

Going Home Celebration for Vivian Sedlacek

9:30 a.m. Visitation (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Interment immediately following the service

(Valley Forge Chapel, 2000 Valley Forge Park Rd, King of Prussia)

## Sunday, March 3 (\*Childcare available)

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. \*WORSHIP with communion – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

12:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting (Zoom)

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A LENTEN PRAYER

Based on Mark 8:31-38



God of compassion, the way of the cross is as much a mystery to us as it was to the immediate followers of Jesus. But we have heard how your grace is exercised in the journey of suffering and rejection experienced by Jesus. Help us to hear with ears inspired, to see with eyes opened to your ways, and to respond with lives committed to your service. Amen.

[Worship Blogspot](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nursery & Sunday School: The church nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the main building in room 209 and is available for children ages infant-3 years. All children 3 years and older are invited to attend Sunday School during worship (children will depart the sanctuary for their classrooms immediately following the Children's Sermon), with ages 3-5 in room 210, ages 6-8 in room 208, and grades 5 and older in the third-floor class-room. Sunday School is from 10:45am–11:45am.

Restrooms: The church restrooms are located on the first & second floors of the main building. Ushers can help direct you to the restrooms.

For Hearing Assistance: If you wish to use a wireless assistive listening device to better hear the service, see one of the ushers.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays:	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Tuesdays:	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Wednesdays:	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Thursdays:	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Fridays:	by appointment

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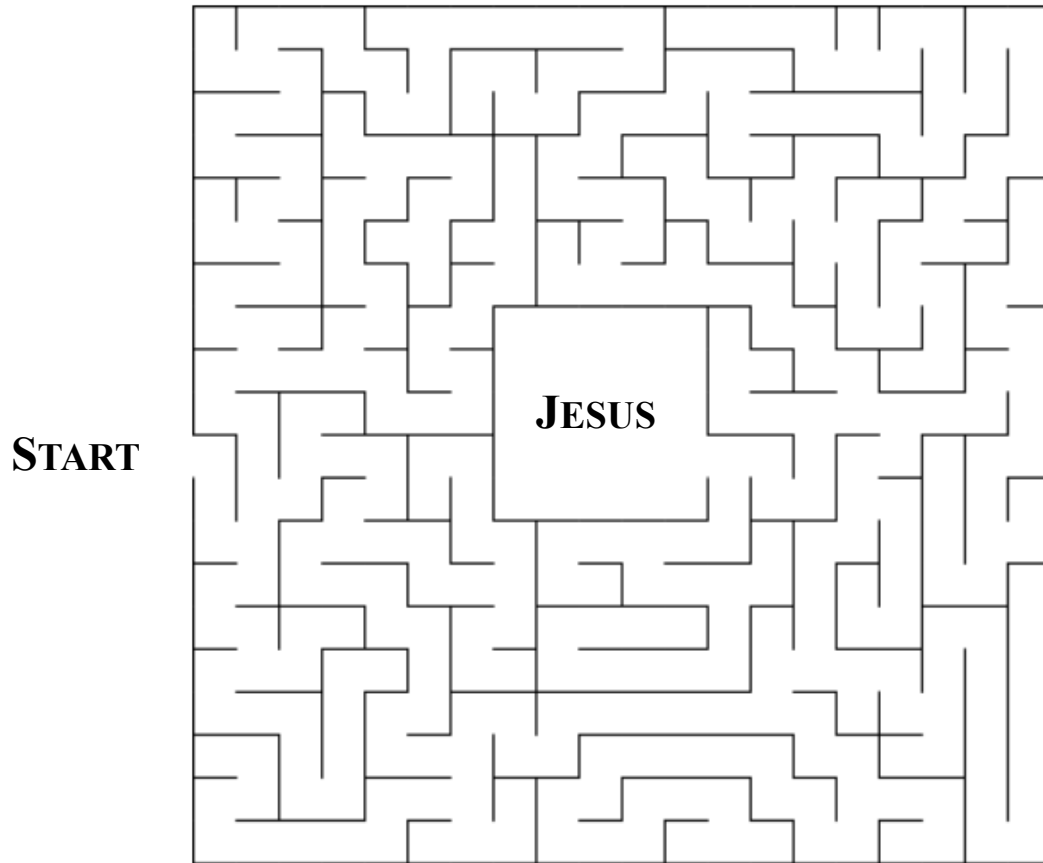
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Find your way to Jesus.



