



Mid-week Lenten Service

7 PM

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Fourth Week of Lent: Mid-week Service

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in this place to worship God, who walks with us in the wilderness.

People: O God, send your Spirit upon us.

Leader: As we have walked we have harbored doubts about where our path might lead.

People: O God, send your Spirit upon us.

Leader: Along the way we have received everything we need to survive and yet we have doubted that it would be enough.

People: O God, send your Spirit upon us.

Leader: Come now and worship God. Lay down your doubts and let God lead you on your wilderness journey.

People: Almighty God we worship you in the time of plenty, and in times of scarcity. We worship you when the way is clear, and when it is hard to see.

O God, we have faith – help our lack of faith!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 410** (black hymnal)

If You But Trust In God to Guide You

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair. Lift up our spirits, O God, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just in the future. We give thanks to you for your abundant grace and for your unfailing love. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us. Make us whole and remind us that you are with us always. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2030 (FWS)

The First Song of Isaiah

ALL SING: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9: 20b-24~ They brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a fit. He fell on the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been going on?" He said, "Since he was a child. It has often thrown him into a fire or into water trying to kill him. If you can do anything, help us! Show us compassion!" Jesus said to him, "If you can do anything? All things are possible for the one who has faith. At that the boy's father cried out, "I have faith; help my lack of faith!"

TOGETHER WE LEARN AND DISCERN

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM *Write Your Name Upon My Heart* by Benjamin Harlan

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 466** (black hymnal)

Unto the Hills We Left Our Longing Eyes

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Ps. 55:22

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
 heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
 faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv - ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
 will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
 there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
 wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
 guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
 Georg Neumark, 1657

Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes

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*John Campbell, Duke of Argyll, 1877; alt.**Ps. 121*

1 Un - to the hills we lift our long - ing eyes with yearn - ing sighs.
 2 God will not let our ser - vant feet be moved; safe we will be.
 3 God is our keep - er, change - less through the years, a shel - ter strong.
 4 From ev - ery e - vil, God will keep our lives, from ev - ery sin.

Who will pro - vide the help we sore - ly need? Who hears our cries?
 God will sup - ply, for all our nights and days, se - cu - ri - ty.
 God is our shade, pro - tect - ing ev - ery hand, through a - ges long.
 God will pre - serve and guard our go - ing out, our com - ing in.

From our Cre - a - tor comes our cer - tain aid.
 God does not sleep when we are tak - ing rest.
 Sun will not strike or harm through - out the day,
 Ev - er a - round, with - in, we will a - dore

Our help is from our God, who all things made.
 God's cov - e - nant en - dures through ev - ery test.
 Nor moon by night, those liv - ing by God's way.
 our God who holds and guides for - ev - er - more.

John Campbell's paraphrase of Psalm 121 was a favorite with Canadian soldiers during World War II. Campbell, a member of

Tune: SANDON 10.4.10.4.10.10.
Charles Henry Purday, 1860