

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
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Sunday, February 21, 2021  
8:30am (live-streamed) & 10:30am Worship Service



Lent 2021 “The Journey to Jerusalem: Recalculating”

Pastors: The Rev. Chad Bogdewic, The Rev. Karen Slusser, & The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sterling

***Centering Words: As followers of Christ, let us pick up our crosses and follow Jesus where he leads, even when the journey is long.***

Prelude<sup>1</sup>

“Prelude for Piano,” Julia Perry  
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Alaine Fink

Greeting and Call to Worship

One: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

**All: Blessed be the Lord, our God.**

One: When we try to tell God what to do, Christ leads us back onto the paths of life.

**All: Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.**

One: From our earliest steps, the Spirit guides our steps and sets before us the journey.

**All: Let the faithful rejoice in the mysteries of our God.**

One: From generation to generation, God names us and claims us.

**All: Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.**

Opening Hymn<sup>1</sup>

“How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*Words and music by Stuart K. Hine, 1953 © 1953, renewed 1981 Manna Music, Inc.*

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.**

**REFRAIN**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

**REFRAIN**

### Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>

**God of the ages, name us and claim us according to your purposes. As we pick up our crosses to follow you, raise us to newness of life. When we lose our way and wander from your path, extend your love to heal us, and your grace to complete us. When the forces of destruction close around us, grant us the strength to follow Christ. Love us back onto the right paths and restore us to life, through your faithful and transforming love. Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

*As cherished members of the family of God, let us share signs of holy peace by greeting or texting a family member or friend.*

### Musical Response of Confession

“Lead Me, Lord”

*Words from Psalm 5; music by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861. Public domain.*

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.**

### Words of Assurance

### Concerns of the Community and Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord’s Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

Musical Meditation (10:30) “Adoration,” Florence B. Price © 2014 Birnamwood Publications Alaine Fink

### The Scripture Lesson: Mark 8: 27-33

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and

others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Proclamation of the Word      **“The Journey to Jerusalem: Recalculating”**

Hymn<sup>1</sup>      “Take Up Thy Cross”      GERMANY  
*Words by Charles W. Everest, 1833, music from William Gardiner’s ‘Sacred Melodies,’ 1815. Public domain.*

**“Take up thy cross,” the Savior said, “if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.”**

**Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.**

**Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

Benediction

Postlude<sup>1</sup>      8:30      “Adoration,” Florence B. Price ©2014 Birnamwood Publications      Alaine Fink  
10:30      “A Little Whimsy,” Dorothy Rudd Moore © 1982 Dorothy Rudd Moore

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## **Service Participants**

Pastors: The Rev. Chad Bogdewic, The Rev. Karen Slusser, & The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sterling

Organist/Pianist: Alaine Fink

*(All service music selections today by Black female composers in honor of Black History Month.)*

Tech Team: Dave Hochendoner, Robb Montgomery, Teresa Shepard, & Amy Austin-Taggart

Director of Music and Worship Ministries: Tom Taylor

**NEXT WEEK: The Journey to Jerusalem:  
When the Task is Bigger than Our Toolbox  
Mark 9: 14-32**

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## Pre-Service Music

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,” new melody and arrangement by John Leavitt; words by Henry Van Dyke and “Ode to Joy” by Ludwig Van Beethoven © 2009 Hal Leonard Corporation. This recording by the Wesleyan Choir from live worship on 5/27/18.

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