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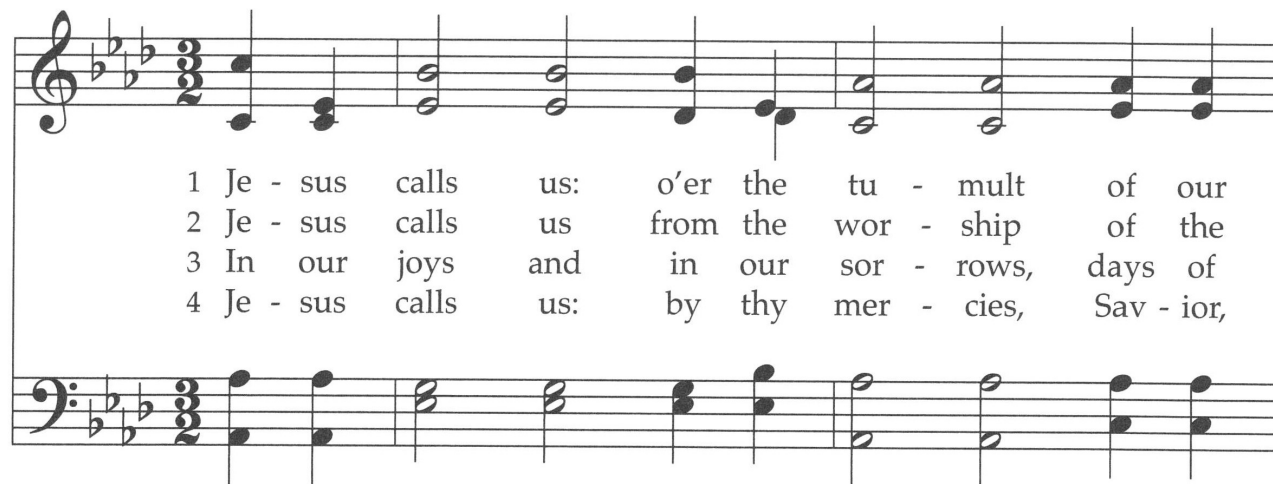
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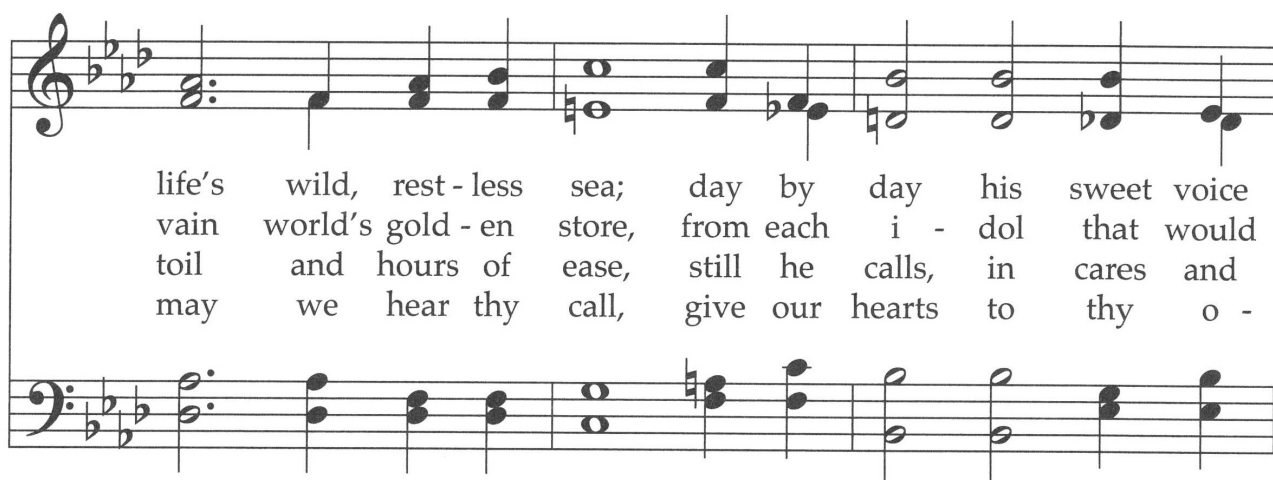
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# Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852  
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

