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Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Giving Up Worry

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

arr. Schram

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: During the season of Lent it is our practice to give something up.

P: We give up those things that burden us and hold us down.

L: In giving up those things that hinder us we make room for God to inspire us to new things.

P: As we clear space in our hearts and in our lives, we seek God to fill it with things that can help us to grow closer to our Creator.

L: Do not worry about your life, about what you will eat or what you will drink, or about what you will wear on your body; because the gospel tell us that life is about more than food and that the body is about more than clothes.

P: The birds in the sky don't sow seeds or harvest grain, and yet God feeds them. The lilies in the field don't spin cloth and yet God clothes them in beauty. We are God's children, created in God's image. We worship God this day because we have been created for a purpose, and God will always care for us and lead us toward that purpose.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 451** (black hymnal)

Be Now My Vision

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: Dear heavenly Father, we implore you to give us your Holy Spirit, that she may awaken us, enlighten us, encourage and enable us to leap from the comforts of our own choosing to hope in you. Draw us away from ourselves unto you. Forbid that we hide from your face, or try to do so. Show us how glorious you are, and how glorious it is to trust in you, and to obey you! Glory be to you, who in Jesus Christ, makes us free to confess – and to abide in this confession. We place our hope in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 198 (black hymnal, refrain, vs. 4 refrain) *Lift High the Cross*

ALL SING: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name. Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease, beneath the shadow of its healing peace. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name.

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

Matthew 6:25-34

(8:00 AM) HYMN NO. 471 (black hymnal)

What a Covenant

(10:30 AM) CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (see insert) *I Surrender* by Ingram, Leonard,
and Jordan

**I Surrender, CCLI Song #7060165, CCLI License #3220582*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) PRAISE BAND ANTHEM *Sparrows* by Gray, Smith, and Fields

***Sparrows, CCLI Song #7059874, CCLI License #3220582*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Open My Eyes That I May See

by Scott

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 785 (black hymnal) *We Give You But Our Own*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 506** (black hymnal)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Mercy

by Telemann

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

The bulletins are presented in honor of all the groups serving the Wednesday night dinners during our Lenten series.

Thank you to the Praise Band for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Lenten planning team for planning today's service. The team members are: Becky Hester, Tammy Gordon, David Bradnick, Diane Strine, and Pastor Jeff.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Mike and Kathy Ferree; Elaine Bevivino

8 AM Sound Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Ken Dunbar

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: David and Brigitte Bradnick; Leah and Gabriel; Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Carter Beyer

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹Modified from Karl Barth, "My Hope Is in Thee (1956)," *Deliverance to the Captives*.

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Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Lift High the Cross

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George William Kitchin (1827-1912)

John 1:29-34; Rom. 5:6-11; 6:3-8; Rev. 7:9-17; 22:1-5

Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

Refrain, in unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim; Let

all a-dore and praise that sa-cred name.

Last time, end

Stanzas, in harmony

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, the
2 Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears
3 O Christ, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your
4 Set up your throne, that earth's de-spair may cease, be-
5 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

Lamb vic-to-rious, Christ the Child of God.
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
neath the shad-ow of its heal-ing peace.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

to Refrain

Since its first inclusion in a U.S. hymnal in the 1970s, this hymn has become enormously popular. G. W. Kitchin and M. R. Newbolt were Church of England ministers. Sydney Nicholson was organist of Westminster Abbey.

Tune: CRUCIFER 10.10. with refrain
Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

What a Covenant

Deut. 33:27

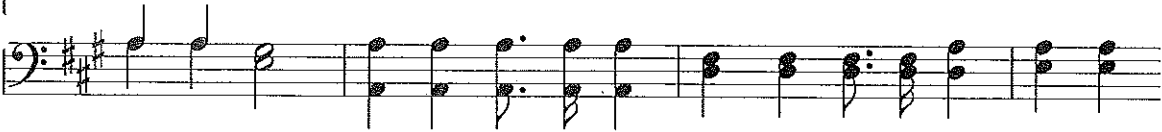
Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.



1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing



Refrain



on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.




