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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Pursue the Good: Give Comfort

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Cloud's Veil

by Lawton

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We are called to gather this day. It is Jesus who calls us together. So, come:

P: With confidence or questions.

L: With open hearts or many doubts.

P: Come to hear the Word.

L: Come to do the Word.

P: Come to experience Comfort.

L: Come to experience Challenge.

P: Come to find Cost.

L: Come to find Joy.

P: Come to find Humanity.

L: Come to find Community.

P: Come to find Church.

L: Come to find God.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 488** (BH, see p. 4)

Be Still, My Soul

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

P: Merciful God, forgive us when we ask, and ask, and ask of you for more. And we take, and take, and take of your blessing. But do not give to those who ask of us. And do not give to those we know need your comfort and care through us. When we are cold, self-centered, or stingy with your care and comfort—forgive us. And lead us to do better, to love better, to comfort how you would comfort and make your miracles known through the lives we live.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (BH, v. 2 & refrain, see p. 5) *Jesus the Light of the World*

ALL SING: Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **SUNDAY SONGS**

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

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

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 14-15

Luke 8: 42b-48

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 472 (BH, see p. 6)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

JOYS & 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.

***HYMN NO. 476** (BH, see p. 7)

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

***BENEDICTION**

L: We are called to go this day. It is Jesus who sends us out. So, go:

P: With confidence or questions.

L: With open hearts or many doubts.

P: Go to tell the Word.

L: Go to live the Word.

P: Go to give Comfort.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: Go to give Challenge.

P: Go without counting the Cost.

L: Go to be Joy.

P: Go to love Humanity.

L: Go to make Community.

P: Go to be the Church.

L: Go knowing that God does not need found but goes before you, and beside you, and behind you—guiding you and protecting you this day and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

by Knapp

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² The Time of Confession is inspired by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the *Worship Connection* page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> and accessed January 24, 2022 on Re:Worship, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/08/call-to-worship-real-transformation.html>

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Be Still My Soul

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

Jean Sibelius, 1899

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. Be still my soul: for God is on your side; bear pa-tient -
2. Be still my soul: for God will un - der take to guide in
3. Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall

6

- ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to
fu - ture days as in the past. Your hope, your con - fi -
be with God whom we a - dore, with dis - ap - point - ment

11

or - der and pro - vide; in ev - ery change God faith-ful will re -
- dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be clear at
gone, no grief nor fear, so-row re - placed with joy for - ev - er -

16

- main. Be still my soul: your best e - ter - nal friend
last. Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
- more. Be still my soul: when change and tears are past,

21

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
how Je - sus' pow - er ruled them long a - go.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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Piano 

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2. Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4. Hail the Bear - er of God's peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

8 

Glo - ry to the Christ - child bring, Je - sus, the light of the
Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the light of the
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je - sus, the light of the
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the

15 *Refrain* 

world. We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
world.
world.
world.

22 

dew - drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by day and by night,

29 

Je - sus the light of the world.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey

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Piano ♩ = 80

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with lyrics underneath. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 80. The lyrics are arranged in three columns per line of music.

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger
3. When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws

5
stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
near, when my life is al - most gone,
near, and the day is past and gone,

9
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

13
light
fall:
hand:
Take my hand pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)

Robert Lowry, 1869

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♩ = 80
Piano

1. My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-
 2. What though my joys and com-forts die? My Sav-ior still is
 3. When ty-rants trem-ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
 4. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a-

5

-ta-tion, I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that
 liv-ing. What though the shad-ows gath-er 'round? A
 ring-ing; When friends re-joice both far and near, how
 -bove it; And day by day this path-way smooths, since

8

hails a new cre-a-tion. Through all the tu-mult
 new song Christ is giv-ing. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing-ing? In pris-on cell and
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

11

and the strife, I hear the mu-sic ring-ing; It
 in-most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling-ing; Since
 dun-geon vile our thoughts to them are wing-ing; When
 fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing; All

14

finds an ech-o in my soul, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 friends by shame are un-de-filed, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 things are mine since I am Christ's, how can I keep from sing-ing?