GALILEE  
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# 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Siyahamba*

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

# 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God *cont'd*

*Siyahamba*

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

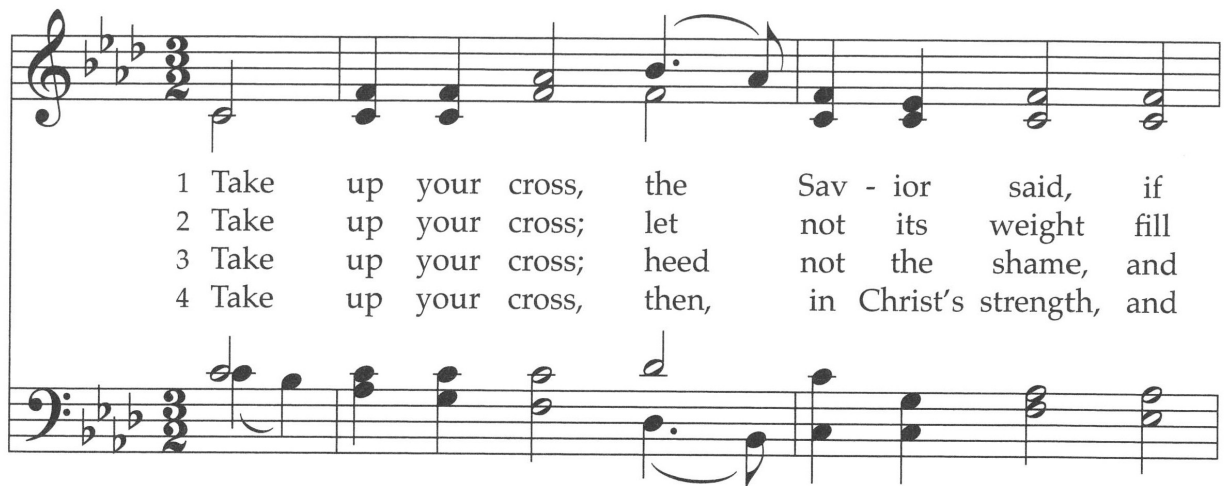
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Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

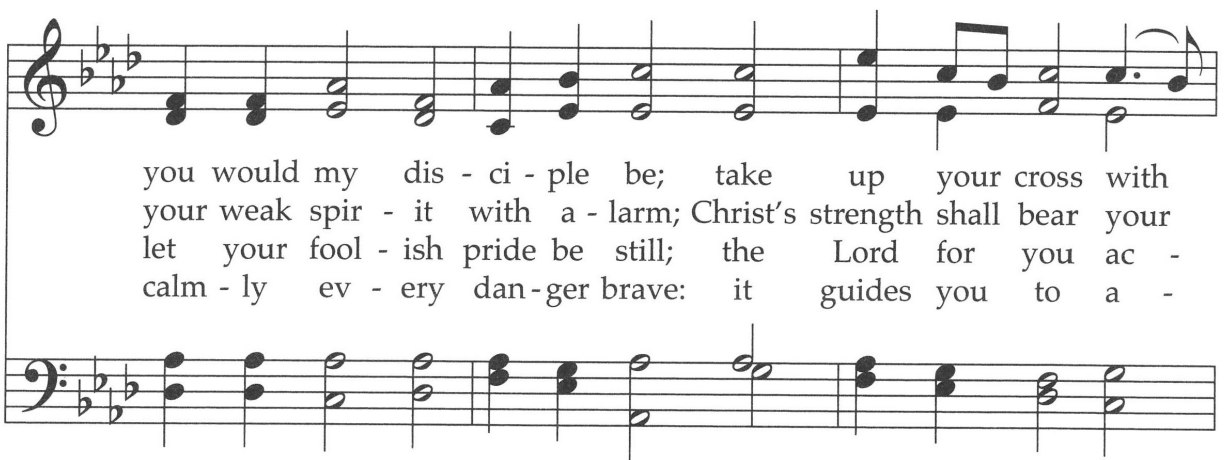
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MUSIC: South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
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SIYAHAMBA  
Irregular

