



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find
yourself on the journey of
faith, you are welcome to
this church as you are to
receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

8th Sunday After Pentecost July 14, 2024



July 27, 2024 9am ~ 12pm

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND
IS NOW OPEN UNTIL **JULY 20TH**



A restful faith

A seminary professor was discussing ways — besides reading — to encounter Scripture. "The idea was to 'experience' it as though we were there," recalls Stan Purdum, then a student. The professor asked students to relax in lounge chairs, close their eyes and imagine they were along the Sea of Galilee as Jesus fed the 5,000. In a soothing voice, he invited participants to smell the lake, feel the breeze on their faces, taste the bread the disciples were distributing and hear Jesus' voice. "Somewhere in that,

I got too comfortable," says Purdum. "Suddenly the exercise was over, and the professor was asking for feedback. The classmate next to me raised his hand and said, 'I was really getting into it until Simon Peter here [pointing at me], started snoring in my ear.'"

The class had a good chuckle, and Purdum gained a new perspective. "Spirituality isn't just something to understand but also something to experience. If nothing else, that day I experienced my faith as very restful!"

OUR PRESENT HOPE

Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakeable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy.



And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now.
—Oswald Bronson

Lessons from hiking

Whether I'm hiking an easier stroll or a 20-mile trek, I've noticed parallels to my journey with Christ.

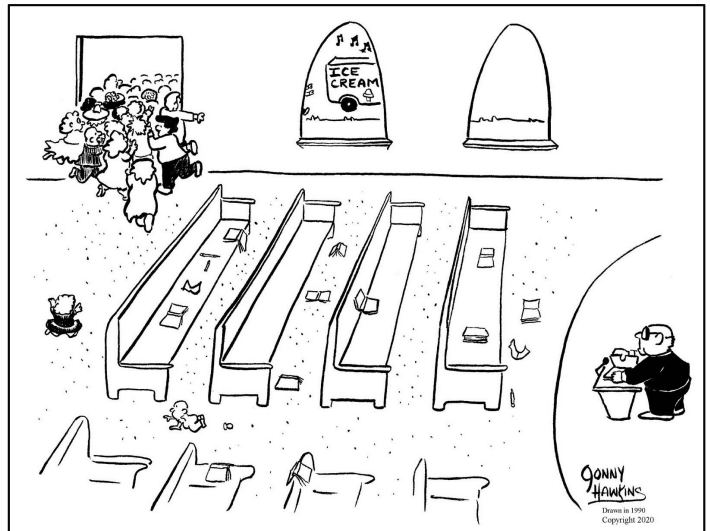
- This is my journey. Too often I waste time comparing my stride, pace or equipment to that of fellow hikers.
- I don't know what's around each bend, but God does. I can't let anxiety steal my joy.
- It's best to balance hiking in silence with sharing the trail with friends.
- I'll be sore tomorrow, and that's okay. Engaging new muscles leaves a reminder that growth is uncomfortable.
- Being prepared is good; being *too* prepared makes for a heavy backpack. I need to do my due diligence and let God handle the rest.
- It's not a race, so finishing quickly offers no reward. When I'm not in a hurry, I tend to notice more of God's blessings.
- I need to look up, enjoying God's creation as I let him determine my steps.

—Janna Firestone

Micha 6:8

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commandments	require	justice	follow
humbly	faith	three	mercy
care	pray	with	love
seek	walk	act	God



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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship
service! We do offer options. Following the
Children's Sharing, children may attend
Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or
Nursery at Fort Branch First.



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This Sunday

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

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Wednesday:

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Saturday

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Welcome

Rev. Randy Anderson

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew
and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #430 9:00am *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
#170 10:30am *O How I Love Jesus*

*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS

HYMN #887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or
famine, Or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

*In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.*

*We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities
nor things present, nor thing to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.*

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #361 9:00am *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*
#140 10:30am *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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.*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with DOXOLOGY:

Hymn #95

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux ~ "Can I Pray for You"

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:8 NLT

***⁸ No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.***

***RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!***

MESSAGE

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN *insert* 9:00am
526 10:30am

***Just a Closer Walk with Thee
What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: #671 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
***Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.***



PRAYER list...

