

**PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801 407-841-6550

**March 26, 2023**

Order of Worship 10:30 am

**GATHERING**



*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Evie Park

Easter Basket for Grace & Childrens Egg hunt

Time of Silence

Prelude

Nimrod

Edward Elgar

Choral Introit

Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace

(GTG Hymn #425)

Call to Worship (Psalm 130:5-6, CEB)

I hope, Lord.

**My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise.**

My whole being waits for my Lord—

**more than the night watch waits for morning;**

**yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn No. 612

We Praise You, O God

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-37

pew Bible, NT pg. 98

Call to Confession

The Psalmist said, "If you kept track of sins, Lord—my Lord, who would stand a chance?

But forgiveness is with you—that's why you are honored." Trusting God with our mistakes and shortcomings, let us confess our sins to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**When we set our mind to flesh, forgive us, O God, and reorient us to see the way of the Spirit, of life, and of peace. When we make decisions that divide and dehumanize, convict us. When we act without compassion making no room for the needs of others, open our hearts. When we speak words of hatred and discord, forgive us. Call us forth with your words of life, through Jesus Christ. Amen. (time of silent prayers of confession)**

Declaration of Forgiveness

If God recorded our sins, no one could survive, but God's forgiveness is awesome.

**The Lord will bring mercy and grant full pardon.**

Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven;

**Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.**

Response No. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

### Welcoming the Children

*Following the time on the steps, children are invited to pick up a lap desk from the west side of the chancel and go sit on the floor near their families. This is PRAYground time. The children are provided with coloring and activity pages, as well as other supplies, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message.*

### Hymn No. 188

### Jesus Loves Me!

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong they are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

### Scripture Reading

John 11:38-44

pew Bible, NT pg. 99

### Sermon

Jesus, the Savior Friend

Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
(ecumenical)

pg. 17

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. By Patti Drennan

### \*The Doxology, pg. 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### \*Hymn No. 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

### Charge and Benediction

### Choral Response

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

(GTG Hymn # 747)

### Postlude

Built on the Rock

Phil Lehenbauer

**Our guest preacher** this morning is Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons, Parish Associate at PLPC. Linda is working with the Presbyterian Counseling Center while pursuing licensure as a mental health counselor.

**Worship Leaders Today:** Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist.

**March Ushers:** Justin Ingram, John Bowers, John Walker, Aaron Hull, Mark Sonderman.

**Greeter:** Nancy Clark.

## We Praise You, O God 612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

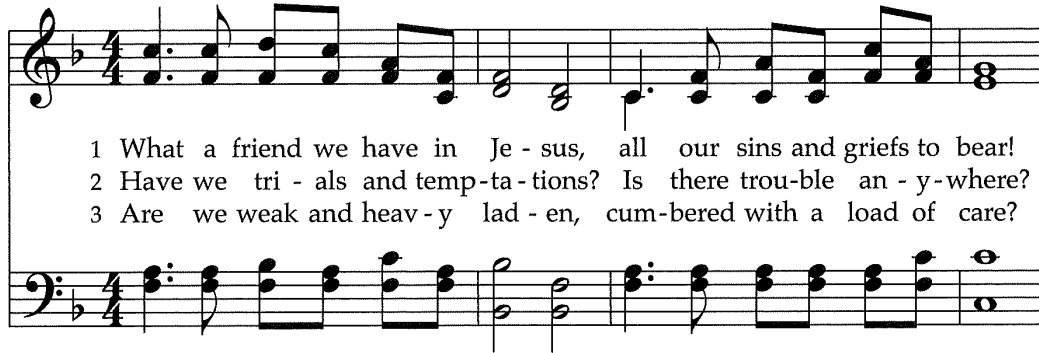
The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

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 (this tune in a lower key, 336)