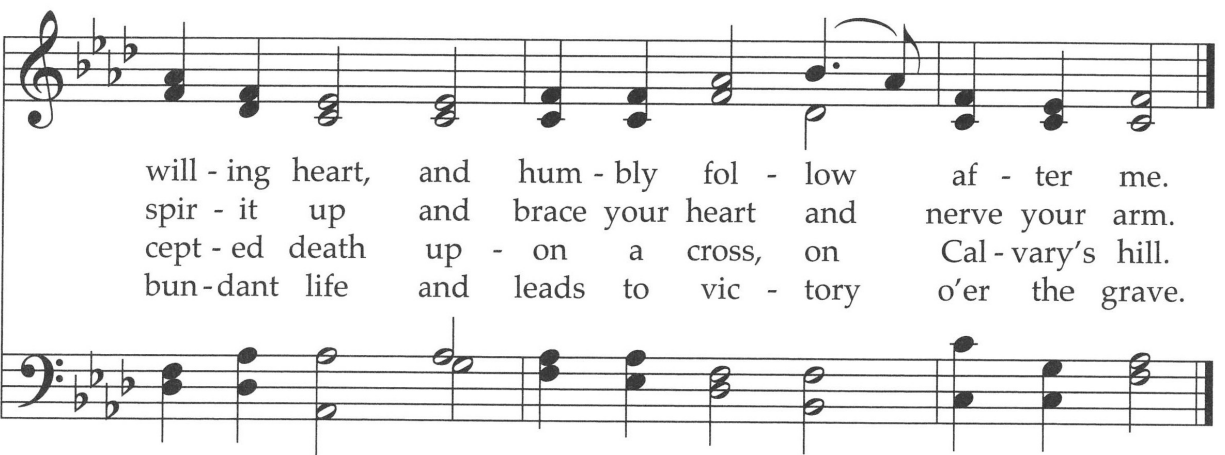
# Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

TEXT: Charles William Everest, 1833, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1814; harm. John Leon Hooker, 1984  
 Music Harm. © 1984 John Leon Hooker

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# EASTER FLOWERS



Now is the time to start thinking about decorating our Sanctuary for Easter - and everyone has a chance to share in it!

The Worship and Music Committee encourages everyone to consider ordering a plant or plants to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Easter flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, to honor a person, or to express appreciation for someone who has played a special part in your life or in the life of the church. Orders are also being accepted from those who just want to make our worship space beautiful for Easter and then take the plant home to enjoy!

**The cost for each plant is \$9.00.**

Please drop off or send the order form and payment to the Church office **by Sunday, March 10th**. Thank you for your participation! We look forward to seeing a beautiful display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hyacinths (3 blooms) ordered (\$9.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of daffodils (6" pot) ordered (\$9.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tulips (5 & 6 blooms) ordered (\$9.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All flowers need to be picked up after the  
Easter service on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## Acknowledgement for bulletin:

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In appreciation for: \_\_\_\_\_

## EASTER FLOWERS AND THEIR MEANINGS

**Easter** symbolizes a time of rebirth. It commemorates Jesus' rebirth and it's a celebration of spring, the rebirth of nature.

**Hyacinths** are a lovely spring perennial plant symbolizing a fresh start and hope. Each flower color has a unique fragrance, and the scents are used extensively in perfumes.

**Daffodils** are often linked to new beginnings since they are one of the first flowers to bloom at the end of winter. They symbolize creativity, energy, resilience, forgiveness and vitality.

**Tulips** are the world's third most popular flower. In addition to love, they represent abundance, prosperity, indulgence, charity and supporting the less fortunate.

