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Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

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

Hymnus

by Dinda

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: We gather in worship to respond to the call of God's love,

People: We are thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

Leader: In receiving God's love, may we be moved to a compassion that compels us to share God's divine presence with others.

People: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Leader: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

People: May our community, and our gathering here this day, beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of God's divine presence.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 172 (black hymnal)**

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Merciful God, we listen to the stories of when you called the disciples and we find them to be unrealistic. We hear the stories of when you called the prophets of old, and we're sure that they are not related to our own stories. When we look at our own lives; we believe that we could not leave everything behind, we believe that we could not challenge those we love in the face of injustice, we believe that we have responsibilities that keep us from fully embracing your call. But you are persistent, O God. You understand our doubts, fears, and confusion. You continue to call us, all of us, to be in ministry and mission in this world. You may not call us to leave everything behind, but we acknowledge that you call us to be willing to serve wherever you call us – but we also admit that's hard. We want to place conditions on our service, and for our ministries to happen on our own terms, but still you call to each of us. Forgive us, patient and persistent God, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you; focusing on our own comforts instead. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need or being hurt. Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you. Gently move us into service in your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 4 & refrain)

Jesus the Light of the World

ALL SING: Hail the Bearer of God's peace! Jesus, the light of the world; Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.

We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

Mark 1: 14-20

HYMN NO. 503 (black hymnal)

O Savior, Let Me Walk With You

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

(8:00 AM) **JUBILATION ANTHEM**

Come Follow Me

by Albrecht, Althouse

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

You Are My All in All

by Jernigan

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 164 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Arise, Your Light is Come

ALL SING: Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 537

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

by Ritter

*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.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Pauline Almoney, Byron's mother, by Byron, Dawn, & Megan Almoney.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my daughter, Jayne's, birthday by Bob Katherman.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Ed Kiessling (Elaine's father) by Perry, Elaine, and Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8:00 AM service today.

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: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Dave & Steph Beyer; Norman & Ivy Leach

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹The call to worship was adapted from the "Worship Ways" website of the United Church of Christ at http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways. The original was written by the Rev. Madison Shockley, pastor of Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Carlsbad, CA.

²The prayer of confession was adapted from a liturgy resource at the "Ministry Matters" website at <http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2240/classic-worship-connection-january-21-2018>. The original was written by Nancy C. Townley.

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Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

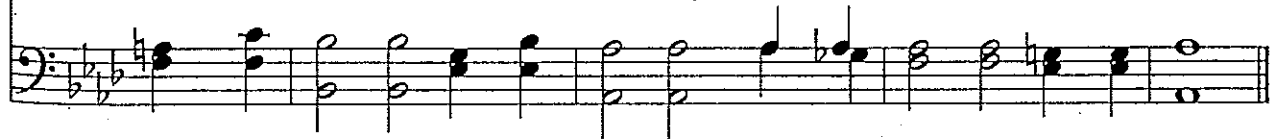
Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15



1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,
4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,



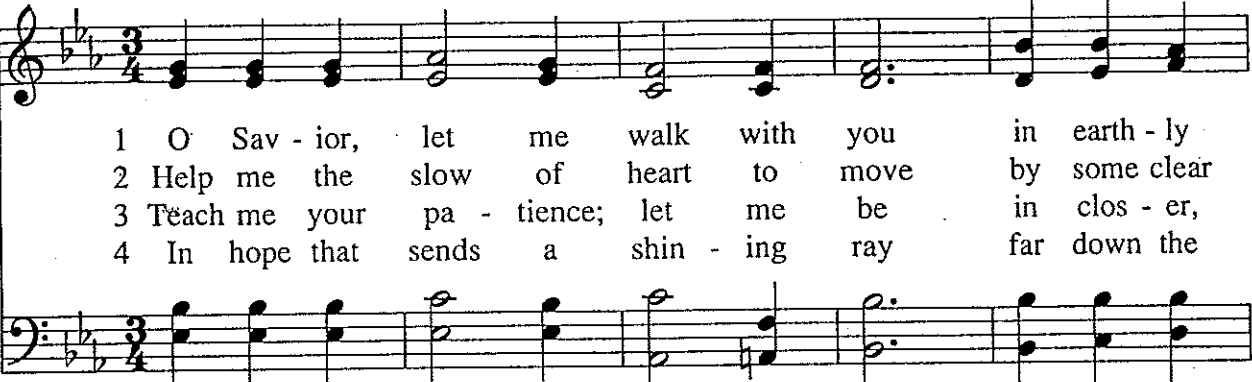
Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.



Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1887
Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW

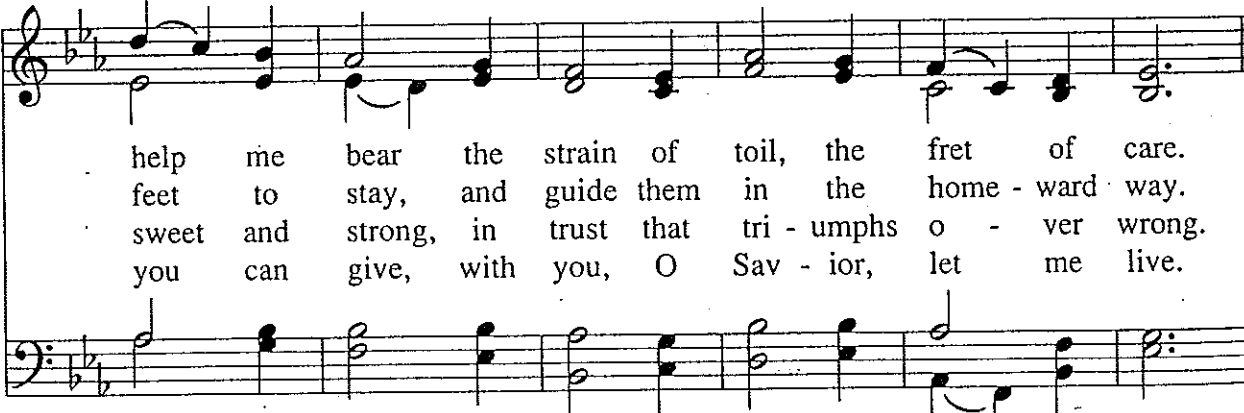
O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

Washington Gladden, 1879; alt.


1 O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
 win - ning word of love. Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me live.

Washington Gladden was a Congregational minister, distinguished preacher and lecturer, and author of over thirty works. Gladden wrote extensively on civic and social affairs of his day. This hymn was penned in 1879 and published in his periodical, The Sunday Afternoon.


Tune: MARYTON L.M.
 H. Percy Smith, 1874

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed


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Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.


1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your
 2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can
 3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's
 4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that



prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the
 help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing
 wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble
 doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of



true, raise your work and life a - new.
 light, strength - en them to do the right.
 zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.
 fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

Francis Albert Rollo Russell was a writer on scientific subjects and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. This hymn was first published in the Pilgrim Hymnal (1904). The tune originated with a text used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Tune: INNOCENTS 7.7.7.7.
 The Parish Choir, 1850