## 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

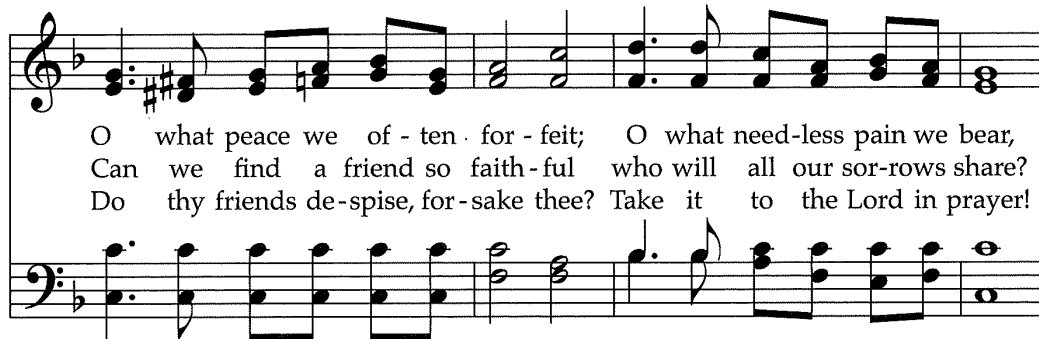
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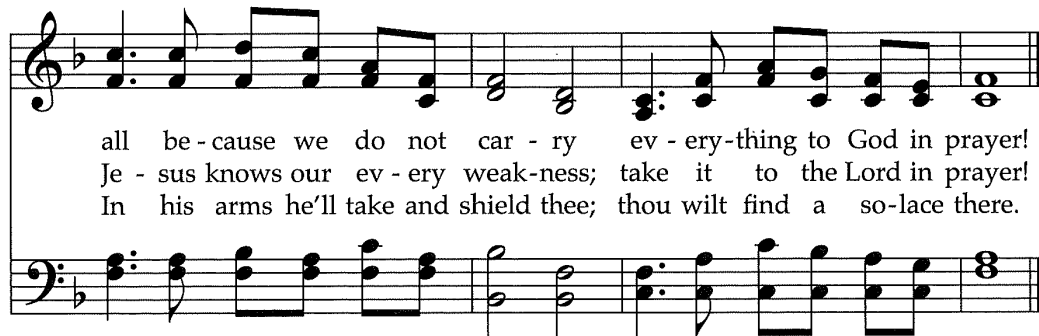
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



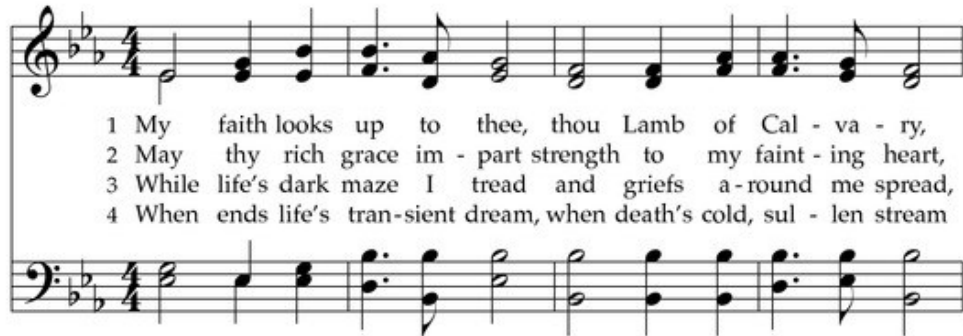
O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



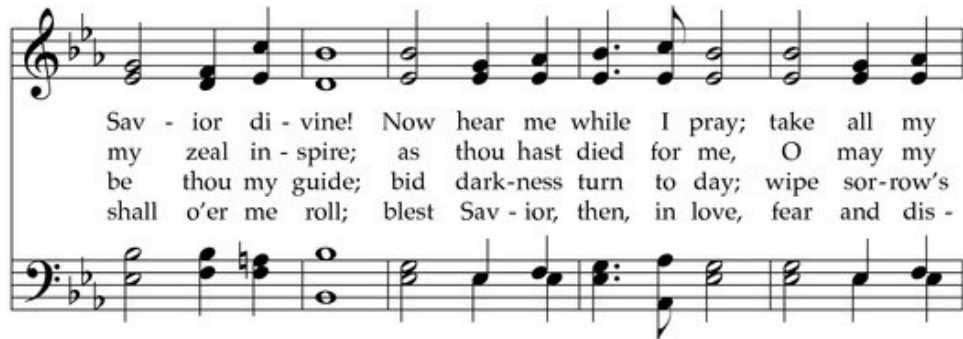
all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

Originally a poem of private reflection, this text was offered to the composer when he asked the author if he had written anything that could be set to music for a new hymn and tune collection. This was the first tune written for these words and has proved the most enduring.

TEXT: Ray Palmer, 1830  
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1831, alt.

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