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Len Robicheaux, Cathy Starky, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Terry Phillips, Liz & Alan Creamer



***Jeff Lewis ~ 14th
Owen Bryant ~ 16th***

Steve & Sherry Michel ~ 19th

Nathaniel Schleter ~ 20th

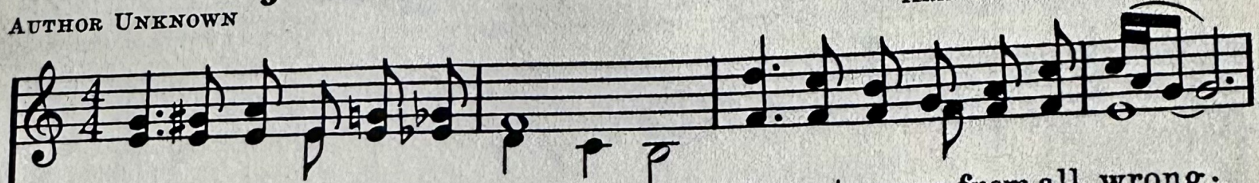


Just a Closer Walk with Thee

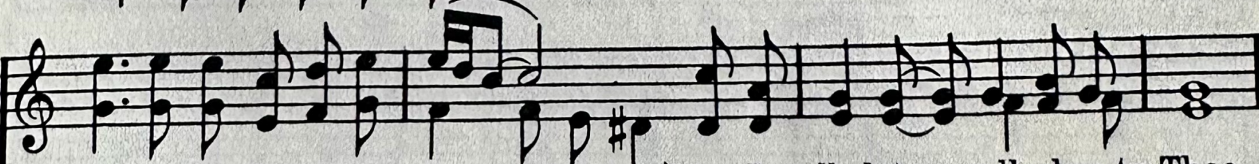
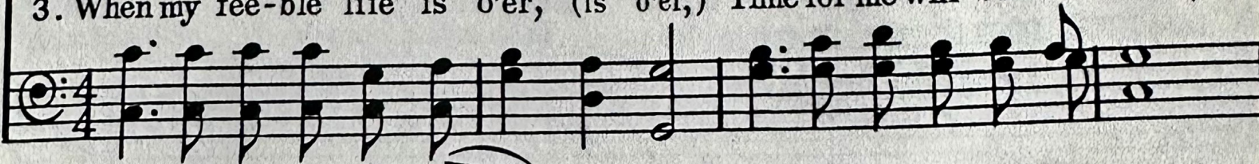
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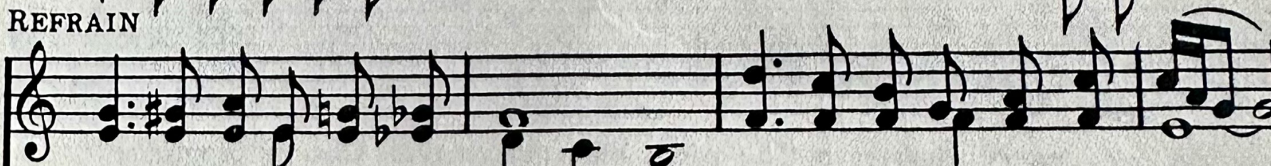
1. I am weak but Thou art strong; (art strong,) Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, (and snares,) If I falter Lord, who cares?
3. When my fee-ble life is o'er, (is o'er,) Time for me will be no more;



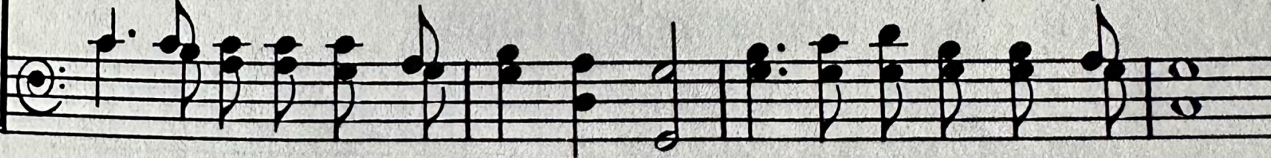
I'll be sat-is-fied as long (just as long) As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
Who with me my bur-den shares (bur-den shares) None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er (safe-ly o'er) To Thy king-dom shore, to Thy shore.



REFRAIN



Just a clos-er walk with Thee, (with Thee) Grant it, Je-sus, is my plea,



Dai-ly walk-ing close to Thee, (to Thee,) Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

