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Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Why Jesus? The Way

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping 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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Deep Within

by Haas

"I am the way, the truth, and the life."

~ Jesus (John 14:6)

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: This is a season of digging deep. This is a season to ask ourselves hard questions, and wait patiently for what God will reveal.

P: This is a season of digging deep. Let us not be afraid to seek understanding.

¹Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: This is a season of challenge. This is a season to look deeply for who Christ is, and in truly seeing Him, discover who we are called to be.

P: This is a season of challenge. Let us have the courage to live into the answers.

L: This is a season for trusting. This is a season to trust in God's capacity to love us as we are and to save us as we are.

P: This is a season for trusting. Let us have confidence in God's redemptive love.

L: Today, we ask ourselves, "Is Jesus the way?" Today, we ask ourselves, "Is Jesus the way for me?"

P: Let us join together, in seeking the truth about God and about ourselves, no matter where it leads.

***HYMN NO. 40** (black hymnal)

You Are the Way

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Each morning we rise, convinced that we know what we are supposed to do, of who we are supposed to be. We confess that we sometimes convince ourselves that we are all we need; that we know all we need to know; that we have done everything we could and can. We give up on following your way because we are afraid, or uncomfortable, or because we don't want to risk all that we have. Forgive us for believing that we don't need you, O God. Forgive us for not listening or hearing. Forgive us for the times when we just want to do what we know, instead of answering the call to follow in your Way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2113 (FWS, v. 3, see p. 5)

Lamb of God

ALL SING: I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(8:00 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** *Make a Way* by "I Am"
(sung by Olivia Daugherty and accompanied by Denny Daugherty)

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *God Will Make a Way* by Moen/Hayes

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Go to Dark Gesthemane* by Redhead

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2203 (FWS) *In His Time*

ALL SING: In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way, that you do just what you say in your time.

In your time, in your time, you make all things beautiful in your time. Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

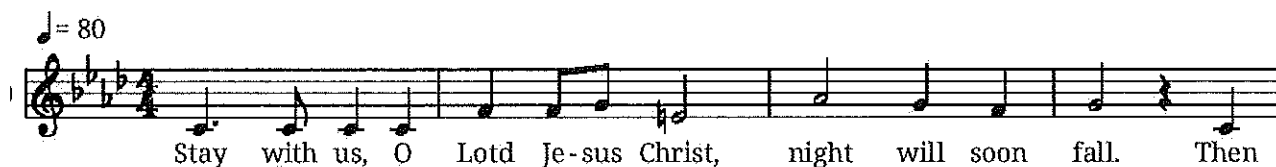
*HYMN NO. 195 (black hymnal) *The Old Rugged Cross*

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE *The Way*

ALL SING: *Stay With Us*

Stay With Us



*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER, & SENDING FORTH

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.

ALL SING: *Stay With Us*

Stay With Us



Time of Silence

POSTLUDE


The Way of the Cross Leads Home

by Gabriel

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Lamb of God

♩ = 80



I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your

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side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of

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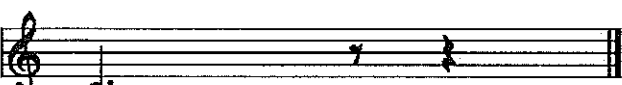
God. O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of

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God O wash me in his pre - cious blood my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of

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God.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of our mother, Elsie Snyder, by the family.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in celebration of Connie & John Wolfe's 33rd wedding anniversary by John & Connie Wolfe.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Pastor Dani & all her hard work in preparing for and leading the women's retreat by all of the ladies who participated.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Lenten Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Dani Kardisco, JJ Rhinehart, Tori Everhart, Suzanne Skennonto, & Pastor Danielle.

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: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: The Cooper family; John & Connie Wolfe

8 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Carol Bair

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Dani Kardisco, Melissa, Avery, & Delaney Shindler

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Beyer

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy Kiefer & Tammy Gordon

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

¹The Call to Worship was written by the Rev. Danielle Neff for Mt. Zion United Church of Christ.

²the prayer of confession was based on liturgy written by Rev. Bronwyn Corlett of the United Church of Canada

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You Are the Way

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George W. Doane, 1824; alt.

John 14:6



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the true God find;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the o - pen tomb pro-claims God's love a - new;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



In you, O Christ, is now re-vealed God's heart and will and mind.
You on - ly can in - form the mind and pur - i - fy the heart.
And God will ne'er for - sake the one who trusts, O Christ, in you.
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



Jesus' words to Thomas, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," inspired this hymn. George W. Doane, a powerful leader in the Episcopal church in the United States, served as parish priest, professor, and bishop of New Jersey.

Tune: NUN DANKET ALL' C.M.
(GRÄFENBERG)
Johann Crüger, 1647, in
Praxis Pietatis Melica

On a Hill Far Away

(The Old Rugged Cross)

Heb. 12:2; James 1:12

George Bennard, 1913; alt.

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3 In that old rug-ged cross, which bore Love so di - vine, a
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its

em - blem of suf - fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the
 won - drous beau - ty I see, For up - on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; When God calls me some-day to my

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry of heaven to bear it to cold Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, there God's glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged cross, the

cross, and ex - change it some-day for a crown.
old rug - ged cross,

After serving as an officer in the Salvation Army, George Bennard was ordained by the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the midst of his travels through the Midwest conducting revival services, he was inspired to write this hymn.

Tune: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS Irr.
George Bennard, 1913