

September 12, 2021 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* (arr. Berry) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: We come to worship together brothers and sisters.

People: We come to worship Jesus.

Leader: Who do you say that this Jesus is?

People: He is the Son of God, the Messiah, God with us!

Leader: And why do you praise his name?

People: For he has saved us from our sins and brought us back into relationship with God through his work on the cross and resurrection. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #740 ~ “Lead Me, Guide Me”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you have shown us who you are and what it means to follow you. Yet we confess that there are times when we have balked at what you call us to do. And in our frustrations with life we twist who you are and what your call is to look like what we would like. Forgive us, Lord. In your mercy give us eyes to see who you truly are and hearts willing to follow where you truly call us to go. Amen.
(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #743 ~ *“O God, You Are My God”*

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *“I Love This Family”* (arr. C. Bowes)

*I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,
They’ve taken me into their midst and I’m so glad to be a part of this great family.*

Offering Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 50:4-9

Special Music

Christian Scripture ~ Mark 8:27-38

Message ~ *“Who Do You Say I am?”*

*Hymn #724 ~ *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ *“Meet Me Here”*

*Meet me here. Find me in my wanderings.
Meet me here. Deep within my soul.*

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

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 #741 ~ *“Guide My Feet”* -verses 1,2,3 and 6

*Benediction

*Choral Response #616 ~ *“Our God Is an Awesome God”*

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!*

Postlude ~ *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”* (arr. Berry)

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There will be a coffee hour of fellowship following the service today.

From Kathy Potter... "ROMANS 12:4 - Our next event will be next Sunday, September 19th following worship in the Social Hall! We will be assembling lunches for the homeless in Detroit. Please bring your own sack lunch and beverage to eat before we begin packing 100 lunch bags. We are also requesting home baked cookies to include in the lunches. If you choose to bake cookies, please bring them the day of the event. We are also seeking help with the cost of the meals. If you would like to contribute, donations can be left in the church office or the box outside. If you would like to purchase certain items, please contact me at 313-719-8467 to inquire about what items are needed. Please respond to the Google invite, sign up in the church lobby or contact me to indicate if you are planning on attending and, if you plan to bring cookies, how many! We will be practicing social distancing & following other covid protocol. Hope to hear from you soon!"

From Pam Phillips... "Can you help greet shoppers? The dress room is open and doing great. Shoppers are only one to three at a time and by appointment only. I would make appointments to meet your schedule. Just need a couple of hours whenever you can. Let me know if you can help. Thank you! Pam - 734-634-2445 - pamphillip@sbcglobal.net Also, we need long dry cleaner bags."

From Gary Earnley... "Life Remodeled is asking for volunteers for it's annual 'cleanup the neighborhood.' This year it will be afternoon 1-5PM shifts from October 4-10. Please contact me at 734.464.7865 if interested in any of these days."



Gail Artinian, Ron Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Nancy Saunders
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Finley Farquhar ~ granddaughter of Eric; Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel
The Dylegowski Family ~ friends of Jan Burgess
Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck; Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian
Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet
Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips

Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of the late Tamar and Jim Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)
 Refrain E^b (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
 day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me
 o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your
 face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Fine

to Refrain

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

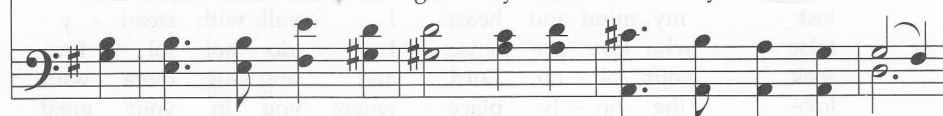
724 O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.



Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.