all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



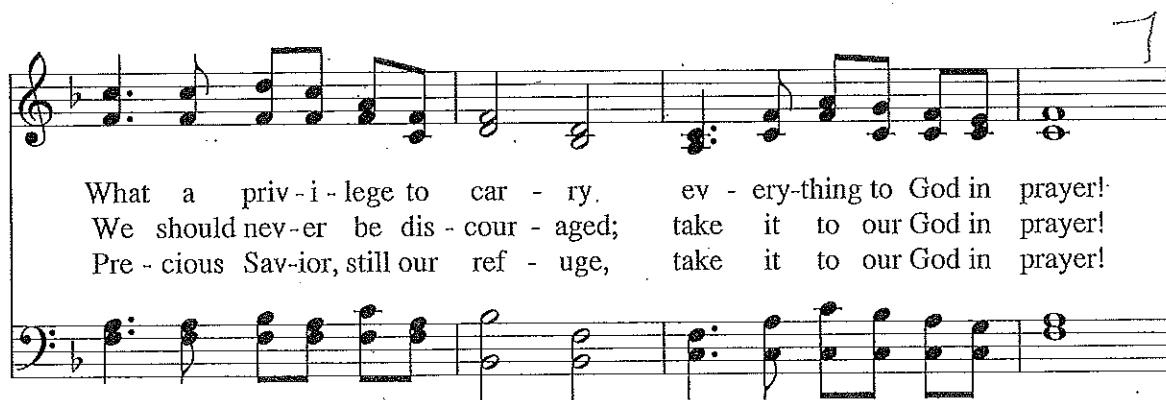
*Or, "fellowship"

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

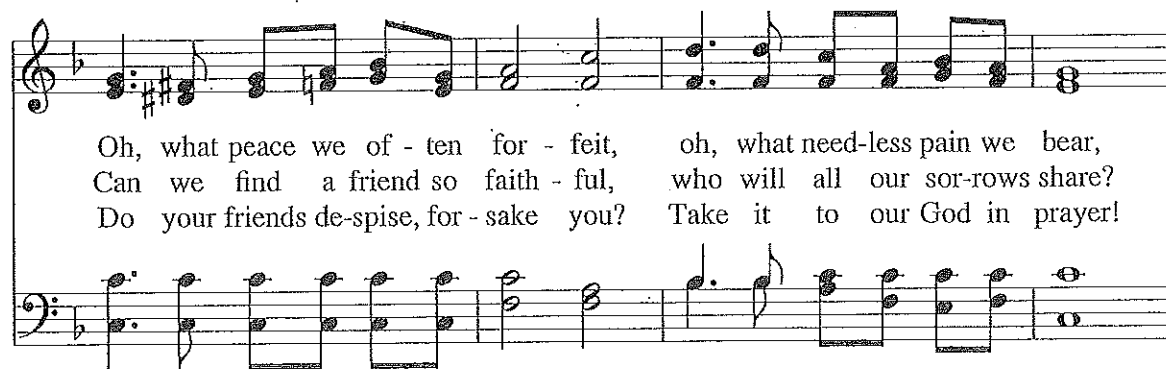
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*Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.**Phil. 4:6-7*


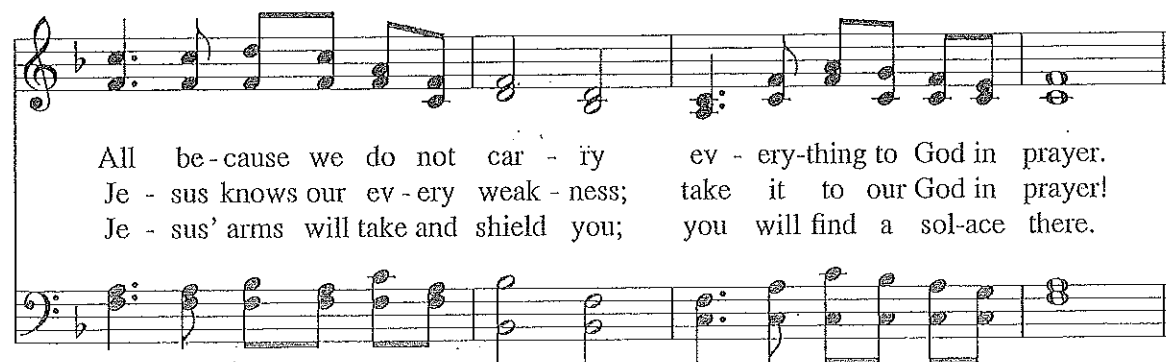
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry, ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.
Charles C. Converse, 1868

I Surrender

Verse 1

The riches of this world will fade.
The treasures of our God remain.
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing
And find ev'rything in You.

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The treasures of our God remain.
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing
And find ev'rything in You.

Chorus

I surrender, I surrender, I surrender all to You.

Verse 2

Take my life a sacrifice.
In You alone I'm satisfied.
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing
And find ev'rything in You,
Oh oh ev'rything in You.

I Surrender

Chorus

I surrender, I surrender, I surrender all to You. I
surrender, I surrender, I surrender all to you.

Bridge

Not my will but Yours be done,
Not my strength but Yours alone,
Nothing else but You O Lord,
I find ev'rything in You.

Chorus

I surrender, I surrender, I surrender all to You. I
surrender, I surrender, I surrender all to you. I
surrender, I surrender, I surrender all to you.