

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*Welcome to worship on this first Sunday in Lent.  
May our faith be strengthened during this time.*

## *1st Sunday in Lent*

*February 18, 2024*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*In the often-dreary depths of winter, Lord,  
wrap all gathered here in the warmth of your love.*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #520 - "O How I Love Jesus"*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord:

**MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS; MY GOD IN WHOM I TRUST.**

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord.

**I WILL PROTECT THOSE WHO KNOW MY NAME.**

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble.

**I WILL RESCUE THEM AND HONOR THEM AND SHOW THEM MY GRACE AND SALVATION. AMEN. AMEN.**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

*\* Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WHOSE SON JESUS CHRIST WAS TEMPTED IN EVERY WAY, YET WITHOUT SIN, WE CONFESS BEFORE YOU THAT WE HAVE SINNED; WE HAVE HUNGERED AFTER THAT WHICH DOES NOT SATISFY; WE HAVE COMPROMISED WITH EVIL; WE HAVE DOUBTED YOUR POWER TO PROTECT US. FORGIVE OUR LACK OF FAITH AND HAVE MERCY ON OUR WEAKNESS. RESTORE IN US SUCH LOVE AND TRUST THAT WE MAY WALK IN YOUR WAYS AND DELIGHT IN DOING YOUR WILL. LEAD US THROUGH THESE FORTY DAYS OF LENT WITH HEARTS THAT KNOW THE PROMISE OF YOUR GRACE AND THE NEW LIFE THAT COMES FROM THE CROSS OF CHRIST. AMEN.

### Announcements

\* *Hymn of Preparation #426 - "Yield Not to Temptation"*

*Lent Theme: "Unbounded Love!"*

*Scripture: Psalm 25:1-10 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-10)*

*Mark 1:9-15 (vv.9-11,12-14,15)*

*Sermon: "Unbounded Love That Delivers Us from Temptation!"*

*Lord's Prayer*

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #519 - "Love Lifted Me"*

\* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You"* (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

\* *Benediction (Pastor)*

\* Please stand if able

### Church of the Master Ministries

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> virtual meeting
		The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 noon	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

### The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Naomi Shapiro \* Barbara \* Skip Adams \* Deanna \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Terry Mahon \* Leon Stinson \* Aunt Betty \* Diante \* Stephanie Leeder \* Virginia & Joe Smith \* John Almodovar \* Ellen McCullough \* Peter Koys \* Ethan \* Carole Mahon \* Olga Caldera \* Damon George Hayden \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Rosa Stewart \* LouEllen Crowley \*  
People with COVID

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Jessica and Julian \* Shapiro family \* Dorothy \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Jay & family \* Delgado family \* Wintress \* Domina \* Denise Waldron \* Byrd family \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* Ed Reidy & family \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Zechariah \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick \* Alex Ingram \* Terry Mahon

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict \* An end to all the violence \* Peace and healing in our community and the nation \* COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers \* All first responders \* Our country's safety \* The future of our churches \* Our President and his administration \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide conflicts \* Sean Reidy & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

### PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

**Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Daily Devotionals and Easter Flower order forms** are on the table in the narthex. The flower order forms are due by March 10th

### CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.*

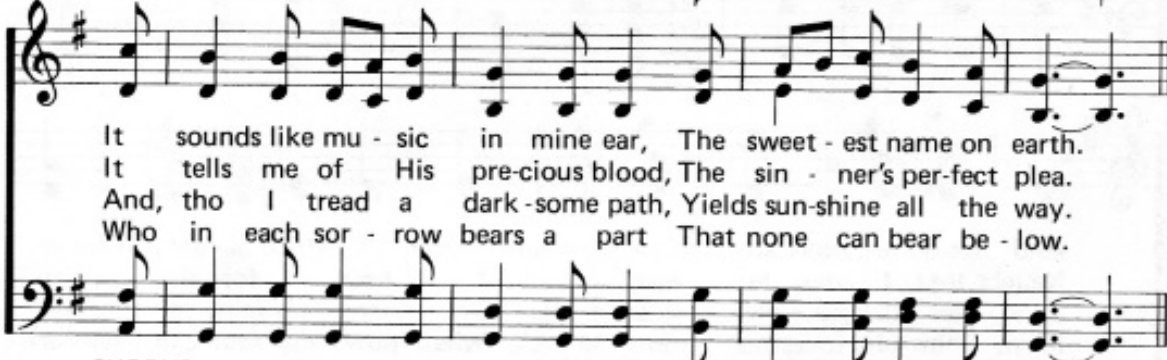
# Ó How I Love Jesus — 520

FREDERICK WHITFIELD

American melody  
Arr. by John W. Peterson

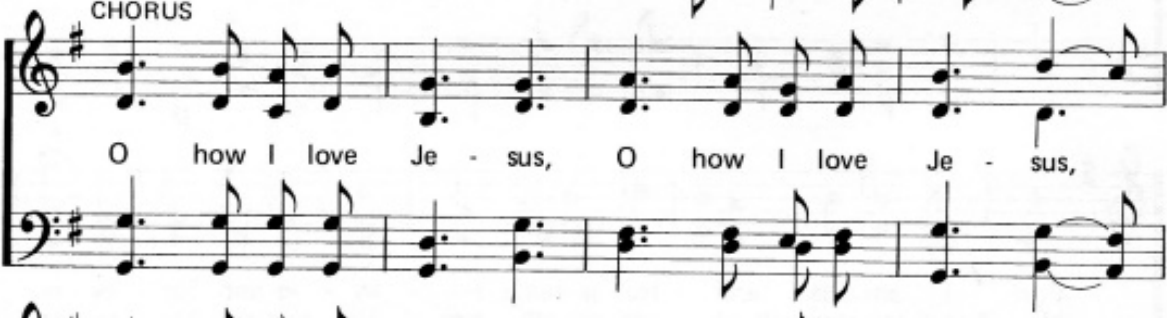


1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, Who died to set me free;  
3. It tells me what my Fa-ther hath In store for ev-'ry day,  
4. It tells of One whose lov-ing heart Can feel my deep-est woe,

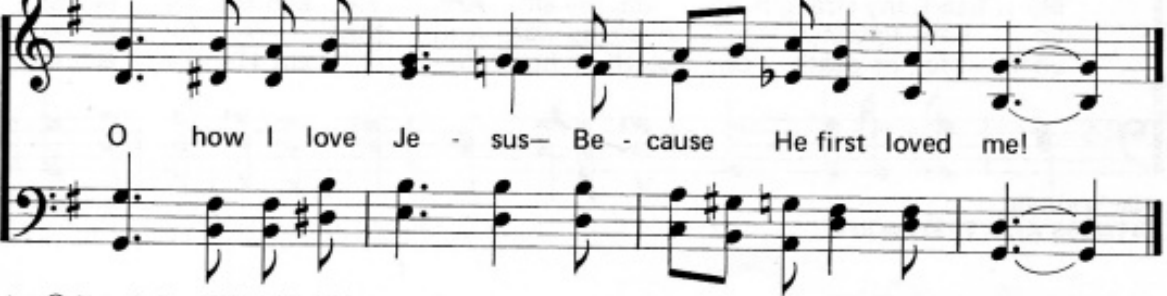


It sounds like mu-sic in mine ear, The sweet-est name on earth.  
It tells me of His pre-cious blood, The sin-ner's per-fect plea.  
And, tho I tread a dark-some path, Yields sun-shine all the way.  
Who in each sor-row bears a part That none can bear be-low.

CHORUS



O how I love Je-sus, O how I love Je-sus,



O how I love Je-sus— Be-cause He first loved me!

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WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

# The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

# Yield Not to Temptation — 426

HORATIO R. PALMER

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1. Yield not to temp - ta - tion, For yield - ing is sin - Each vic - t'ry will  
 2. Shun e - vil com - pan - ions, Bad lan - guage dis - dain, God's name hold in  
 3. To him that o'er - com - eth God giv - eth a crown, Thru faith we will

help you Some oth - er to win; Fight man - ful - ly on - ward, Dark  
 rev - 'rence, Nor take it in vain; Be thought - ful and ear - nest, Kind -  
 con - quer Tho oft - en cast down; He who is our Sav - ior Our

pas - sions sub - due, Look ev - er to Je - sus - He'll car - ry you through.  
 heart - ed and true, Look ev - er to Je - sus - He'll car - ry you through.  
 strength will re - new, Look ev - er to Je - sus - He'll car - ry you through.

## CHORUS

Ask the Sav - ior to help you, Com - fort, strength - en and keep you;

He is will - ing to aid you - He will car - ry you through.

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CHALLENGE

**Psalms 25:1-10 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, and 7-10)**

**Mark 1:9-15 (vv. 9-11, 12-14, & 15)**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake,

O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;<sup>[a]</sup> with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news<sup>[b]</sup> of God,<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;<sup>[d]</sup> repent, and believe in the good news."<sup>[e]</sup>

# 519 — Love Lifted Me

JAMES ROWE

HOWARD E. SMITH

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly  
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed  
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea  
 pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing. Love so might-y and so true  
 by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea,

Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me—Now safe am I.  
 Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing serv-ice too To Him be-longs.  
 Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be—Be saved to-day.

## CHORUS

Love lift-ed me, Love lift-ed me; When noth-ing  
 e-ven me, e-ven me;

else could help, Love lift-ed me. Love lift-ed me,  
 e-ven me,

Love lift-ed me; When noth-ing else could help, Love lift-ed me.  
 e-ven me;